

## TEAM JUSTICE MINUTES

August 1, 2008

**Members Present:** Brian Black, Judge James Burgess, Beth Oaks for Pat Hanrahan, Kathleen Kaiser, Karen Langston, Shawna Mobley, Terri Moses, Jeanette Clary for Ron Paschal, Debbie Donaldson for Tom Pletcher, Marvin Stone Jr., Riley Williams and Denise Wren

**Members Absent:** Kathy Dittmer, Jean Hogan, Jeannine Lane and David Thompson

**Guests:** Terry Calloway, Liz Combs, Jennise Jenkins, Lee Ann Kramer, Bev Lucas, Katie Mohr, DeAndre Morris, John Waller and Carolyn West

**Staff:** Mark Masterson, Chris Morales, Jeannette Livingston, Sean Johnston and Jodi Tronsgard

- I. **Approval of Team Justice Minutes from the 7/11/08 Meeting – ACTION ITEM: Karen Langston moved, Shawna Mobley seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the 7/11/08 Team Justice Minutes, as submitted.**
  
- II. **Approve Year-end Budget Adjustment Requests** – Chris Morales presented information on final budget adjustment requests for SFY08; the budget transfer requests total \$30,180.00. Program income utilized to offset shortfall amounts to \$65,012.03. County funding utilized to cover the remaining shortfall is \$78,860.90. **ACTION ITEM: Following discussion, Karen Langston moved, Beth Oaks seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the final SFY08 budget adjustment requests to transfer \$30,180.00 to graduated sanctions, utilizing the prevention proviso, to help cover shortfall.**
  
- III. **Diversion Report** – John Waller, Program Manager with the District Attorney’s Office, presented on the application process and demographics of clients served by the District Attorney’s Juvenile Diversion Program and Family Group Conferencing. Riley Williams stated that his request for information at the Team Justice meeting in July was related to a statement on page 118 of the Benchmark 5 Report Update presented to the Board in May. The statement pertains to the relative rate of African American and Hispanic youth admitted to diversion. Lengthy discussion ensued to identify possible system barriers for minority youth participating in diversion including: eligibility requirements, the application process, program fees and other fees. Other fees may include court fees, attorney fees, restitution, fees for programs referred to and evidence processing fees. John was asked to present information at the next Team Justice meeting on the number of youth eligible for diversion (by race, gender and most serious offense) to compare to those accepted for diversion and also on the reasons applications were denied.
  
- IV. **Report on Governor’s Conference on Juvenile Justice** –
  - a. Overview – Shawna Mobley reported on her experience at the Governor’s Conference in July and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend. Shawna provided an overview of featured speakers, themes and workshops including the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board Open Forum.
  
  - b. 2009 Planning for Conference in Wichita – Mark Masterson announced that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor’s Conference on Juvenile Justice is scheduled for June 21 – 23, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. The planning committee may develop tracks around topics related to local issues such as, what works in getting youth to leave gangs and addressing disproportionate minority contact. Anyone with ideas for workshops should contact Chris Morales.

**V. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update –**

- a. New Communities Initiative (NCI) Safe & Secure Neighborhoods – DOC Facilitated Strategies – Mark Masterson and Terri Moses provided updates on the three strategies offered by the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections and on the activities of the pillar group. Detailed information on the strategies and performance measures were provided in a handout.
- b. W. Haywood Burns Institute – Technical Assistance / Community Engagement – Mark Masterson announced that a representative from the Burns Institute will visit our community on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to examine data and interview community members to identify community engagement strategies to address DMC.
- c. Extension in DMC funding from 3 to 4 Years – Mark Masterson announced that the MacArthur Foundation has approved extending funding for the DMC Action Network project in Sedgwick County and has increased the amount of funding as well.

**VI. 2008 JJA Community Advisory Committee Report –** Mark Masterson stated that the statutory Community Advisory Committee (CAC) issues a written report providing input from the field to the commissioner of juvenile justice by July 15<sup>th</sup> each year. A copy of the most recent report was included in the handouts. The CAC always requests a meeting with the Commissioner to explain and discuss the items; the meeting occurred during the Governor’s Conference. Due to time constraints, Mark will provide an update at the next Team Justice meeting.

**VII. Announcements –** Chris Morales announced the following:

- a. State Fiscal Year 2008 (SFY08) Program Evaluation Report – Dr. Craig-Moreland typically presents the annual evaluation report in October; however, this year the report will be presented in November.
- b. Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey Results – Results of the annual customer satisfaction survey were included in the handouts. Team Justice board members, Team Justice Advisory Sub-committee board members and service providers participated in the survey. The survey focused on the Sedgwick County Customer Service Guiding Principles.
- c. Grant Application for the Early Childhood Block Grant – The Kansas Children’s Cabinet & Trust Fund announced the release of a Request for Proposals to fund selected early childhood programs across Kansas for services for at-risk children, birth to age five. Non-profit agencies, school districts and local government organizations are eligible to apply; approximately \$11 million is available. Proposals are due September 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information visit <http://www.kschildrenscabinet.org/earlychildblock.htm>.

**VIII. Other Business –** None