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Welcome & Introductions

Discussion Items

- TFI After Hours
 - M. Montgomery stated that during the Montgomery County (MGCO) meeting, members of the juvenile intake and assessment center (JIAC) expressed concerns regarding after hours calls to TFI. She stated that members reported there were attempts to call the TFI after hours line but no one answered the phone and messages were not returned.
 - J. Ristich stated she has the contact information for the Director of Admissions for TFI and will share her contact information.
 - L. Bass stated that DCF provided the contact information of the Director of the Admissions departments and they could utilize that. She stated that they could document date, time, and nature of the call in the future. They could then go back and determine who was on shift, reasons for the missed call, and if this is a pattern.
- KDOC Updates
 - M. Milner stated there are a couple of House Bills that were proposed that could impact the juvenile justice world.
 - HB2639: would prohibit restraints in court hearings for juveniles. M. Milner stated that this bill has been proposed but has not been set for committee hearing.
 - HB2568: introduced by the Justice Action Network would prohibit fines and fees for juveniles or parents/guardians who are justice involved. She stated this bill has been proposed but has not been scheduled for hearing.
 - HB2490: a slight modification to HB2021. She stated that HB2021 allowed the court to extend the overall case limit for the term of supervision. She stated that HB2021 read that the terms could be increased incrementally but was not specific of the length. HB2490 would limit the length terms to include up to 90 day increments. She said the bill is now with the Senate for consideration.
 - HB2698: would allow residents of KJCC to leave the facility for reasons related to education or employment. She stated it was passed by the House Corrections Committee and is with the Senate.
 - HB2536: S. Tidwell remarked that this bill would be heard on the House floor today, which would establish a fifth permanency option called SOUL Family for youth ages 16 and up.
 - HB 2189: S. Tidwell noted that this bill is intended to create statutory provisions allowing a young person to reenter foster care.
- PRTF Concerns –
 - Heather Owens (DCF) stated there are some concerns, especially in Southeast Kansas, where children who have high mental health concerns are



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having law enforcement contact. She stated that this is because the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) have been rejecting juveniles even if they qualify from the screening process and was told that some youth are “too mentally ill for treatment”.

- M. Milner stated she believes that the phrase that a youth is “too mentally ill to receive mental health treatment” is concerning. She stated that this type of process ends up sending the youth to a correctional facility. She asked if the term “no eject no reject” practice was in the contract, Statute, or a policy of the PRTF.
- H. Owens stated that PRTF centers are privately owned and are not contracted with the state. She stated that because they are privately owned they are not required to accept these admissions.
- L. Bass stated that PRTFs have rejected admission of youth who are acute care from the acute care unit. She stated that she is a part of staffing meetings and the common piece is that PRTFs do not have the staff to accept youth at every level. She said if the youth is screened to be monitored at a one to one ratio, at times they will pass that youth for a youth who does not need as much individual monitoring.
- S. Tidwell stated that it would be a good idea to have a representative from KDADs as they regulate the PRTFs.
- Third Subcommittee Idea
 - This sub-committee will start to explore the struggles that agencies are having with PRTFs. The sub-committee will also start to explore the police protective custody processes.

Across the State

- Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC) Workgroup – M. Montgomery stated that there was a meeting with representatives from KJCC and foster care management providers. She said in this meeting, they outlined the protocols for youth who are in foster care and are sent to KJCC. She said these protocols were sent to representatives from each case management agency. She said the next step is to come together and discuss these protocols.
- Additional District Crossover Work
 - M. Montgomery stated that last month stakeholders from DCF, St. Francis, and Community Corrections from the 5th Judicial District met. She stated that they discussed the challenges they were facing with supervision and having weekly contacts. She stated they outlined a process for communication and collaborating. She stated she followed up and they have a monthly staffing meeting scheduled to ensure communication.
 - D. Browning stated that the ISO who is working part time as the CYPM coordinator continues to gather data regarding current probation cases. He stated she is gathering information for youth who are with Court Services and



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IIP and cross-referencing them with TFI. He said she is starting to bridge the gap between the agencies by communicating regarding cases.

