



State of Connecticut

Judicial Branch and Department of Children and Families



Joint Juvenile Justice Strategic Plan Executive Implementation Team Meeting October 8, 2009

Attendees: **The Honorable Christine Keller, The Honorable Toni Walker, Commissioner Susan Hamilton, Abby Anderson, Leo Arnone, Rudy Brooks, William Carbone, Hakima Bey-Coon, Teri DeFrancis, Cathy Foley Geib, Hal Gibber, Merva Jackson, Karl Kemper, Anne McIntyre-Lahner, Christine Rapillo, Joel Rosenberg, Martha Stone, Chief Jim Strillaci, Jon Swift, Dr. Steven Zuckerman**

Introductions were made. Dr. Zuckerman from The Department of Developmental Services will be attending in the place of Tammy Garris.

I. Local Interagency Service Teams

a. Identified LIST lead agency representatives

LIST lead agency contact information was distributed. Connecticut Youth Services Association will be covering Danbury, New Haven and Norwalk. They are in the process of identifying contacts on the local level so contact information is pending for those areas at this time.

b. LIST implementation and QA

Some FWSN Local Implementation Teams will fold themselves into the newly formed LIST teams and some teams will remain as individual functioning groups. A list of all FWSN Local Implementation Teams will be distributed to the LIST lead agencies in the near future.

Presiding Judges, Court Teams, Prosecutors, and Public Defenders should be regularly interacting with the LISTs. Judge Keller will send out a memo to the Judges to make them aware of the LISTs and their function and contact information.

A Listening Session with the DCF Detention Liaisons FWSN Supervisor, is scheduled for October 20th and a session with Parole Supervisors, Probation Supervisors, Emily J Area office Leads and CSSD Best Practice folks is being scheduled for mid to late November.

c. LIST kick-off meeting

The LIST kick-off meeting is scheduled for November 19th at 2 pm, a location has yet to be determined. Judge Keller, Commissioner Hamilton, William Carbone and Karl Kemper are all scheduled to attend and a "save the date" will be sent to all EIT members.

The Commissioner would like to determine a standard for communication between the EIT and the LIST groups and make it an agenda item for the kick-off meeting.

d. Update on local meetings

Local meetings are in the process of being scheduled. Cathy Foley Geib attended the local meeting in Bridgeport and she reported that the meeting went well and that the local representation is quite broad.

II. Updates

a. Raise the Age

Effective January 2010, sixteen year olds will be phased into the juvenile system and in 2012 the seventeen year olds will start to phase in. The JJPOCC will continue to meet and DCF is confident they are ready for both the sixteen and seventeen year olds.

The bond package came through and CJTS and the new Girls Facility are right on target. The Girls Facility is expected to open in April or May of 2011.

Judge Keller sent a summary and explanation of the RTA bill to all Judges. Judge Keller expressed concern regarding some areas she feels need to be addressed prior to Raise the Age. These include: communication, police training, sex offender services, and the amendment of documents. Fran Carino will be providing training to local police departments

CSSD will not have the amount of money expected in their "Other Expenses" account which was to help increase their network of services. There may be some court closures (Bristol, Norwalk, and Willimantic) and other cuts in law libraries and community services.

CSSD has started to post data and questions on their website.

Mr. Gibber requested that a Raise the Age Update be included as a standing agenda item for this group.

b. Family Support Centers

Existing Family Support Centers and CARE Centers will be maintained, but there will be no additional centers expected.

c. Confidentiality Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee identified areas of focus for the group as they move forward. Cathy Foley Geib and Anne McIntyre-Lahner will meet with Judge Keller in early November to collaborate further on the groups' primary goals and focus, which will include assuring that the group identifies real versus perceived barriers to information-sharing. The Sub-Committee will meet again on October 27th.

d. Connecticut Health Foundation

CSSD and Connecticut Health Foundation is now coordinated through the efforts of Cathy Foley Geib. Ms. Foley Geib will share with the EIT group at December's meeting a presentation of the McArthur Grant and what the grant entails.

e. Education Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

The Education Ad Hoc Sub-Committee continues to meet monthly and is in the process of engaging the LEA's statewide on the Superintendent level. Judge Keller, Commissioner Hamilton and Karl Kemper are scheduled to attend a regularly scheduled Superintendent meeting in November as part of this outreach process.

