

Community Juvenile Services Board
March 17, 2016

Present were: Paul Fritzler, Dean Braughton, Carol King, Wayne Beatty, Michael Scott,, Sarah Stockero, Amanda-Robbins Lilly, Timothy O'Daniel, Cori Burton, Stacy Nelson Rebecca Albertson and guest Brandon Schimelpfenig, policy analyst from Cheyenne (12)

The meeting started at 9:03 a.m. with introductions. Our policy analyst started the introductions and people introduced themselves.

- 1.) Paul introduced our Board and Committee roster and short discussion followed.
- 2.) Cori mentioned that Judge Brown had turned in his expenses for the Drug Court Conference. He and Judge Christensen attended. The total came to just short of \$1500.00.

Paul reminded the Board that 6 participants would be attending the N.W. Alcohol Conference in Boise, Idaho at the end of July. Total cost per attendee will be roughly \$1200.00 (considerable was saved via early registration.) We will work to be sure this expense is encumbered on the current budget. Meth conference dates were announced as April 13 and 14, 2016. Carol moved and Cori seconded that we authorize up to 20 participants to attend this local conference. Motion carried.

It was noted that 4 Board members are attending the National Juvenile Justice Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada leaving this Sunday and returning next Thursday.

- 3.) The Board discussed data transfer as all C.J.S.B.'s begin reporting using the University of Kansas xl spread sheet. Ben McCay, from Handel ,will be in town tomorrow (3/18/16) to meet first with the data input people at the D.A.'s Office and then with staff at the R.J.D.C. The visit is to facilitate our state report and to smooth input situations at R.J.D.C.
- 4.) Combining agenda items 3 and 4 the Board discussed mechanisms and processes for filing the 2016/2018 C.J.S.B.application. Brandon announced that although the official word was not out the budget should remain the same as last biennium. Good news. Discussion continued on producing the next application.

5.) Citation review. We discussed citations for the same month (February) over the past 3 years. There were more similarities in the citations over the past 3 years than differences. The Diversion Officers handed out color graphs showing some of the same trends. All agreed more study was necessary. Tim mentioned that increasingly the R.J.D.C. is seeing teens with mental health problems who are violent and no treatment facility can seemingly handle them—thus they end up in jail and jail is not a therapy providing operation. This is and has been ongoing and is not solving the problem. Tim encouraged secure therapy operations; however, none seem to exist. Dean tied in mental health situations with discipline in schools. Students are placed on suspension and sent to his building and like R.J.D.C. the needed services are not available. Mike mentioned that law enforcement continues C.I.T. which trains officers responding to various situations what to look for in mental health situations and how to react safely. It was mentioned that this is a continuum with jail on one end and prevention/education on the other.

6.) Member updates:

Paul Fritzler gave this month's court and placement numbers. There were 52 total in District Court with 18 of those being C.H.I.N.S. and 4 on interstate compacts. Circuit court cases are 32. Placements include: 3 at Henry Home, 4 at N.S.I., 2 at C.H.C., 1 at YES house, 1 at Benchmark, 1 at WBI, 7 at W.B.S. and 2 at W.G.S. total of 21 placements.

Rebecca Albertson brought a written proposal on behalf of the Probation Team, noting that Mike and Sarah along with Amy Dorman had recently moved to the 5th floor and were together in a suite of offices that would better serve their clients. This group has need of a digital screen display of information and programs available to teens as they, and their parents, sit in the lobby. After considerable discussion Dean motioned and Tim seconded that we fund up to \$1500.00 for this project—Motion carried. This money is already allocated under computers in the budget. Cori mentioned it would be good to have a staff meeting in the suite to get more people informed about the progress.

Tim O'Daniel mentioned that several jail kids had recently received their G.E.D. and things are stable at R.J.D.C..

Cori Burton reported that the C.H.I.N.S. staff had been very busy. She also talked about the parenting programs going on in conjunction with several

Elementary Schools. She specifically mentioned Lincoln elementary where parenting classes, and other parent assistance, can be delivered in Spanish. Youth Empowerment Council continues to give anti suicide presentations and they are very busy assisting with local fund raising efforts such as Jason's Friends.

Amanda Robbins Lilly reported that 30 teens were served by Progressive Youth last month. There were 58 hours of tutoring provided. She also mentioned their funding was being cut severely in the I.S.P. area (Intense Supervised Probation) due to cuts in tobacco settlement funds. She submitted a summary sheet which included measurement outcomes.

Stacy Nelson reported that things were busy at Y.C.C. They had 49 intakes in February She mentioned an 8 year old coming into the facility today. Things are difficult but not impossible and there are always challenges with individuals. Stacy mentioned continuing to network with other agencies and making family referrals where possible.

Carol King reported that C.W.C.C. has 11 T.F.C. homes working . They are training on autism which has drawn a good response. She also mentioned that 4 of the 5 girl's treatment beds are occupied but only one of the 5 boy's beds. She mentioned that all but one of the therapist positions are filled. She also talked about services available for those opiod addicted. This has been a long process to develop but is coming along now.

Paul Fritzler spoke to the loss of tobacco settlement money and specifically the I.S.P. programming. He indicated that he is making every effort to keep the necessary programs funded.

Dean Braughton reported that the District's Transitions program would be moving to his building next school year with a closer connection to Roosevelt and a shift in philosophy.

Meeting adjourned 10:40 a.m. Next meeting (committee) 4/21/16.