

Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

2/19/21 Minutes

Date and Time: February 19, 2021 from 9:00 am - Noon

Location: ZOOM Meeting

Approved: April 16, 2021

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Committee Members in Attendance: Shanelle Dupree, Judge Delia York, Lara Blake-Bors, Hope Cooper, Kate Davis, Rep. Gail Finney, Don Heimer, Max Mendoza, Megan Milner, Melody Pappan, Sen. Pat Pettey, Amy Raymond, Mary Snipes, Stephanie Springer, Janet Waugh,

Committee Member Designees:

Criminal Justice Institute:

Jennifer Christie

Committee Support:

Nancy Burghart

KOMA statement was read. Shanelle Dupree called the meeting to order and the roll call was taken.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Peggy Pratt from Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services (15th, 17th & 23rd Judicial Districts) *this encompasses 17 counties gave a presentation as a Reinvestment Grant Recipient. There have been 123 youths that have gone through the Forward Thinking program. This group is also doing the Parent Project. The Parent Project has had over 100 parents participate in this class. The focus of this class is to help the parents. "If we can help the parents, we won't end up having their children. The class meets numerous parental needs: Resource acquisitions, Food Pantry, Rides to appointments and helping with basics like food, providing heat, clothing. Some of the program outcome data is as follows for the 123 participants.

- 100% of the youth were living at home at the completion of the program.
- 94% were in school and/or working at program completion.
- 82% of youth with no new arrests at completion of program.
- 94% no new arrest 1 year after completion of program
- 80% of youth successfully completed the program.

Jordan Schmeidler the family engagement officer for Hays spoke on the program. He talked about Jake, a youth in the program. Jake has ISP, he is a constant repeat offender and have some pretty significant anger issues. Jakes anger seems to be focused on his dad and his dad not being in his life. Jakes bike broke and his dad was not there to fix it. This caused Jake a lot of anxiety and anger. It was his mode of transportation and not having it effected many areas of his life he was struggling in and it just exacerbated the anger. This was all discovered because of a journal that the kids keep in the Forward Thinking program. The engagement officers got Jake a new bike. This really helped his anger and his anxiety. His mother reports that Jake is doing so much better. Jordan stated that "Nothing changes if nothing changes". The biggest benefit that most parents say about the Parent Project is the amount of support they receive from the other parents.

Hope Cooper expressed her gratitude and kudos to Jordan and Peggy.

Legislative Updates:

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- Senator Pettey spoke about the Governor wanting to sweep the Reinvestment Funds (\$42 million) in her budget recommendation.
- The Senate is looking at maintaining ½ of the Reinvestment Funds (\$21 million)
- There are some bills of note that effect juveniles
SB3 same as HB2026 passed. They have to do with certified drug treatment.
SB8 deals with Good Time Allowances.
- Senator Pettey did speak with Rep. Russ Jennings. They are wanting to appropriate \$1 million for and \$500,000 for grants. Rep. Jennings is concerned that Juvenile Corrections is getting pushed deeper and deeper into the KDOC budget. The KDOC is only providing \$54,000 in this years budget for juvenile corrections.

Hope Cooper provided the KDOC response: We have \$21.7 million in programs and a base allocation of \$14.3 million. That is a difference of \$7 million left over. The programs that we have can be covered by the allocation.

Hope asked Keith Bradshaw to get onto the meeting and explain how money is received.

There are three methods we use to move funds are moved from the youth residential center (YRC) and juvenile correctional facility (JCF) appropriations to the Evidence-Based Programs fund (EBP).

1. First, each year unspent funds in YRC and/or JCF will carry forward to the next fiscal year (reappropriate). This amount varies and is considered one-time money. When the new fiscal year starts, KDOC transfers these funds to the EBP. The \$54,000 that has been frequently referenced is savings from last fiscal year that reappropriated. Additionally, the \$42 million identified to be swept is the accumulation of these one-time monies the roll forward year after year.
2. The second method is to transfer projected savings in the current fiscal year to the EBP.
3. The third method is to adjust allocations internally, moving projected savings into the EBP for the budget that is considered in the upcoming legislative session and ultimately building that reallocation into the base appropriation. This is how the annual appropriation has gone from \$500,000 to \$14.3 million, which becomes available for use each year on July 1.

Senator Pettey said that JJOC really needs to answer the question that legislators want to know, Where is the money going? We need to hear from more providers like we did today and the stories out there.

Don Heimer: The JJOC is not approved to spend money. The JJOC can only make recommendations and those recommendations must go through the budget process.

Representative Finney state that funds are available for JCABs but no one is applying for it.

Senator Petty asked the question What are the obstacles preventing people from applying? There are plenty of opportunities.

Representative Finney asked, Have we ever sat down with the Appropriations Committee?

Kate Davis expressed for the Governor's Office their position as to what is happening with the funds and it getting lost in the budget process.

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Lara Blake-Bors, a member of the 25th Jud. JCAB: There are not enough individuals qualified to properly implement these programs. If you don't have the necessary and qualified people to carry out these programs, you can't ask for the money.

