

TEAM JUSTICE MINUTES

April 7, 2006

Members Present: Brian Black, Thomas Pletcher for Marilyn Cook, John Green, Kathleen Kaiser, Jeannine Lane, Karen Langston, Shawna Mobley, Terri Moses, Ron Paschal, Ralph Teran and Ron Terzian

Members Absent: Pat Beckemeyer (excused), Senator Donald Betts (excused), Judge James Burgess (excused), Pat Hanrahan (excused) and Jean Hogan (excused)

Guests: Linda Auld, Marla Canfield, Chris Champagne, Patrice Claassen, Liane Felton, Misty Harding, Toni Harryman, Lori Jacobs, Jeannette Livingston, Sherri Luthe, Robert McClish II, Jody Patterson, Sue Schmelzer and John Waller

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

- I. **Approval of Team Justice Minutes from the 3/3/06 Meeting – ACTION ITEM: John Green moved, Ron Terzian seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the 3/3/06 Team Justice Minutes, as submitted.**
- II. **County Budget Support in Calendar Year 2007 for Graduated Sanctions** – Mark Masterson announced that County Manager Bill Buchanan received the Team Justice letter, dated February 21, 2006, regarding county budget support for intervention and graduated sanctions programs in SFY07. The county budget process is in the development phase. We have been instructed to maintain the current level of services, refrain from cutting the budget to the grant funded level, and to continue prioritizing discretionary dollars.
- III. **Relocation of the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC) and the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF)** – Mark Masterson reported that the new Juvenile Detention Facility was officially dedicated and an open house was held on April 5th. JIAC moved to the new facility last week and has begun operations there. Residents will move into the new facility beginning April 10th. Juveniles placed in facilities around the state will return to Sedgwick County. The department's administrative offices will move into the new facility due to the growth in adult community corrections.
- IV. **SFY07 Grant Updates** – Chris Morales provided the following updates:
 - The narrative portion of the SFY07 Prevention and Intervention Block Grant Application was approved by the Juvenile Justice Authority. The budgets will be adjusted as necessary when the legislative session has ended.
 - The SFY07 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Application has been released by the Juvenile Justice Authority. The SFY07 award is \$101,013 (including the 10% cash match), which is approximately \$11,000 less than the current funding level. This federal grant currently funds the diversion manager position and provides approximately \$50,000 to partially cover the core program shortfall. The SFY07 application is due May 31, 2006. Team Justice directed their sub-committee to discuss funding priorities for the application at their meeting on April 11th and return recommendations to Team Justice in May.
- V. **2006 Publication of Benchmark Report** – Chris Morales reported that the annual Benchmark 5 Update Report, prepared by Dr. Craig-Moreland, will be provided to Team Justice members prior to the meeting on May 5th when Dr. Craig-Moreland plans to present the report. Mark Masterson mentioned that a similar report is being prepared for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to document system activity in adult corrections.

VI. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update – Mark Masterson provided the following updates:

- House Substitute for Senate Bill 47 was approved by the House and will be up for discussion on April 26th.
- On April 10th Mark will be involved in a meeting with the other DMC pilot sites and state representatives to discuss strategic planning for statewide implementation of the DMC effort.
- The Self-Help Network and representatives of the Hispanic community are planning a System Fair on May 18, 2006. On June 1, 2006, La Mesa Redonda Forum will have a guest speaker, Francisco Villarruel (consultant provided by the Juvenile Justice Authority/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention). Mr. Villarruel will also present at the Team Justice meeting on June 2, 2006. Mr. Villarruel's resume can be found at <http://www.msu.edu/~fvilla/>.
- The African American community has partnered with Brooks Middle School to develop strategies to increase parental involvement. A meeting will be held on April 21, 2006, at Brooks Middle School to hear from students.

VII. Truancy Prevention Program Report – Chris Morales reported that course corrections have been made regarding the referral process of the Connection to Services component of the Truancy Prevention Program. It is projected that 800 youth will be served in the first year of the grant. Chris recommended that Team Justice direct their sub-committee to examine the Truancy Prevention Program and make recommendations for refinements and enhancements for SFY07 at the next Team Justice meeting.

VIII. Presentation from the Youth Violence Prevention Coalition – Sherri Luthe (Mental Health Association), Jody Patterson (COMCARE) and Sue Schmelzer (Parent Representative) presented information on the Youth Violence Prevention Coalition. The Coalition requested that Team Justice join their efforts in encouraging schools in Sedgwick County for increased behavioral management training and resources for teachers to improve student learning and reduce youth violence in elementary schools. Team Justice members agreed by general consensus to issue a letter of support. COMCARE is sponsoring a free training focusing on dealing with non-compliant explosive behaviors at the Sedgwick County Zoo on April 14th.

IX. Other Business –

- Brian Black provided an overview of the Sedgwick County Second Chance Juvenile Diversion Program. Brian requested a letter of support from Team Justice for the Urban League's federal grant application for the proposed program. Team Justice members agreed by general consensus to issue a letter of support contingent upon approval from the District Attorney's Office.
- Dr. Ralph Teran has accepted a school superintendent position in Grandview, Missouri. He will continue to serve on the Team Justice Board for a few more months.