

NH State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice  
November 18, 2010  
Minutes

<b>Present</b>	<b>Regret</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Staff</b>
David Kemper	Ron Adams	Brianna Ottman	Kim Saucier
Glenn Quinney	Jill Carroll	Rachel Boynton	PJ Nadeau
Marty Boldin	Joe Diamant	Margaret Desfosses	Pam Sullivan
Chief Edwards	Judge Kinghorn	Amy Pepin	
Jerry Gulezian	Pat Dowling	Steve Rowe	
Egon Jensen	Judge Kinghorn		
John McDermott	Ted Kirkpatrick		
Bonnie St. Jean	David Mackey		
Starr Smith	Nick Miller		
Jennafer Goetsch			

*The following meetings are scheduled for January 2011:*

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Community Relations	January 14, 2011	12:30 – 2 PM	YDC - Room 122
DMC	January 18, 2011	12 – 2 PM	YDC – Room 122
Programs Committee	January 20, 2011	12:30-1:45 PM	YDC – Room 122
SAG	January 20, 2011	2-4 PM	YDC – Room 122

1. Acceptance of September 20, 2010 minutes – approved
2. Division update – Deputy Commissioner Maryann Cooney and Director Fenniman provide information to the members on the latest issues facing the Division.
  - A. Ms. Cooney -
    - Media attention
    - Both Commissioner Toumpas and Deputy Commissioner Cooney support Director Fenniman
    - Working on blending services with the field and institution
    - Using evidence-based services at SYSC
    - DJJS has the highest American Correctional Association (ACA) core in the nation
    - Ms. Cooney and the Director sought SAG support regarding the youth served by DJJS. The SAG voice will be heard above others.
  - B. Director Fenniman –

- The Division is seeking the assistance of the SAG for advice and help to de-escalate the recent negative media attention.
- DJJS is working on changing the culture at SYSC – abuse by staff, drug/alcohol, and improving the relationship with the youth and parents
- Working on a balance between treatment and correctional modality.
- Difficulty system to change
- DJJSs goal is to keep youth out of the criminal justice system.
- Working on field changes as well, including permanency planning
- SAG has been instrumental in supporting the change of culture in the system with Dr. Vance, PbS and the JDAI Coordinator
- DJJS has hired facilitators from NAMI, and other to train staff on trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, and Malcolm Smith who presented on “Understanding the Angry Child: Peaceful Intervention and De-escalation”.

After much discussion by the members regarding the presentation of the Deputy Commissioner Cooney and Director Fenniman, the members agreed that David Kemper would draft a letter to the Governor noting the SAGs support of the Division through funding initiatives and/or projects. David Kemper will draft the letter and Pam will send to the members for review and comment.

#### C. Update on the state of field services.

1. Mike O’Connor –
  - Employed by JJ for 28 years.
  - Concerned about services in the field
  - CFSR report spoke to the lack of services in the North Country
  - The North Country is conducting a needs assessment. He will report back about the progress and the needs identified from the assessment in 2011.
2. Dick Fowler –
  - Mental Health needs
  - A lot of youth with co-occurring disorders
  - Lack of education for parents – average educational attainment 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Poverty
  - Generations of Juvenile Justice and Criminal Justice involved siblings, parents and extended family members.
  - Economy is struggling in this area.

- Seek after school activities for youth

3. Committee updates –

A. Community Relations – meeting on November 19, 2010

B. DMC – Eddie Edwards

- Interview committee recommends Andrew Smith as the part-time DMC Coordinator. They will conduct a background check.
- On November 29, 2010 30 officers from the Manchester, Nashua, Concord, Rochester, Portsmouth and Salem police departments will be trained on “Effective Interactions with Youth”. From this group of law enforcement, ten officers will be identified to become trainers on this curriculum. These officers will be dispatched to other law enforcement agencies as requested.
- On November 8, 2010, training was held to recruit minority officers and women. Hajir Nuriddin was the guest speaker. The Chiefs who were in attendance liked her presentation so much that they would like to have her back to train the other Chiefs. The attendance for college freshman was low. Moving forward the committee would like to have Ms. Nuriddin come back and focus on the high school junior’s and seniors and present at the local high schools in both Manchester and Nashua (these areas were identified as having minority overrepresentation at the arrest stage of the juvenile justice system).
- Law enforcement is not shying away from this issue.

C. Planning and Research – no report

D. Programs Committee –

- Funding available is \$54,999.
- Members discussed funding a bullying conference in light of the legislation that was passed Spring 2009
- DOE will be hiring a part-time staff to facilitate bullying related activities and can contribute approximately \$5,000 to this conference.
- Conference would be co-sponsored by the SAG and DOE.
- The conference would focus on those who bully, those bullied, and those who witness bullying.
- Motion was made and approved to move forward on this conference.

Motion to adjourn made at 4 PM.

