

State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice

September 19, 2013

Minutes

Present	Regrets	Absent	Staff
Pat Dowling	Eddie Edwards	Steve Rowe	Pam Sullivan
Dave Kemper	Bonnie St. Jean	Jennafer Goetsch	
Ron Adams			
Jerry Gulezian			
Paul Lawrence			
Amy Pepin			
Ted Kirkpatrick			
Glenn Quinney			
Cliff Kinghorn			
Don Bazzell			
Marty Boldin			
Starr Smith			
Joe Diamant			

1. SAG meeting

a. Division update:

- 70 youth at SYSC during the summer
- Average of 10 in detention
- School is in session 7-2:30 PM
- Incidents are down
- Clinical available until dinner
- HB 260
 1. Youth who are committed beginning September 22, 2013 must be release from the facility after 6 months.
 2. The Division is developing a plan to accommodate this new statute
 - JPPO's will ask for a hearing for 5 months after commitment
 - Law enforcement will also request a hearing for the same time.
 - Unless a youth has committed a violent crime, they will be leaving the facility after 6 months
 - Violent crime is considered murder for the equivalent.
 3. Penny spoke with 20-25 Judges about this bill
 4. Parole Board has filed to make changes to HB 260

5. SYSC is conducting an evaluation of SYSC, and how to better utilize the facility. This will enable the Division to determine the costs of the property vs. the cost of services to youth. Maggie would like 2-3 SAG members to participate in the discussions
6. Division is researching the availability of Medicaid and federal funding to serve youth. Maggie would like the SAG to be involved in this project. The State of VT changed from a correctional facility to a rehabilitation center
7. The Division would like to expand services to off set costs, and increase revenue
8. Youth homeless numbers have increased
9. The City of Manchester has leased the Stark House for an alternative to education program
10. 1.2 million will be cut from the SYSC budget
 - SYSC will no longer feed the staff - @ a \$60,000 cost savings
 - Will be looking at the prescription drugs that are used
 - Enhancements for the school department may be taken
 - This was not authorized this year. Will take a percentage of the enhancements this year, and then another percentage the 2nd year.
11. Discuss the sexual assault incident
 - The Division would like the SAGs help with this issue – it is not the SAGs job to get involved in personnel issues or incidents. We can provide guidance on policy.

2. Committee reports:

A. Programs Committee – Joe Diament

A total of \$556,930 was available to award. All members were in agreement to fund the following programs. Programs are funded for 1 year unless otherwise stated.

i. Grant award recommendations:

- Child and Family Services – delinquency prevention efforts in the Cities of Concord, Manchester, Nashua and Rochester - \$179,669
- Community Health Institute – 2nd year. Continuation of the Center for Excellence in Court Diversion - \$80,430

- Family Mediation and Juvenile Services – delinquency prevention programs – courses in anger management, substance abuse, tobacco education, shoplifting and community service work - \$50,000.
- NH Legal Assistance – provides critical legal services to youth and their families who are at risk for or involvement in the juvenile justice system - \$68,276.
- Rochester Police Department – funding for Rochester Teen Night, which includes substance abuse sessions, arts and creative expression - \$10,000.
- Salem Boys & Girls Club – provides educational and training programs for youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system - \$21,226.
- The Upper Room – provides delinquency prevention and intervention programming to youth at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system through a myriad of programs including shoplifting, tobacco cessation, parenting classes, and anger management - \$66,300.
- The Youth Council – will serve as the lead agency for the 2nd year. Providing funding to prevent delinquency and reduce the disproportionate minority contact numbers in the City of Nashua in collaboration with other stakeholders in Nashua - \$90,000.

B. Community Relations

- i. New membership: Members met and interviewed to candidates: Olivia Boivin, and Diane Casale. The committee recommends both candidates for Governor appointment to the SAG. All were in favor.
 - ii. Chair election – the committee recommends Judge Lawrence as Chair.
 - Judge Lawrence stated that he has some limitations as to what he can do as Chair. After much discussion, Pat Dowling was nominated as Chair. Judge Lawrence withdrew his name for consideration. All were in favor of electing Ms. Dowling as SAG Chair.

C. Planning and Research – Ted is reviewing the available data from many reports that have been commissioned and will advise as to whether the SAG requires additional information or if these reports will suffice.

Judge Lawrence advised that we have not received any written opinion from the Attorney Generals office regarding Governor and Council involvement with SAG related funding decisions. It was decided that a small group of SAG members meet with the Attorney General to discuss this issue.

Next meeting – November 21, 2013 2-4 PM at the YDC.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marty Boldin, and seconded by Glenn Quinney. All in favor.