

State Advisory Group
 March 21, 2013
 Minutes

Present	Regret	Absent	Staff
Paul Lawrence	Cliff Kinghorn	Don Bazzell	Andrew Smith
Joe Diament	Bonnie St. Jean	Amy Pepin	Rich Neilsen
Ted Kirkpatrick		Jennafer Goetsch	Frank Nugent
Glenn Quinney		Steve Rowe	Pam Sullivan
Ron Adams		Starr Smith	
Egon Jensen			
Pat Dowling			
Jerry Gulezian			
Maggie Bishop			
Penny Sampson			
Seung Kim			
Matt Whitney			
Marty Boldin			
David Kemper			
Eddie Edwards			

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Acceptance of January 2013 minutes – approved
3. Director Bishop DCYF report
 - ❑ SYSC is posting for a PT clinical position
 - ❑ DCYF is seeking support from the SAG on the following CHINS bills:
 - Senate bill 129 – reinstates the CHINS with the following exception – truants cannot be placed, all other CHINS can be. The Division prefers this bill
 - House bill 260 – CHINS bill adds volunteer services. This bill is not fiscally responsible. No additional funding is being added.
 - Mike Skibbie is requesting that non-violent youth offenders committed to SYSC be automatically furloughed after 6 months. The Division can motion to deny the automatic release.
 - ❑ DCYF has been asked to cut \$1M over a 2-year period. SYSC will be the most affected by this.
 - A study committee has been convened, including input from stakeholders, to determine what should be done with the youth at SYSC.
 - ❑ Questions regarding the recent assaults at SYSC and the process for reporting these assaults – the state police felt that the incident didn't rise to the level of

charges being pursued. Intensive counseling is being provided to those involved.

- Director Sampson – SYSC report
 - Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy is now being offered at SYSC
 - SYSC is dealing with more mental health youth
 - SYSC has hired a weekend administrator – Kevin Sullivan
 - Al Kirker is the youth advocate for SYSC
 - SYSC is interviewing for a full-time clinical manager
 - SYSC will be hiring 5 full-time and 10 part-time positions
 - SYSC is increasing the communication among staff
 - Lorraine Bartlett has been assigned as the juvenile justice field administrator, as Eric Borrin is no longer employed at DCYF.
- Fiscal report – Seung Kim – handout
- Compliance Monitor – Rich Neilsen – hand out. Rich also advised members that he accepted a probation/parole job in South Carolina, and his last day is April 4, 2013.
- JDAI report – Frank Nugent – handout
- Parole presentation – Maryann Melizzi-Golja
 - Information was provide on the process and procedure for parole
 - Meet 2 times per month
 - Determine outcomes for youth who are recommended for parole, who returned on a revocation for not following parole guidelines or committing a new offense
 - Try to address each aspect of a youth’s life in order to make the most appropriate decisions for the youth.
 - Members represent education, education, the law, and community.
- Interstate Compact on Juveniles (ICJ) update – Lorraine Bartlett, and Casey Laurie
 - NH joined the NEW compact in 2011
 - 49th state to join
 - Stated in RSA169A
 - Currently there are 65 who are involved in the ICJ: 30 reside in other states, and 35 youth are supervised by NH from other states.

- Within 30 days a home study needs to be conducted in order to determine the needs of the youth and whether the placement is appropriate.
- Committee Updates:
 - **Programs** – Joe advised that the committee met to discuss 2 proposals that came before them:
 - The City of Manchester – Office of Youth Services - \$70,000 for software to improve data collection and tracking
 - The Youth Council – to address DMC - \$82,783 (6 months).
 - The committee recommends that both program be approved for funding – all were in favor. No motion required.
 - **DMC** – committees continue to meet.
 - **Planning and Research** – Status of Juvenile Justice in NH report is on hold until the committee can determine whether or not other reports contain the information that the SAG needs/wants.
 - **Community Relations** – no report
- CJJ conference – May 1-4, 2013
 - Final numbers for attendees.
 - Travel information will be sent to members.
- Motion to adjourn – 3:57 PM.