Updates

- Engagement with pilot sites
 - MGCO
 - M. Montgomery stated MGCO had an in-person meeting and finished the protocol for youth who are in foster care and are arrested or cited. She stated that child welfare staff from St. Francis and Cornerstones joined the team to discuss the next pathway of youth who are receiving Family First or Family Preservation services in home. They identified specific challenges or gaps. Identified challenges are not having knowledge of HB2021 and using the CAFAS to refer youth to services offered in the juvenile justice system. Another challenge was providing services for youth who have mental health issues, specifically who would be best served in a PRTF. She said the last challenge was around PPC placements.
 - A. Miller stated that MGCO did a good job of not only identifying issues but coming up with solutions surrounding PPC challenges. She stated that they created information cards that families keep which has the name of the agency they are working with and their safety plan.
 - Sedgwick County (SGCO)
 - D. Olson stated the current protocols have been mapped out. SGCO is now in the process of updating these processes to increase communications between agencies.
 - Shawnee County (SNCO)
 - A. Brown stated they had an in person meeting to begin their new protocol for youth who are involved with Family Preservation or Family First and are taken to JIAC. IIP youth were inadvertently left off the original pathway so they will be reviewing this at the next meeting.
 - A. Miller stated that a statewide toolkit will be developed for when other counties are going to start implementing CYPM protocols.
- Subcommittee Updates
 - Policy Sub-Committee
 - A. Brown stated that they are continuing to work through DCF policy. She stated that there were three policies that were approved by the Permanency Advisory Committee. She will then take them to a few other individuals at DCF and then will be taken to the policy work group. The hope is that it will be a part of the DCF Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM) by July.



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○ Practice Sub-Committee

- M. Montgomery stated that they are working on a collaborative meeting structure. She stated that today they will be reviewing documents that were provided by SGCO. They will also be determining when staffings will need to take place based off the new use of the CAFAS. They are also reviewing the possibility of local coordinators and the job descriptions. They are still waiting on data to determine what location the local coordinator would be best used.

Presentation Opportunities

- D. Olson stated that the proposal to present at the KSDE Safe and Supportive Schools Conference in Manhattan, KS on April 15th and 16th was submitted.
- D. Olson reminded the team that if there are any other opportunities to please contact one of the state coordinators.

Future Meeting Dates

- Calls/meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10:00am-12:00pm. Subsequent dates include:
 - March 20st
 - April 17th

Subcommittee Breakouts (Agendas Below)

- Policy, Practice, Subcommittee 3



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Practice Subcommittee Agenda

Current Area of Focus

- “Develop guidelines for a collaborative meeting structure that supports team decision-making on crossover youth cases.”

• Discussion Items

- Review and make recommendations for documents.
 - Local Facilitator position description
 - The subcommittee reviewed and made recommendations for adding statements to the position description e.g., acting as the liaison between systems to develop and maintain relationships, advocating for consistency across agencies, being the face of CYPM, providing the community with awareness of CYPM.
 - Information sheet
 - The information sheet reviewed was specific to SGCO, where they utilize a separate tool to identify youth who fit the criteria for the Crossover MDTs.
 - The team discussed that the providers currently complete the CAFAS to identify youth who meet the criteria per HB2021. The CAFAS and referral is then sent to the specific judicial district. Each judicial district has a contact person, which is the Community Corrections director/supervisor in the district, who receives the CAFAS and referrals. With limited knowledge of programs provided by the Community Corrections agency in each judicial district, the individual(s) who complete the CAFAS and referrals discuss which service(s) would be appropriate for the youth with the director/supervisor who receives the CAFAS and referral.
 - Alex suggested there be a standing monthly meeting to discuss each referral and identify appropriate services. The meeting would include “standing” members such as the CAFAS assessor and Community Correction director/supervisor with knowledge of the community programs. In addition, case specific individuals from the community; mentoring agency, schools, etc. would be invited to attend the meeting and provide input.
 - Next steps



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- Solidify standing team members and case specific team members and make a recommendation regarding meeting frequency and facilitation.



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Policy Subcommittee Agenda

DCF Policy to Review – Policy 3110, 3207, and 3321 were approved by the Permanency Advisory Committee (PAC) and will be taken to the DCF Policy Team for review.

- **3040 Children in the Custody of KDOC-JS and DCF Simultaneously**
- **5940 Coordination with the Kansas Department of Corrections – Juvenile Services (KDOC-JS)**
- **5211 DCF Roles and Responsibilities**
- **3110 Case Management Safety and Risk**
- **3200 Development of the Case Plan**
- **3207 Case Plan Participants**
- **3209 Elements of a Case Plan**
- **3321 DCF and Child Welfare Case Management Provider Responsibility to the Court**
- **5030 Child Welfare Case Management Provider Screenings and Assessments**
- **5208 Case Management Provider Referral Responsibilities**
- **5212 Child Welfare Case Management Provider Roles and Responsibilities**
- **4245 Responsibilities When Child is Missing from Placement**