

MINUTES
PROBLEM SOLVING IN FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATE COURT NEW HAVEN PILOT
IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
Case Management and Evaluation Workgroup
DECEMBER 7, 2009

The Problem Solving in Family Support Magistrate Court, New Haven Pilot, Case Management and Evaluation Workgroup met at Support Enforcement Services Office, 414 Chapel Street, New Haven.

Those in attendance: Chief Family Support Magistrate Sandra Sosnoff Baird, Family Support Magistrate Linda T. Wihbey, Mr. Joseph Greelish, Mr. Tom Horan, Mr. David Iaccarino, Ms. Dalia Panke, Ms. Yosley Saxton. Mr. Brian Coco attended as guest.

Family Support Magistrate Linda T. Wihbey convened the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

1. The minutes for the meeting of November 24, 2009 were accepted as amended.
2. Magistrate Wihbey reviewed the objectives of the workgroup and the status of each objective: criteria for eligibility; referral methodology; role of Support Enforcement Officer, and the evaluation of outcomes and database.
3. Magistrate Wihbey reviewed the criteria for eligibility and the summarized the guidelines to be used in evaluating. Mr. Greelish completed a draft of the referral tear off sheet, and discussion and recommendations were developed. It was decided to develop a script for use by the court in referring to the Problem Solving docket.
4. Magistrate Wihbey then addressed outcome evaluation and presented a series of proposed measures: amounts collected; appearance rate; collection rate; order appropriateness; parental access and visitation; program referrals, attendance and completion as well as increase in available programs; and satisfaction with services. The parameters for the measures were discussed, and further research or development defined. Other statistics to be gathered were defined, including numbers of cases referred, number of cases accepted, number of referrals to agencies, number of referrals to Court Service Centers.
5. Workgroup members defined documentation to be completed prior to the Team Meeting on January 5, to be circulated for review.

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.