



NEW HAMPSHIRE JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION NETWORK

PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES
IN JUVENILE JUSTICE

Network Meeting Minutes March 20, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Nicole Rodler (Rochester) at 10:34am at the Rochester Police Dept. in Rochester, NH. Present were: Peter Brigham (Hillsboro), Diane Casale (Derry) and Dawn Shimberg (Tilton). Tim Tyler (Plymouth), Alecia Farquhar (Newport), Christina Connor (Nashua), Jessica Klingerman (Merrimack County), Brian Loanes (Belknap County), Roclyn Porter (Atkinson), Regina Rice-Barker (Vermont), and Elisabeth Brown (Keene) were in attendance via internet.
2. The minutes of January 23, 2013 were revised to show that Roclyn Porter had attempted to sign on to the meeting via internet, but was unable to do so and therefore excused. The minutes were then approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report—the current checking account balance is \$10,273.14. There are currently 10 paid members. Peter reminded that the deadline for the \$35 membership rate was quickly approaching (March 31st) after which it will cost programs \$50 to become members of the NHJCDN. Once dues have been paid, Nicole will send you the member password and you will have access to the members' only section of the website which includes template/example forms that you may use and/or tweak to fit your program needs. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by a unanimous vote.
4. Accreditation: Diane reported that 3 programs had submitted accreditation materials for review. She will review the material to determine if the requirements for accreditation have been met. She will convene the committee in the event that further review is necessary. There has been one request for an extension. Bridging the Gap, a new program based in Portsmouth, NH is coming on board with the Network. The accreditation material is due to the committee by April 30, 2013. Diane and Peter answered various questions from the membership. Data submitted may be averages, i.e. days between arrest and referral should be averaged out amongst your referrals for the year—January through December. Diane volunteered to send out a sample for members to have a better understanding of what is being sought.

Regarding recidivism, names of clients should not be submitted to the Accreditation Committee. The list may be submitted to the AOC by an individual juvenile court diversion program, however this is not mandatory. Some programs have confidentiality concerns. The number of youths and the types of crimes need to be submitted to the Accreditation Committee.

5. New Business: Data Collection

At our last meeting, Dennis Delay, New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies, spoke about the need of the state to collect demographic data on juvenile diversion referrals. Peter voiced that the Network should research what is needed by Network members to compile this data and that the State should help with funding. Regina is using a data base developed by Elsa Roth of Hanover that uses Access. It cost VCDP approximately \$6000. If something is developed for the Network it will be more expensive. We will need to decide as a Network what information is most important for us to collect (maybe a dozen or so categories). The Network does have a subscription to Tech Soup. Regina offered to send screen shots of her data base to help the network determine what we might need and what will be useful for our programs. We will need a data dump (cloud) which could be on the website. It would not be a static system—it would be able to change as a program grows and may be customized by the individual programs. A committee comprised of Regina, Alecia and Peter was formed to work on this project. Regina will reach out to Elsa; Peter will reach out to Nate. This issue was tabled for now to give the new committee time to work.

6. Nicole recently presented information on prescription drug use. Members were interested in having updated information on this topic. Nicole is willing to send this out to members as a PDF.

7. A Nominating Committee was established consisting of Nicole, Brian and Dawn. The offices of treasurer and secretary are open to interested members.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:14am. The next meeting of the NHJCDN will be the Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 11:30am. Nicole will send out information as to the slate of officers and the destination of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn B. Shimberg, Recording Secretary

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