The goal of this committee is not completely clear at this point in time, but will be determined in the very near future via review of the outcomes and indicators in the plan.

f. Implementation Status Report

Cathy Foley Geib will send out an update on the Implementation Status Report via email and will also include a separate document with action steps and how they will be accomplished.

g. Cross Program Indicators Baseline Data Report

A Baseline Data Report was handed out for review. There is variation in data collection methods as well as the timeframe of data collection across agencies. The data in the report was readily available and additional data may take more time to collect. The report in December should be much more robust.

A report on what indicators are and are not available, what data we have or do not have and what data we are in the process of collecting will be generated by the sub-committee.

In the future the LISTS may be able to help in collecting data not readily available elsewhere.

The Cross Program Indicators Sub-Committee is looking at this data and other cross program indicators to determine what may be missing and what may be combined.

Representative Walker highlighted the importance of include, age, race and geographic information in any reporting strategy, and suggested that the Burns Foundation data tool may be useful.

III. Coordination with Existing Groups

a. Juvenile Justice Alliance

Abby Anderson updated the group on role that the Alliance hopes to have in supporting the newly formed LISTS. The Alliance is also actively working with Valerie LaMotte on Disproportionate Minority Contact efforts as well as participating in numerous Education Sub-Committees and workgroups.

Alliance community breakfast have been successful to date, and EIT members are welcome to attend any and all meeting.

b. Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee

No update was given as Valerie LaMotte did not attend the meeting.

If any members of the group have any no or low cost ideas on legislation, please email the

Commissioner or Judge Keller do that they can be reviewed and the process can start now.

c. DCF FWSN Efforts

Rudy Brooks explained that the FWSN Unit is now in the Prevention Bureau. The DCF and CSSD MOA will be updated soon.

The Wilderness School in conjunction with the FWSN unit will start a program for FWSN youth focusing on diversion.

d. Youth Policy Council

Jon Swift gave an overview of the YPC and the relation it has to the Youth Committee of CETC . The YPC has been incorporated into the pre-existing Youth Committee of the CETC creating a more organized and simple structure of the state's entities for youth policy. Major state agencies participate, and Steve Grant and Gene Marchand represent CSSD and DCF, respectively.

There is a pilot project in the works with YSB's in three sites, Hartford, Waterbury and a consortium of seven towns in the state's Northeastern region. The pilot is an RBA based initiative that will focus on strategic planning for positive youth development.

e. Connecticut Youth Services Association

Joel Rosenberg updated the group on YSB activity and explained that the YSB's that are a part of the LISTS are excited and eager to get started. He spoke about "KidTracks" which is a data tracking tool being considered for the existing 58 JRBs. The CYSA is hoping to roll it out next month. CYSA is working on a JRB training to be held in January, and are working with OWC and the Charter Oak Group on RBA.

f. Parent Advocacy Groups

Merva Jackson recapped the AFCAMPS memberships and initiatives. AFCAMP was recently funded by the Federal Office of Special Education Programs to develop a Community Parent Resource and Information Center in New Haven and Hartford. These centers will serve families raising children with disabilities up to age twenty-one.

Hal Gibber from FAVOR spoke about FAVOR's Family Liaisons and that they are very well utilized. FAVOR is also working with other groups to develop a family engagement training curriculum. FAVOR is also involved in the Transformation Grant Wraparound Project in Bridgeport and Bristol, and is excited to participate in the LISTS.

As time was a factor, agenda item IV. Implementation of Additional Priority Strategies and agenda item V. Other Items for Discussion, had to be tabled until the next meeting in December.

The December meeting will be held on December 3rd, rather than December 17th and the location is pending at this time.

**Next Meeting:
December 3, 2009**

Respectfully Submitted: Carla Konsevich