

REINVESTMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE JJOC

Minutes

June 24, 2019

Conference Call

Members via Phone:

Shanelle Dupree, Kevin Emerson, Max Mendoza, Megan Milner, Melody Pappan, Delia York

Members Absent:

Lara Blake Bors

Committee Support:

Jennifer Christie, CJI

Karyl-Ann Roehl

The call began at 10:35 am. Attendance was taken and the results are shown above.

Jennifer had sent out the first version of the Reinvestment Subcommittee Plan prior to the call. The plan is divided into four groups: 1) In Process, 2) Upcoming, 3) Exploring, 4) DCF Requests. Due to time constraints, we started with the request from DCF.

There is a feeling there has been an increase in crossover youth since the implementation of SB367, although we lack data to support the notion. These youth tend to be older and with problematic behaviors foster homes are ill-equipped to deal with. We will need data to make decisions about these processes, and we hope Georgetown can provide guidance on gathering the data we need. We want to make sure we have removed barriers preventing youth from getting services and this may require legislative action.

The contract in place for Family Functional Therapy (FFT) services states services are available for youth on probation. It is not the right program for youth in and out of the home. Shanelle would like to have services in place before the youth is removed from the home, as we want to keep them in the home when possible. Judge York asked if the youth is already involved in DCF's family preservation services, what else would we offer? Would those services be replaced? Shanelle replied they could be replaced, mostly because family preservation services are not for all families. We lack programs that may replace those services and be a better fit for families.

While everyone agrees with the concept, we will need more detailed information about the target populations along with supporting data. We agreed to talk more about this at our upcoming meeting Thursday, June 27th.

Programs listed in the In-Process section of the plan are those already happening. Two million dollars goes to KDADS for the crisis intervention beds, and KDOC would like to know what can be funded through Medicaid. Judge York noted Johnson County has withdrawn its application for crisis beds due to confusion and delays in getting these set up. Jennifer suggested with ask someone from KDADS to talk with us about the crisis centers. She will contact them about sending someone to talk with us. Megan said the regulations are published and she will send them out to everyone.

Megan thought she may have a better estimate for the YLS Screening entry. The Family Engagement entry should be doubled to \$200,000.00.

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Jennifer checked with Randy Bowman about the figure for the National Juvenile Defense Center and he thought her estimate seems fair. Following their study, this group will make recommendations.

Jennifer has talked with KBI staff and the Sentencing Commission about data support. The KBI repository houses the data we will use to determine recidivism rates. There are problems with access and KBI data sharing. Further, the KBI cannot analyze the data. We may need to run this by the Oversight Committee.

Juvenile Services has been talking with Microsoft about replacing their legacy systems with a product called Microsoft Youth Offender. This system would be used by all juvenile justice-involved frontline staff and is easily interfaced with OJA's new system. It may interface with DCF's system(s) as well. Discussions about this project are ongoing.

The legislature is really focused on mental health services. There are funds available for evaluations in the reinvestment grants, yet community mental health centers may or may not be using evidence-based practices. Jennifer will talk to KDADS and providers about the best way to utilize these funds.

Sen. Pettey asks we look at a program called the Attachment Bio-Behavioral Catch-up Program or ABC. This is a program geared toward juvenile offenders who have children 6 - 18 months old. Juvenile Services does not collect data about our offenders who have children, so the extent of this population is unknown. Judge York mentioned Johnson County has a Teen Fathers class. We will investigate this further.

Megan is getting ready to send out instructions for completing JCAB reports. Instead of asking districts to list their needs, she is asking them to prioritize their top one or two needs. She is also asking about local services for crossover youth. A dollar amount range for this item will be noted on the plan, probably \$2 - \$5 million. Jennifer will write a letter to accompany the plan.

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