

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of CJCC

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INRE: Progress of Juvenile Justice Subcommittee

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Juvenile Justice Subcommittee Progress

Since the CJCC last met, there has been ongoing discussion as to the direction of the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee. At the present time, the Subcommittee consists of numerous social service agencies, private citizens, and the juvenile justice system that encompasses both delinquency and abuse and neglect systems. This group will meet quarterly at the offices of the Child Advocacy Center. I have attached the minutes of the last meeting held on March 12.

It is anticipated that individuals that are members of this subcommittee will not only be apprised of pending legislation, grant activity, data collection and programming that is available to the population of youth that are involved with the juvenile justice system but also be asked to assist in areas of legislation, grant activity, data collection and programming.

***JA /Child Welfare Roundtable
Meeting Notes
March 12, 2010***

Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb welcomed all those in attendance and led introductions.

William Scanlon gave an update on the Child Protection Court data collection project:

The purpose of the data collection and analysis is:

The help determine, document and plan for the development and implementation of a state-wide uniform data collection and case tracking methodology, designed to capture specific information related to child abuse, neglect, and dependency cases.

Participating counties – Cook, Kankakee, Madison, McHenry, McLean and Winnebago

Project goals:

- Adopt and implement the nine national key child protection court performance measures
- Establish a manual data collection process within each site
- Report performance measurement outcomes
- Move to an automated data collection process

The nine initial data collection points:

1. Percentage of children who are abused or neglected while under court jurisdiction
2. Percentage of children who are abused or neglected within 12 months after case closure
3. Percentage of children in foster care who reach legal permanency by reunification, adoption, legal guardianship or other measure
4. Percentage of cases in which all hearings were heard by one judicial officer
5. Percentage of cases in which both parents receive written service of process of the original petition
6. Average (median) time from the filing of the original petition to permanency
7. Average (median) time from the filing of the original petition to adjudication

8. Average (median) time from the filing of the original petition to first permanency hearing
9. Average (median) time from filing of the original petition to the termination of parental rights

There will be an intern hired to conduct the data collection. There will be a site visit from the AOIC and NCSC on May 11 and 12 to observe court and interview the JA court team.

Randy Macak and Dennis McGuire gave an overview of some of the Court Services initiatives:

- Redeploy Illinois – the goal of Redeploy is to keep those juveniles who would otherwise be sentenced to the Department of Juvenile Justice within the community and provide treatment and therapy options to the juvenile and family. The focus is to create a plan that “wraps” services around the defendant. The initial efforts are under study, and when an evaluation is ready, it will be distributed to all members of this committee.
- Minority Youth Outreach Program (MYOP) – this program is an extension of the juvenile detention alternatives initiative (JDAI) which examines the disproportionate minority representation in the juvenile justice system. The initial outreach by Court Services was designed to improve the percentage of minority parents who cooperate with diversionary services. Court Services is partnering with Many Hands Mentoring (Central Point Church) to present information to the various minority communities. The program has been working since September 2009, with a review scheduled in April 2010.

There was discussion and questions regarding both programs.

Evelyn Young spoke about her role as director of the Bloomington/Normal Boys and Girls Club. They have about 440 children between the ages of 5-18, and offer both afterschool and summer programs.

All programs:

Track grades and behavior in school

Offer courses in skill building and job training

Partner with other social services and community agencies to provide employment and training opportunities

More information can be found at their website; www.bgcb-n.org

Judy Renner discussed a couple of CAC activities – April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. There will be training at the Parke Hotel (Bloomington) on April 19 regarding the impact of sexual abuse on children. Additionally, a seminar will be held on child welfare issues on June 18 in Pontiac.

Topics for discussion for the next JA/Child Welfare meeting were discussed. Next meeting – report from Project OZ on programs and activities; legislation moving oversight of the DJJ to DCFS; and a report on proposed legislation moving oversight of persons on parole to Court Services.

Next JA/Child Welfare Meeting: **June 11, 2010 at 12:00 Noon**
Children’s Advocacy Center

