



NEW HAMPSHIRE JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION NETWORK

PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES
IN JUVENILE JUSTICE

Network Meeting Minutes November 20, 2013

Welcome & Introductions-

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Nicole Rodler (Rochester) at 10:34am at Community Alliance in Newport. Present were: Lyndsay Porreca, Sara Degennaro, & Regina Rice Barker (Lower Grafton County), Kristie Curtis & Al Baines (Goffstown – Crispins), Alecia Farquhar (Newport), Dawn Shimberg (Tilton), Peter Brigham (Hillsboro), Tim Tyler (Plymouth), Betsy Houde (Nashua), Rachel Cohn (CHI), Diane Casale (Derry), Elisabeth Brown (Keene). Roclyn Porter was present via go to meeting on the internet. Karen Kersting was excused due to technical problems.

I.) Minutes/Approval: Jessica

1. The minutes of the September 18, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

II.) Treasurer's Report: Peter

1. The current checking account balance is \$9,993.52. There was some discussion about raising membership dues to \$50.00 and to change the date they should be turned in by. Peter motioned to change the membership dues to \$50 and the due date be moved to January 31st – the motion was seconded by Roclyn and approved unanimously.

III.) Old Business:

1. Accreditation committee – Diane reported there are 15 programs that are accredited and 2 that are pending. The committee will be meeting in the next 6 months about the 2015 accreditation process. It was mentioned that members of the committee should be rotated so that different members have a chance to be part of the committee. It was also mentioned that elections for vice chair and chair are coming up and we could choose new members for the accreditation committee then.

2. CHI/Youth Council Diversion Study project update – Rachel reported that she has been engaged in summarizing a lot of information. The site profiles have been completed and are now up on the website. Please review your site profile to make sure it is correct and contact Rachel or Sarah if changes need to be made.

Rachel has received 47 completed police chief surveys and a summary report can be found on the network's website. Rachel mentioned that they cannot share the answers directly from the police chief surveys as they are confidential. There was some discussion regarding how police officers are trained about diversion and some stated it would be helpful to be able to train them at the academy. Some also thought developing materials they can use for in house training would also be helpful.

There was some discussion about diversion members obtaining court officer status so that we can be present during juvenile proceedings. This will be helpful to see what is happening in the courtroom and to advocate for youth who are eligible for diversion.

3. Strategic planning committee – Betsy reported that she has been working with Nate to update the website. Betsy did a tutorial of the website for everyone and explained the changes and updates. She is asking that everyone please take time to review the website and contact her if any further changes need to be made. She is also asking that everyone share success stories on the website.

IV.) New Business:

1. CHINS effects on diversion – Nicole reports that the State’s child and family law committee is looking for information from diversion programs about how changes in the CHINS law have affected diversion programs. A survey has been created for us to fill out based on our own perspective as well as answers from JPPOs and Educators in our areas. The survey is on the website and should be completed by the end of December in order to be ready for the meeting with the state in January. Please interview at least one JPPO and one educator and fill out the answers from your own perspective as well.

VI.) Next Meeting:

DATE: January 15, 2014

TIME: 10:30 – 12:00

LOCATION: Youth Council, Nashua

Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Klingerman, Recording Secretary

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