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Summary  
Disproportionate Minority Confinement Committee  
January 5, 2005 10 a.m. to 12 noon ICN

The Disproportionate Minority Confinement Committee met January 5, 2005 via the ICN. Members present were: Michael Leiber, presiding; Kimberly Baxter, Connie Bear King, Sam Black, Ray Blase, John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, Natalie Lee, Mark Prosser, Sara Petersen, Brad Richardson, Marvin Spencer, John Spinks, John Wauters. Guests: Miriam Landsman. Staff present: Dave Kuker, Eric Sage, Scott Musel, Janet Clayton.

DMC Conference review

After a roll call of the sites, the meeting began with a review of the DMC Conference in November, 2004. Richardson noted that a final evaluation will be posted on the DMC website. The financial assistance from the Iowa Juvenile Court Officers organization made possible a three-day event that was originally planned to be a one-day event.

Kuker called for comments and observations from other members of the committee. Spencer remarked on the timing of a contrasting presentation by Pat Parker as it was presented at the same time a juvenile court officers training session was being held. Additionally, there were no workshops on girls of color...an issue that is emerging. Further, there was disappointment that Harold Snyder, a remarkable speaker, had no accurate information to present at the time. The discussion centered on the relative rating indices from OJJDP that may not be working correctly. Spencer asked for accurate matrices to distribute to the attendees from Black Hawk County.

Leiber encouraged talk about diversion from other sites on their local progress, law enforcement. Baxter encouraged involvement of students. Prosser encouraged committee to sit down and visit with law enforcement individually as well as conduct a session at the law enforcement conference. Ongoing presentations to ILEA are still encouraged. Baxter noted that the State Patrol is aware.

Polk County Diversion Effort

Natalie Lee updated the committee on the Polk County diversion effort. Their focus is on strengthening the community task force for the time when JJAC funds are no longer available. Figures are being accumulated that will show where they have been, and where they are going. In response to Leiber's question about the final report, the contents will include what were the problems, strategy, barriers, presentation of hard data, and a timeline will be included also. Richardson commented on the Polk County data and mentioned that a review of what the factors are that influence the data accumulated will be studied. A final report will be due in July 2005.

Approval of Summary of November 17, 2004 meeting.

The summary of the last meeting was approved as corrected. Correction: Page 2, first paragraph next to the last line delete the word "kids."

Review of DMC Resource Center Proposal January 2005-December 2005.

Activity in each of the six sites was encouraged to be included in the proposal that totals \$75,000 for calendar year 2005. Brad reviewed the three primary areas listed in the proposal – Information and Education, Technical Assistance, and the Conference.

Information and Education – Information on the website, provision of information to individuals who ask for it.  
Conference – Girl issues, law enforcement involvement, youth, DHS, Schools, Judges. Budget is \$6,452.00 for the conference. Supplemental funding will be sought from Casey Foundation, Community Betterment Grant from Polk County to which he applied last year and was not funded, Wayne Ford who has efforts underway to create some funds for DMC issues. One day conference is in the budget now.

Technical Assistance – Sioux City – working with them to hold a conference. Will continue.  
No less than five community groups working on DMC related issues. Child welfare, juvenile justice. The Resource Center will coordinate those joint efforts to respond to local needs. Cultural competency training could be addressed in child welfare and juvenile justice.

Polk County – will work on data on diversion.

Black Hawk County. Data review is being conducted to know what is going on. A DMC coordinator may be hired for Black Hawk County. There is a plan to bring in some technical assistance from the Byrnes Institute to facilitate and orient the DMC coordinator. This project also extends to Woodbury County if a DMC coordinator is hired through the Wayne Ford funding stream.

Scott County report will be reviewed by the County and forthcoming after that review. Scott and Muscatine County are being recommended for elimination of the provision of technical assistance.

Hamilton, Humboldt, Wright would be eliminated. Some issues there with the Asian population, and requested someone who could speak them on many issues. May be able to do a one-day training from Minneapolis. Beyond that, no resources available.

Blasé suggested Greater Des Moines Foundation be approached for grant to fund Conference, Office of the Attorney General forfeiture funds produced in the state. With a law enforcement focus on the conference, a match could be possible since the statute says the funds must be used for the enhancement of law enforcement.

The Latino Conference is in Des Moines again. There was discussion whether some of the elements be brought together for training institute part, for example.

Motion to approve DMC Resource Center proposal by Chaisson-Cardenas, seconded by Blase. Motion carried unanimously. Richardson abstained. As a guest of the committee, Landsman did not vote.

Leiber thanked Richardson and Landsman for their work over the past two years.

Leiber suggested a person from Scott County be recruited to serve on this committee. He asked for suggestions.

#### Budget Update

Program and Policy committee met yesterday. JJAC is losing about a quarter of a million dollars more in formula grant dollars. Program and Policy reviewed how to accommodate losses in funds. The Diversion Effort was reviewed. Three years of funding was provided. The Committee cut the \$55,000 in funding for the diversion effort. January, 2006 the budget will be \$70,000 for the DMC Resource Center and no diversion effort.

#### Next meeting date

Next meeting is March 29 at United Way in Des Moines from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.