

## TEAM JUSTICE MINUTES

February 3, 2006

**Members Present:** Pat Beckemeyer, Brian Black, Judge James Burgess, John Green, Kathleen Kaiser, Jeannine Lane, Shawna Mobley, Terri Moses, Jeanette Clary for Ron Paschal and Chris Champagne for Ralph Teran

**Members Absent:** Senator Donald Betts (unexcused), Marilyn Cook (excused), Pat Hanrahan (excused), Jean Hogan (excused), Karen Langston (excused) and Ron Terzian (unexcused)

**Guests:** Linda Auld, Marla Canfield, Liane Felton, Toni Harryman, Lori Jacobs, Tom Kimbrell, Lesa Lank, John Waller and Danny Walters

**Staff:** Mark Masterson, Dr. Craig-Moreland, Chris Morales and Jodi Tronsgard

I. **Approval of Team Justice Minutes from the 1/6/06 Meeting – ACTION ITEM: John Green moved, Kathleen Kaiser seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the 1/6/06 Team Justice Minutes, as submitted.**

II. **Sub-committee Report** – Chris Morales reported that the Team Justice Advisory Sub-committee scrutinized the SFY07 core program budget requests and determined that shortfalls exist. The Sub-committee recommends: that the three core programs be funded according to the budgets submitted; that Team Justice adopt the same strategy utilized in SFY05 to seek assistance from Sedgwick County to make up the shortfalls after other resources have been exhausted; and, that Team Justice contact legislators to express the need for restored funding. The Board agreed by general consensus that letters to the State and to the County Manager need to be drafted for Karen Langston's review and signature. Mark Masterson reported that the prevention proviso is going to expire; however, it is included in the Governor's Budget to be extended another year. **ACTION ITEM: Following discussion: Shawna Mobley moved, Jeannine Lane seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the Team Justice Advisory Sub-committee's recommended strategy to address SFY07 core program budget shortfalls.**

III. **Approve Technical Changes to the Truancy Prevention Program** – Chris Morales reported that the Sedgwick County Management Model was utilized to bring together the grant partners and key stakeholders to develop a plan to revise referral criteria for the Connection to Services program based on the needs of each school district. Students that have already met the legal definition of truancy (the "3-5-7 Rule") will not be served in accordance with the overall goal of the grant to prevent truancy. Chris explained that, if the following requests are approved, contract amendments will be necessary.

- The request for schools in the Haysville and Valley Center districts is to expand the referral criteria to include "excessive excused absences" which is defined as any combination of excused and/or unexcused absences exceeding 11 days per school year.
- The request for the targeted schools in USD 259 is to expand the referral criteria to include students with 10 days or more of excused absence due to student illness.

**ACTION ITEM: Following discussion: Brian Black moved, John Green seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the technical changes to the Truancy Prevention Program.**

IV. **Truancy Prevention Program Report** – Lori Jacobs reviewed the components of the Truancy Prevention Program (USD 259 Attendance Conferences, Communities In Schools Connection to Services and the District Attorney's Office Truancy Diversion Program) and the services provided. Lori also provided information on the numbers served which is lower than projected and will be monitored as course corrections are made. Lori will provide monthly updates to Team Justice regarding outcomes and

the students served. The data spreadsheets and information on Connection to Services, prepared by Lesa Lank, will be distributed to Team Justice members following the meeting.

**V. JIAC Report** – Tom Kimbrell presented information regarding the rate of referrals for youth with intakes at the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC). During the past two years 25% of the 8,700 intakes received referrals; that is the percentage reported to the Juvenile Justice Authority. However, referrals are not always appropriate and of the 8,700 intakes:

- 12% resulted in placement at the Juvenile Detention Facility or the Wichita Children’s Home.
- 29% had case management already in place.
- 12% had no issues identified.

About 44% of the remaining 47% received a referral. As time allows, JIAC staff follow-up with the referred agency to determine if the referrals were successful; however, no legal leverage exists to encourage the process. Additionally, resources are not available to fund a short-term case management position to assist in the successful completion of referrals. Kansas Children’s Service League (KCSL) staff makes immediate contact with families accepting referrals to the JIAC Case Management program when staff is available. KCSL and the Detention Advocacy Service (DAS) will be co-located at the new Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF). The Board briefly discussed the opportunity for connecting youth exiting detention with the JIAC referral process.

**VI. Legislative Issues: Opportunity to Discuss any Current Issues and Potential Impacts –**

- Mark Masterson provided an update on the issues currently before the legislature including the jury trial amendment and the “Good Time” Bill, with the recommended 15% limit, that was very well received in the House.
- Mark also reported that the legislature has been working on plans to address the issues resulting from the strict enforcement of Medicaid time limits on Level V and Level VI placements. A process to request extensions and an appeals process have been put into place. Enforcement of the time limits has caused an increase in the number of transports around the state. The new JDF transport teams are being used by Juvenile Field Services. Fortunately, Judge Riddel Boys Ranch (JRBR) revised their program from a 9 month format to a 140 day model ten years ago. The average length of stay for successful graduates at JRBR is 140.65 days.
- The Board discussed the “Gang Bill” (Senate Bill 458). Deputy Chief Moses stated that the emphasis of the amendment to the Bill is on gang recruitment. She reported that the hearing for testimony is scheduled for February 8, 2006. Lt. Easter will present for the Wichita Police Department. The Board briefly discussed the gang database criteria.

**VII. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update** – Mark Masterson reported that the second planning meeting for the Hispanic Advisory Group will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2006.

**VIII. Other Business - None**