

## TEAM JUSTICE MINUTES

June 5, 2009

**Members Present:** Kathy Dittmer, Pat Hanrahan\*, Jean Hogan, Karen Langston, Rep. Melody McCray-Miller for Emile McGill, Jeanette Clary for Ron Paschal, Tom Pletcher, Richard Powell, Riley Williams and Chris Champagne for Denise Wren

**Members Absent:** Brian Black, Judge James Burgess, Shawna Mobley, Terri Moses, Stephanie Springer and Marvin Stone Jr.

**Guests:** Linda Auld, Chris Champagne, Liz Combs, Deborah Diggs, Debbie Donaldson, Liane Felton, David L. Gilkey, Amber Hendrix, Lori Jacobs, Stephanie Kertz, Debbie McKenna, Terri Patterson, Steven Stonehouse, Soutdaly Sysavath, Michael L. Tyson Sr. and John Waller

**Staff:** Mark Masterson, Chris Morales, Jodi Tronsgard and Kelli Jones

\*Departed after Agenda Item II.

**I. Approval of Team Justice Minutes from the 5/1/09 Meeting – ACTION ITEM: Kathy Dittmer moved, Jean Hogan seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the 5/1/09 Team Justice Minutes, as submitted.**

**II. USD 259 Youth Court Presentation** – Debbie McKenna (Director of Safety Services, Wichita Public Schools) and Stephanie Kertz (Supervisor, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, Wichita Public Schools) presented on Youth Court in Wichita Public Schools. Wichita has the only school-based program. Discussion focused on discretion and “arrestable” offenses.

**Off Agenda Item** - Mark Masterson suggested Rep. Melody McCray-Miller act as designee for Emile McGill; she accepted.

**Off Agenda Item** – Amber Hendrix stated that Episcopal Social Services plans to apply for Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant funds in June to fund a position for the Aggression Replacement Training program. **ACTION ITEM: Karen Langston moved, Richard Powell seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to certify that the proposed program is consistent with the community comprehensive plan.**

**III. State Fiscal Year 2010 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Award** – Chris Morales announced that Sedgwick County received a JABG award for SFY10 for \$36,437, including the local cash match, to fund a portion of the diversion manager position within the District Attorney’s Office.

**IV. Approve Technical Adjustments to SFY10 Budgets** – Chris Morales presented a handout showing technical adjustments to SFY10 budgets. Chris explained that the District Attorney’s Office budgets were revised due to the JABG award; adjustments were made to cover the approximate 2% reductions to the District Attorney’s Office budgets and to cover an existing salary shortfall in the Family Group Conferencing budget. It is recommended that the remaining funds, approximately \$12,000, be added to the Juvenile Case Management budget to partially cover the existing shortfall of \$49,000. A portion of the funding for Administrative Structure was shifted from incentive funds to prevention funds to make the budgets equal the award amounts. The Juvenile Justice Authority has confirmed the award amounts, as reflected at the bottom of the handout. Chris reported that the prevention proviso is not in effect for SFY09 or SFY10; we can no longer request to use prevention funds for graduated sanctions. **ACTION ITEM: Tom Pletcher moved, Kathy Dittmer seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the technical adjustments to the SFY10 budgets.**

V. **Authorize Team Justice Executive Committee to Approve SFY09 Year-end Budget Adjustments** – Chris Morales reported that the Juvenile Justice Authority is requiring that all SFY09 year-end budget adjustments be submitted and approved prior to July 30<sup>th</sup>. It is recommended that Team Justice authorize the Executive Committee to meet in July to approve any budget adjustment requests exceeding \$5,000. **ACTION ITEM: Jeanette Clary (designee for Ron Paschal) moved, Jean Hogan seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to authorize the Team Justice Executive Committee to approve SFY09 year-end budget adjustments.**

VI. **Legislative Funding Update** – Mark Masterson stated that the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) experienced an 11.5% reduction for 2010; this equates to \$6.5 million. The Governor has appointed a facility realignment commission to make recommendations (in December 2009) regarding the closing the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility. JJA has self-imposed no cost-of-living increases for all employees, no step movements, and modest adjustments for several staff compensated below market level. JJA has tried hard to keep community funding intact; there will be stable funding for core programs / graduated sanctions and prevention programs with no change from SFY09 to SFY10 at this point. Incentive grant funding decreased 33%. The Governor has the authority to make further reductions if the revenue collections in June continue to be short of the estimate.

VII. **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update** – Mark Masterson reported that representatives from three replication sites in Kansas (Liberal/Seward County, Topeka/Shawnee County and Emporia/Lyon County) attended the DMC Action Network conference in Washington, D.C. in May. Mark explained that Liberal is a minority majority community. These sites now have an opportunity to work with their boards and make an independent application to the DMC Action Network if they have the interest and capacity to move forward.

Mark Masterson presented a one-page handout developed by the Burns Institute on arrests in 2008 converted to a rate per thousand. Discretion in minor offenses and offenses committed at school are areas for future discussion.

VIII. **African American Coalition Progress Update** – Representative Melody McCray-Miller provided the following updates:

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual DMC Action Network conference provided good information and contacts.
- The African American Coalition is partnering with multiple organizations, groups and individuals in the community to host a Family Strengthening Summit at the Boys and Girls Club in late August or early September.
- Community Coach-ups will be scheduled, possibly the third week in June. The Burns Institute provided the African American Coalition with a tool kit to enable them to train community members to navigate systems.
- The African American Coalition will work with Sedgwick County and the Wichita Police Department on a specific strategic innovation to develop more open and positive relationships between youth, police and the community.
- Grant writing and capacity building workshops are planned to ensure that community organizations have access to these skills.
- A Web site for the African American Coalition will be available soon. The link will be sent to Team Justice members.
- Mark Masterson added that the African American Coalition will offer a workshop at the upcoming Governor's Conference; several other workshops, speakers and events around DMC are planned.

- IX. Juvenile Field Services' Upcoming Move** – Mark Masterson stated that Juvenile Field Services should be moved to the Harry Street Mall by the end of August.
- X. Governor's Conference Scholarships** – Chris Morales announced that Terri Moses, Kathy Dittmer and Jean Hogan will be attending the Governor's Conference. Additional scholarships are available; however, Team Justice members must notify Chris of their interest today.
- XI. New Location for Team Justice Meetings (July 2009 – January 2010)** – Chris Morales announced that Team Justice meetings, beginning in July 2009, will be held at alternate locations due to a remodel project of the conference room currently utilized for meetings. Please refer to the handout for meeting locations.
- XII. Other Business** – Chris Morales announced that the annual customer satisfaction survey will be conducted soon. Team Justice board members and service providers will receive a link to the survey via e-mail; the results will be shared when the survey is completed.