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Summary
Disproportionate Minority Confinement Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 3, 2004
Quakerdale of Waterloo

The Disproportionate Minority Confinement Committee of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council met at Quakerdale of Waterloo on Wednesday, November 3, 2004. The meeting began at 10:10 a.m. Members present: Mike Leiber, Kimberly Baxter, Bob Greenlee, Kathy Nesteby, Mark Prosser, Sara Petersen, Brad Richardson, Marvin Spencer, Miguel Trevino, John Wauters, Ruth White. Members absent: Natalie Anderson, Connie Bear King, Barry Bennett, Deborah Berry, Devon Binion, Sam Black, Ray Blase, John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, Marchelle Denker, Janice Edmunds-Wells, Allison Fleming, Charles Grigsby, Jack Hatch, Denise Hotopp, Stephan Pearson, Carl Smith, John Spinks, Felicia Toppert, Kittie Weston-Knauer.

Chairman, Mike Leiber, welcomed all to Waterloo and announced that our hosts, Quakerdale of Waterloo, would conduct a tour of its facility at noon. After members introduced themselves, the summary of the last meeting was approved as amended.

DMC Resource Center Report

Richardson announced that pre-conference sessions will be held for juvenile court officers attending the full conference. Addressing this conference will be such notables as Shay Bilchik, former head of OJJDP and now Executive Director of the Child Welfare League of America, and Terry Cross who will address issues of Native American children. Ruth White will ask the Governor to extend the welcome. Baxter volunteered to call IPTV regarding publicity. She asked The Resource Center to share its news release so others might tailor their releases to it. She also asked if faith-based organizations had been invited as well as Urban Dreams, Creative Visions and DMACC. She will invite the Iowa Department of Public Safety. Wauters asked that the county supervisors be included on the invitation list.

Nesteby asked if the speakers would be addressing issues relating to girls in their speeches.

Site Activities (reported by Brad Richardson)

Scott County - has a network of providers working on the issue. The momentum they had going has slowed down considerably. The new Decat coordinator is Sandra Potter-Marquardt. They have asked NRC-FCP to come in and do a jump start. A report on Scott County will be distributed to this committee.

Black Hawk County - data will be collected and analyzed after the first of the year. Monthly (first Monday) meetings continue regularly. Black Hawk County has distributed laminated cards to each policeman listing procedures to follow when picking up a juvenile. The effort is a coordination between juvenile court and law enforcement. Black Hawk County with federal money received by Wayne Ford, Urban Dreams, of Des Moines will provide Black Hawk County the ability to hire a DMC Coordinator. Job description has been prepared; a selection committee is being established to conduct interviews. Quakerdale may house the coordinator at its site.

Polk County - The Resource Center is also helping Polk County to organize its data efforts. Data will need to be reviewed because codes are not usable in the present form. The detention review team data only works for kids who have been in detention for a period of time up to the next meeting. Intake data addresses who is confined and who is not. Rate of confinement has gone down in Polk County for minority youth due to the increase in minority population and no increase in the detention rate. The diversion effort in Polk County has been able to reduce the length of stay in detention, not sure how well youth are being diverted kids. Committee members asked that final data from the diversion project address success with diversion, length of stay, and other data issues.

Woodbury County - Conference was held in June 04. County will focus its process on working with families to decrease DMC within the system. The Minority Youth and Family initiative has been established to facilitate a project in Sioux City and Des Moines to work with families to reduce overrepresentation in the DHS child welfare system. Considerable research links maltreatment to later involvement with the juvenile justice system. Native American families will be targeted in Sioux City. They are looking to add a local coordinator with funding from a federal grant through Urban Dreams. One major issue for Woodbury is coordinating the multiple local groups working regarding DMC related issues.

DMC Conference in L.A.-Quarterly meeting of OJJDP

Brad Richardson, Denise Hotopp, and Lori Rinehart will attend this meeting. Brad and Denise will co-present at the conference – they'll talk about Iowa's overall DMC effort and activities specific to Polk County's diversion project.

Data Effort with DHS

Last fall information was provided regarding DHS service data on DMC, specific information by race, gender, county, Decat, judicial district, and DHS service area. It was a broad data report on group care, foster care, shelter care, family preservation, etc. We will provide this information on an ongoing basis. DHS provided access to their information. See our website or the DHS website for ongoing information.

Included with the DHS data was court processing information from CJJ's Justice Data Warehouse. Justice Data Warehouse information included two reports with information from juvenile court processing. The reports contains information broken down by race, gender, and judicial district.

Leiber reported regarding data he's collecting from Black Hawk, Johnson and Linn Counties for an updated DMC assessment study – he's using Justice Data Warehouse information as part of that assessment. He is additionally conducting interviews with kids in the system and juvenile justice system officials. The whole package will be available in the Spring.

Black Hawk County has a DMC group at the adult level. They have asked Leiber to review pre-sentencing investigation data by race and recommendations being made.

Planning and Budget

After discussion the DMC Committee will recommend to the Policy and Program Committee that the sum of \$125,000 be budgeted for DMC efforts. The \$125,000 would allow for continuation of the DMC Resource Center and a DMC Diversion Project – we would need to do an RFP to continue a DMC diversion process. Additional work would continue to determine the number of TA sites for which the Resource Center would be able to provide TA. Sara Petersen will take this funding request to the JJAC's Policy and Programming Committee.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be January 5 on the ICN. Agenda item: Resource Center proposal for renewal.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.