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Network Meeting Minutes Annual Meeting : May 18, 2016

Welcome & Business-

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Nicole Rodler (Rochester) at 10:41am at 10 Ferry Street in Concord. Present were Peter Brigham (Hillsboro), Betsy Houde (Nashua), Lyndsay Porreca & Amber Ricard-Pittman (Valley Court Diversion), Karen Kersting (UpReach TRC), Bill Gilding & Colleen Strout (Grafton Co. Alternative Sentencing), Amy Pepin & Rachel Kohn (CHI), Deb Naro (CADY, Inc), Steve Pappajohn (Dover PD), Stephanie Halter (PSU), Brian Loanes (Belknap County), Lance Zack (White Mountain), Diane Casale (Derry), Jon Donovan (Manchester), Al Baines & Dian McCarthy (Goffstown), Kristen Beaumier (Rivier), Alecia Farquhar (Greater Sullivan County), Alisha Medeiros (PSU), Donna Arias (NHIAA), Elisabeth Brown (Keene), Jessica Klingerman (Merrimack County).

2. Alecia announced that nomination forms have been handed out. She asked everyone to mark their nominee or to write in a name. The nominee for Chairperson is Nicole Rodler, for Treasurer is Jessica Klingerman and for Secretary is Karen Kersting. She also reminded everyone to vote on the changes to the by-laws as well.

3. Betsy introduced the Network Newsletter. Please let her know if you would like more copies. She plans to distribute these to legislatures.

4. Betsy gave an update about the Membership Committee. The membership eligibility chart has been finalized. The committee met and decided to put forward the version you saw and get them ready for today's meeting. It ties in with the changes in the by-laws. We have also learned that certain judges will not refer to programs that are not accredited so that is why we came up with the intent to become accredited form.

5. Betsy mentioned that she has updated site profiles and she plans to distribute them to police chiefs, etc. Nicole and Betsy also shared them at the Governor's Summit.

Guest Speaker: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT): Implications for Integrating SBIRT into Juvenile Court Diversion Programs – Amy Pepin, MSW, Consultant, Community Health Institute (see handouts)

1. The group agreed to have Amy back on another day to talk more specifically about how we can use this in our programs and answer questions we have. Betsy suggested that we all check out the website (www.sbirtnh.org) and learn everything we can so when Amy comes back we can move forward.

Guest Speaker: Life of An Athlete: How to Implement Restorative Justice Practices for Code of Conduct Violations – Donna Arias, Director, Life of an Athlete, NH Interscholastic Athletic Association

1. Donna explained that Life of an Athlete is a prevention program that uses athletics to drive behavior change in regards to alcohol and other drugs. There was some discussion about how diversion programs can help schools meet this restorative piece. Nicole will be looking into this more and would like to start a

committee about this. If you are interested in joining this committee please let her know.

Lunch

Guest Speaker: Recidivism Update: What Have We Learned Thus Far? Rachel Kohn, MPH, MSW, Community Health Institute

1. Rachel thanked everyone for submitting their data. One year and three year recidivism rates were measured. Nico is still working on how to interpret the data. Each site will have the data presented to them as it shows on page 2 of the handouts. She reports there was a lot of variation from site to site that might be related to other risk factors and eventually we will incorporate those. She is also working on how these rates compare to the traditional system. She will continue to study this data to gain more knowledge of recidivism.

Election Results

Chair: Nicole Rodler

Treasurer: Jessica Klingerman

Secretary: Karen Kersting

The changes in the by-laws were accepted by all.

Karen had some concerns about how the by-laws were written. She mentioned that we should think about allowing basic members to be board members because that allows everyone to be committed. Betsy responded and said that the committee wanted the board members to be able to understand the programs and how they are working but in the future we may want to pull in a wider array of individuals and rethink this or expand our bylaws.

Nicole thanked everyone for a very productive year.

Next Meeting:

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

TIME: 10:30 – 12:00

LOCATION: NEW FUTURES CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting was adjourned at 12:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Klingerman, Recording Secretary
New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network