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Summary
Disproportionate Minority Confinement Committee meeting
May 14, 2003
Human Services Alliance Building
Des Moines, Iowa

The Disproportionate Minority Confinement committee met Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at the Human Services Alliance building in Des Moines at 10 a.m. Members present: Michael Leiber, presiding; Michael Blackwell, Ray Blasé, John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, Bob Greenlee, Charles Grigsby (intern), Denise Hotopp, Felicia Jackson, Sara Petersen, Brad Richardson, Carl Smith, John Spinks, Miguel Trevino, John Wauters. Guests: Del Marion, Diane Waddy, Marlene Doby, Kittie D. Weston-Knauer, Robert Parks, Dorothy J. Campbell, Marion Hayslett, Anne Bickell, Staff present: Janet Clayton, Dave Kuker, Scott Musel, Eric Sage.

The summary of the March 12 meeting was approved as mailed.

National DMC Meeting

Members were encouraged to call Dave Kuker if they were interested in attending. Polk County people may go on their own resources.

Polk County Year Two Proposal – Feedback and Approval

Denise Hotopp gave a brief outline of their proposal for this next year. In her highlights she noted what had been done this year and what they are proposing for next year for alternatives to detention in Polk County. John Spinks reviewed the PACE program's section of the Polk County activities and proposal. He elaborated on the need for an education process for juveniles who are in detention. After discussion, Greenlee called for the question. The motion to approve the proposal as submitted by Polk County for the second year of the Polk County Diversion project was approved by a vote of 12 ayes, 1 opposed, three abstentions. The motion carried. Carl Smith announced the recommendation will be made to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council at its next meeting in June, 2003.

Mike Leiber invited Brad Richardson from the National Resource Center for Family-centered Practice at the University of Iowa to address the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council at its August meeting.

Resource Center General Update (Sites-Informational Group)

Brad Richardson from the Resource Center updated the Committee on its technical assistance with four of the six decat areas identified by their grant on which they are focusing.

John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas spoke on the activities in Scott County and Woodbury County. He also noted Iowa's DMC website address and the Resource Center's media activities. He encouraged us to have a presence at the LULAC conference. Woodbury County asked for technical assistance to hold their conference in Sioux City in April. They were asked to set up workshops, web pages, prepare flyers, engage speakers, and prepare their evaluation of the Conference. Input for the state's DMC conference will be provided to this committee by Woodbury County.

Update of Three-year Plan

Issue three refers to how we prioritize our funding. The Plan is published on the CJJP website. The DMC matrices are included. Phase one included the numbers in locked settings, phase two matrices will have information from judicial districts 1, 2, 4 and 6th with information from districts 3, 5, 7 and 8 currently under examination and reconciliation with ICIS and information pulled from the justice data warehouse. We are required by the federal government to provide this information annually if we have it, or once every three years if it is not readily available.

Planning for November, 2003 DMC Statewide Conference

The DMC Conference will be November 13 and 14 in Des Moines. The site is yet to be determined. John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas from the National Resource Center will head up the planning process for the conference. He asked for input from the Committee on issues to be addressed and a theme for the conference. After discussion the Committee decided that the same theme will be used. The first suggestion was to consider inviting someone from the Annie E. Case Foundation to address the attendees. The Committee then suggested the structure the two-day conference might take and speakers to invite.

Publicity Committee

Mike Leiber asked that a teleconference call be put together to address media and education. Members of the committee are Michael Blackwell, Bob Greenlee, Allison Fleming, John-Paul Chaisson Cardenas, Diane Waddy.

Law Enforcement

Bob Greenlee volunteered to attend an Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers and/or an Iowa Sheriffs Association meeting to address the group on Iowa's DMC efforts. Chaisson-Cardenas will accompany him.

Planning Committee

Chaisson-Cardenas will e-mail members to ask for volunteers to sit on the Planning Committee for the Conference.

Next meeting

The next meeting is July 30, 2003 at the Human Services Alliance Building.