

Minutes

Community Juvenile Services Board

October 20, 2016----Student Support Services Building

Roll Call: Present were Paul Fritzier, Jennifer Reece, Jenn Miner, Sarah Stockero, Amanda Robbins Lilley, Tim O'Daniel, Dean Braughton, Wayne Beatty, Rebecca Albertson, William Howell, Michael Scott, Chief Jim Wetzel. Tiffany Johnson (office manager) and Michele Hollister (legal assistant) were also present to present Just Ware information.

New members to the Board included: Lt. Lisa Bush (N.C.S.O.) and Tracy Blevins (new Director of Youth Crisis Center). Special guest Brian Christensen, Circuit Court Judge was also present

1.) Introductions were made and discussion began at 9:05 a.m. with budget review. Chairman Fritzier discussed drug test costs and potentials for bringing expenditures in line with the budget. He had several suggestions and these costs will be monitored closely.

2.) Chief Wetzel indicated that no juvenile protocols had changed from his office.

3.) Dr. Dean Braughton gave an update accompanied by printed data reviewing the school district's funding of community juvenile programs. Much of the funding comes from a sub grant under Title I called the Neglected and Delinquent sub grant. Lively discussion followed particularly concerning the reluctance of the grant to fund School Response Officers. Dr. Braughton explained that in order to continue the partial funding officers were required to keep a log of contacts made with students. This log looks at ethnicity and socio economic status of students in contact with the officers. Brainstorming took place about how to log the many positive contacts that both officers have with students from all walks of life. All agreed that keeping the lines of communication open was key to success.

4.) Jennifer Reece introduced Tiffany Johnson and Michele Hollister from her office who led the discussion about JustWare and Handel (Rite-Track). It was pointed out that currently data is being triple entered and that could no longer be supported by the D.A.'s office. Juvenile data is entered (currently) in JustWare, Rite Track and the U.K. xl spread sheet required by the state. As of December 31, 2016 the D.A.'s office will no longer support data entry into Rite Track. The presenters passed out side by side comparisons of the data collected by Rite

Track and JustWare. There was wide agreement that JustWare provided the same data as Rite Track in a more user friendly format. The discussion shifted to keeping Juvenile Jail records and there was agreement that Handel (Rite Track) was the best system for keeping those records. Chairman Fritzler asked about reports to present to a state wide meeting in November. He was assured that he could get what he needed from JustWare and that R.J.D.C. could provide records on juvenile jail counts and related data. Economics were discussed and again it was pointed out that we were paying Handel \$1200.00 per month which is \$200.00 per user times six. Actually there are 2 persons (maximum) inputting from R.J.D.C. and one from the D.A.'s office. The only other potential for data input is the 2 diversion officers and they would do so only infrequently. It was decided that Wayne would contact Handel and begin negotiations to bring cost in line with what is actually happening. The goal will be maintaining the R.J.D.C. data collection under Handel, with 2 users and shift other data collection to JustWare on or before December 31, 2016.

5.) Paul Fritzler began member updates by stating that D.F.S. placements were up slightly and cases were also up but still far short of the state average. There is a problem in the computer system that will delay placement reports and District Court numbers. These will be reported out as soon as possible. The computer problem is state wide so our delay in reporting will be understood.

Judge Brian Christensen—reported that arraignment numbers for juveniles were down in Circuit Court. He indicated that seeing the low citation numbers for September explains that. He indicates the hope is the trend will continue.

Tim O'Daniel—reported that R.J.D.C. numbers were finally down, a good thing. He further stated that they will rise as again shortly.

William Howell—reported that teen substance abuse treatment numbers were down. He indicated that treatment was available to teens state wide at the C.W.C.C. facility. He indicated that lots of intervention work was ongoing with teens in placement and the school teams were very busy with therapy available at all county schools.

Tracy Blevins—indicated her first 2 weeks as director of Y.C.C. had been eye opening and very busy. She indicated as of today there were 3 girls and 2 boys on the residential side and 4 on the crisis side. She also indicated that could change by the time she returned to the facility.

Jennifer Reece—- indicated her office was very busy with new cases coming in all the time. Neglect cases seem to be up in District Court and she has fielded concerns from some parents about protocols in Circuit Court.

Diversion Officers Stockero and Scott—reported that their numbers are actively growing with a number of new intakes scheduled. There was a question about the Check and Connect program (student advocacy) and what meetings with students were happening. Reports that the donations in lieu of fines were going well and that gift cards were encouraged over specific personal gifts came next. A discussion ensued about the need for officers and deputies to be able to find out what teens are on probation. This information could make a big difference when an officer is dealing with a combative teen.

Lt. Bush passed.

Amanda Robbins Lilley—indicated that Progressive Youth is working on a pilot Restorative Justice conference as a way to problem solve. She also reported that lots of volunteering is going on and they are keeping very busy.

Jennifer Miner—reported 60 juveniles doing community service in September with many more adults involved. She spoke of save the date cards for the local Restorative Justice conference coming to Casper in March, 2017. She reported that Riverton is using some R.J. pieces and they will be presenting at the March conference.

Dean Braughton—reported 1.) Casper schools response to the “creepy clown” episodes. He pointed out that schools and law enforcement was taking this seriously and are adopting a no non sense approach. 2.) The state Safe to Tell crisis line will be piloted in Casper. This program is operating out of the Attorney General’s Office and shows promise. He will keep the group updated. and 3.) The police have requested entry fobs for the schools for use in emergencies after hours. Dr. Braughton supports this request and discussion about how best to accomplish this continues.

Rebecca Albertson—gave case numbers for D.O.C. juvenile probation with emphasis on the use of incentives and sanctions. This approach seems very promising

Next meeting is November 17, 2016—this is a Juvenile Justice Planning meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