Shanelle on reviving the Reinvestment Committee: If you are interested in being involved with the sub-committee please let us know. Jen Christie would be happy to help revive this committee. Judge York oversees this committee.

Senator Pettey: Capacity and Sustainability – These are what we always need to justify. They need to be included in everything JJOC considers.

Jen Christie: Do not change the legislative language.

Kate Davis: The Governor wants a fiscally responsible and balanced budget.

Keith Bradshaw: The \$42 million in question, the balance of unspent money. There is still \$14.3 million each year plus what carries over. We are talking 2 different pots of money.

Presentation: Tanya Keys. Deputy Secretary Kansas Department for Children and Families discussed the history of JCIC (Juvenile Justice Crisis Intervention Centers) and where progress is regarding implementation. *handouts distributed earlier.

Shanelle: We need to clarify what our ask is.

Don Heimer: We already have a community/local response system. We need more money to make brick & mortar for beds an option. Cooling beds and respite beds can be implemented with childcare regs as they exist.

Project Updates:

Athena (Hope Cooper)– Biggest thing is Athena will have easier data retrieval and sharing of information with other systems. It is estimated to go live the first part of April.

CYPM (Michelle Montgomery)

Brainstorming solutions for problems

Will assist with challenges in dealing with cross county cases.

Working on information sharing

Cross county communications

Challenges facing schools because of the pandemic.

Looking towards listening groups in the counties. It will be on a virtual platform.

Odyssey (Amy Raymond) Process of rolling out Odyssey. Right now “Full Court” is their current system. It is county by county. Odyssey is statewide. (Tyler Supervision). Once implemented there will be consistency and ease of pulling reports. Tyler Supervision should go live with the first track in August with subsequent tracks following quickly. Tyler Supervision gives the entire court case hearing picture,

Re-investment (Hope Cooper)

- Agreement with OJA CYPM position
- Megan Milner is the new Superintendent for KJCC.
- KDOC is looking at how Central Office is structured at this time.

1. Phased Implementation
2. Base Allocation is separate - \$14.3 million, any unexpended funds comes back to us in the evidence-based fund. **Unexpended funds is one time funds.**
3. Year to date \$18.1 million has been spent, more has been allocated.

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4. Keith Bradshaw is willing to be part of the reinvestment subcommittee.

Discussion of JJOC Sustainability: Jen Christie's contract is up at the end of the year (fiscal). Jen has 60 hours left on her contract. It takes approximately 6-8 hours of work per meeting for Jen. Nancy will be taking over compiling the meeting agendas. Jen's suggestion for the JJOC Committee would be to hire 1 or 2 staff for administrative support. Hope seconded this suggestion as the KDOC administrative support is already taxed and cannot take over a full-time position.

Lara Blake-Bors agrees that suggestion makes the most sense. The committee needs someone able to track legislation.

Don Heimer asked if we have the budget for this?

Amy Raymond asked How would this person report to this committee? Would KDOC hire them?

Hope Cooper shared concerns with this group becoming a KDOC committee if KDOC hires the position.

More In-depth discussion is needed on the personnel and support person issue:

Shanelle wanted to know "Do we need a committee to form some recommendations"?

Don stated that JJOC needs to define what authority the JJOC actually has. What is the JJOC and is there a value?

Hope made a motion to form a Sustainability Committee to review structure, cost, authority and purpose of the JJOC. This was seconded by Max Mendoza. Amendment to make it ad hoc and add outside members was made by Don Heimer. Hope and Max accepted the amendment.

Some members had left the meeting by this point and Shanelle asked if we still had a quorum? Jen responded that we did as we still had 12 members on.

A chair of the subcommittee will be determined at a later time.

Discussion about the National Juvenile Defender Center Presentation

- JJOC can't apply for the grant
- What can JJOC do to move the report forward?

Jen responded that we only have 10 minutes left in the meeting.

New Business:

- Meeting with KAG to discuss racial disparities and the Governor's report.
- Progeny asked to become Ex-Officio members. We have not had ample opportunity to delve into doing this. We aren't ignoring the request but want to make sure it gets the proper attention that it needs.
- Hope asked Nancy to reach out to Sean Christie to have him present the RED data report that he presented to KAG. Nancy will reach out to Sean.

Max made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Hope 2nd it. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

Next Meeting: April 16th meeting 9:00 am – Noon.

Please send agenda items to Nancy Burghart.



