

Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Minutes

Date and Time: October 24, 2016 from 1:00-5:00

Location: Kansas Department of Corrections
714 SW Jackson, 3rd Floor Large Conference Room
Topeka, Ks 66603

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy Armstrong, Lara Blake Bors, Randy Bowman, Kevin Emerson, Gail Finney, Paula Hofaker, Donald Hymer, Melody Pappan, Pat Pettey, Derrick Ploutz, Randy Powell, Amy Raymond, Brandon Smith, Greg Smith, Janet Waugh, Terri Williams, Delia York, Karyl-Ann Roehl

Committee Members Absent:

Joe Norwood

Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) Consultants Present:

Jennifer Christie, Gabriella Priest

1) Welcome and Review of Agenda

Randy Bowman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Randy reviewed the agenda for the day with members. Then, Randy did a walk-through of the notebooks made up for committee members. The idea is to add to the notebook as work progresses. There are five sections starting out:

- Oversight Committee contact information;
- A copy of the final workgroup report;
- A copy of SB367;
- Section 4 of the bill, outlining the responsibilities of this committee;
- Information pertinent to this meeting

2) Introduction of Members

Committee members introduced themselves.

3) Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative

Randy said the technical assistance received from PEW and CJI has been invaluable. CJI staff will be available to Kansas stakeholders for the next two to four years. He encouraged members to contact and/or utilize CJI staff as much as is needed.

4) Development and Implementation of Policies enacted by Senate Bill 367

Jennifer (Jen) and Gabriella with CJI began their presentation by discussing the technical assistance available to Kansas. CJI efforts are funded by OJJDP and we are the sixth state to engage in reform efforts with them. CJI's role is to support all state organizations who are responsible for SB367 implementation.

Trainings available to Kansas were included in the presentation. All CJI trainings are based on evidence. All training will have ongoing support of CJI. CJI will hold train-the-trainer events to prepare the state for continuing the trainings after CJI leaves. Principles of Effective Implementation is foundational to the work needed to implement SB367. The rest of the trainings are skills-based.

Fidelity was also discussed in the presentation and fidelity is key to using the programs well and in the way intended. It is important to do the programs as developed. It can be easy to drift away from program models, and Jen explained programs can become harmful for youth if they lack fidelity.

CJI also reviewed some of the research behind the bill and explained how our practices in Kansas did not align with the research on juvenile justice. She went over "What Works in Juvenile Justice."

- Use of an objective structured assessment and decision-making tool to reduce reoffending;
- Supervision, services, and placements should be matched to the youth's risk level and criminogenic needs;
- Invest in evidence-based programs monitored for quality, ensuring appropriate intensity to lower recidivism and improve outcomes;
- Target supervision and services to the highest risk offenders;
- Do no harm to the youth at low risk of reoffending;
- Out-of-home placements do not improve outcomes for most youth;
- Research has found placement has no effect on rate or re-arrest;
- There is no convincing evidence showing longer lengths of stay in out-of-home placements reduce recidivism;
- We must not rely on predominantly punitive policies to promote public safety;
- Anti-social attitudes are the best indicator of recidivism;
- Fairness (perceived or real) promotes positive outcomes for youth.

CJI advised implementation requires a long-term commitment and will take time. Many agencies will be involved in the planning, training, use of data, and collaborating in order to implement policies.

5) Duties of the Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Deputy Secretary Williams reviewed the duties of the Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, including: ensuring data is monitored, recidivism goals are defined, and

fidelity of programs is maintained. The committee will make sure the reforms are implemented as designed and the desired outcomes are attained.

She reviewed Section Four of the bill, stating the seven duties of the committee:

- Guide and evaluate implementation of changes in law related to juvenile justice reform;
- Define performance measures and recidivism;
- Approve a plan developed by court services and the department of corrections instituting a uniform process for collecting and reviewing performance measures and recidivism, costs and outcomes of programs;
- Consider utilizing the Kansas criminal justice information system for data collection and analyses;
- Ensure system integration and accountability;
- Monitor the fidelity of implementation efforts to programs and training efforts;
- Calculate state expenditures that have been avoided by reduction in the number of youth placed in out-of-home placements to recommend to the governor and legislature reinvestment of funds

6) Organizing Work of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

a. Select Chair

Randy opened the floor for suggestions or nominations for Chair of this committee. Terri Williams nominated Sen. Greg Smith, and Brandon Smith seconded the motion. Sen. Smith agreed to serve if selected. No other persons were nominated. Sen. Smith will serve as Chair.

b. Select Vice Chair

Melody Pappan nominated Judge Delia York as Co-Chair, and Terri Williams seconded the motion. Judge York agreed to serve if selected. No other persons were nominated. Judge York will serve as Co-Chair.

c. Determine frequency of Meetings

The bill requires quarterly meetings and the committee decided to meet quarterly. The Chair can call more frequent meetings if needed.

d. Identify target date(s) for next meeting

After some discussion, meetings will start at 9:00AM and end about 1:00PM. These dates were possible meeting dates. Karyl-Ann will send out a Doodle request to finalize the date.

- Tuesday, January 24, 2017
- Thursday, January 26, 2017
- Friday, January 27, 2017
- Tuesday, January 31, 2017
- Thursday, February 2, 2017
- Friday, February 3, 2017

e. Determine location of next meeting

OJA will host the next meeting at the Judicial Center.

- f. Determine which branch of Government and Agency will host a public access point for information on work of this body

The KDOC and OJA websites will be used to make the public aware of the committee's work.

7) Discussion of Agenda for Next Meeting

There were a number of suggestions for discussion at the next meeting: a review of policies implementing 01/01/17; an update from each agency on their SB367 activities; defining recidivism; data collection; training plans; what services are available in our communities; the MOUs called for by the bill; what is in place as on 12/31/2016; what is being worked on and by whom.

Judge Hofaker asked how the risk and needs assessments related to the length of sentences determined by the bill. Randy and Gabriella explained this was a lengthy workgroup conversation. Risk level and offense were examined, along with what other states are doing. Dosage was considered too, as most programs are completed in three or six months. Sen. Smith added that some of the timeframes were a result of legislative consideration.

The meeting adjourned.

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