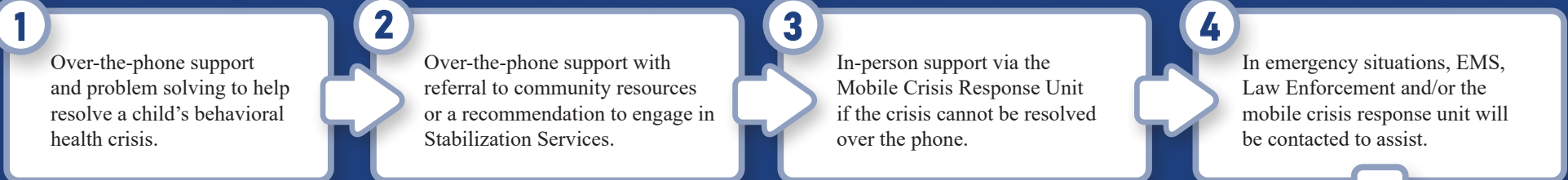
Kansas Family Crisis Response Services

Crisis Helpline and Mobile Response assists families at all of the times and locations convenient for them. Services are available for all children in Kansas ages 0-18 and any child in foster care up to age 21. This new array of services is designed to help Kansas families when they need it the most.



Child Behavioral Health Crisis Helpline

Anytime, anywhere support! Trained professionals answer the Helpline **24/7, 365 days a year**. Callers are provided with one or more of the following services:



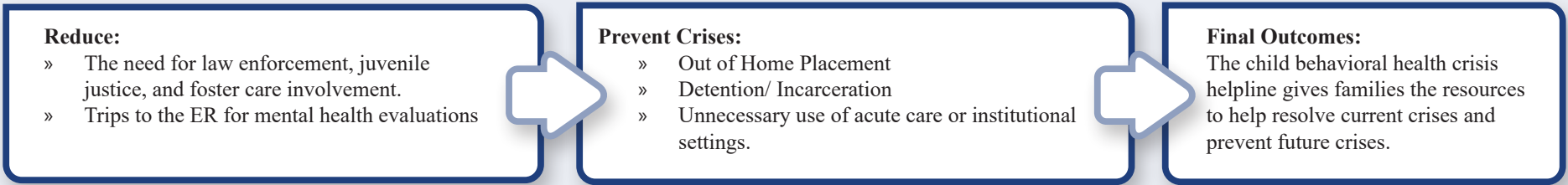
5 Mobile Crisis Response Unit

The Mobile Crisis Response Unit can be deployed to anywhere a child is experiencing a crisis.



6 Stabilization Services

Stabilization Services provided up to 8 weeks. These services work with the individual and their family, caregiver or safety/lifetime network to identify skills and resources that include formal and informal supports. Service providers complete referrals and ensure timely access and delivery of community-based services.



Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM)
Report to: The Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee
February 19, 2021

Submitted by: Michelle Montgomery, Crossover Youth Practice Coordinator

State Policy Team

The entire membership continues to meet every month. January the team brainstormed solutions for six specific challenges identified regarding cross-county case:

1. Variance in how intake is processed and decision-making within each jurisdiction.
2. Inconsistent communication between intake and foster care providers.
3. Supervision of cross-county cases – specifically educating staff about requesting a change in venue.
4. Ability to utilize DCF form 5120 (Notification of Move/Placement) to inform additional stakeholders of a youth's moves/changes placement.
5. The ability for youth to acquire services when a case is open in two counties.
6. Staff lack understanding regarding processes for youth residing on reservations who come into the custody of the state due to committing a crime.

Increasing Stakeholder Knowledge of CYPM

Staff from CJJR along with the State Coordinators will present information on CYPM on the following dates:

2/23/2021 – Statewide Interagency Advisory Board

4/21/2021 – Best Practices in Child Welfare

Information Sharing Workgroup

These workgroup members are developing a toolkit listing relevant child welfare and juvenile justice codes with a brief descriptor that supports information sharing. The toolkit will be provided to jurisdictions for guidance.

Prevention Workgroup

The group has narrowed the first focus of its work to developing strategies to open up lines of communication across agencies and providers. This issue was selected because it is one of the prominent underlying issues of other challenges identified.

Education Subcommittee

As a result of the pandemic, two new challenges have arisen that this team would like to assist schools in addressing and/or developing interventions; a decrease in this year's school registration has left children unaccounted for, and anecdotal evidence from the AG's Office indicating a dramatic increase in the rate of suicides.

Pilot Site - Montgomery County

The system assessment has been completed, and recommendations from CJJR are under review by the local team. Recommendations were made around developing protocols for identifying and case management of cross-over youth, information sharing, developing joint service tracking systems, collecting aggregate baseline data, designing training curricula to provide "101" information across systems, and identifying and developing strategies for 'at-risk' population to reduce the likelihood of their involvement in either system (e.g, youth who run away).

Pilot Site - Shawnee County

The system assessment will be completed this month. CJJR will develop recommendations which will then be reviewed by the local team.

Continued Support for Sedgwick County

The system assessment has been completed, and CJJR has provided recommendations for the team to consider. The team began reviewing the recommendations during last month's meeting and will continue their review this month. *(To learn more about these recommendations, contact Michelle Montgomery, email below)*

For additional details about CYPM and information regarding past and upcoming meetings of the State Policy Team visit <https://www.doc.ks.gov/juvenile-services/crossover-youth-practice-model> or contact Michelle Montgomery, Crossover Youth Practice Coordinator at michelle.montgomery@ks.gov