

REINVESTMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE JJOC

Minutes

February 25, 2019 at 8:30 am
KDOC, Small Conference Room

Members Present: Kathy Armstrong, Max Mendoza, Megan Milner, Melody Pappan

Members via Phone: Kevin Emerson, Judge Delia York

Members Absent: Laura Blake Bors

Visitors:

Mike Fonkert from Kansas Appleseed

Committee Support:

Jennifer Christie, CJI

Karyl-Ann Roehl

1) Welcome and Roll Call

The meeting began at 8:37 am. Attendance was taken and the results are shown above.

2) Approval of Minutes from 01/22/19 Meeting

Megan moved, and Kathy seconded, the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

3) A Plan for Use of Reinvestment Funds

Jennifer described her vision of making a “plan for the plan” due in August. Our concerns are costs, a timeline, the steps we need to take to realize the plan, and sustainability. It is important to the legislature we show how long we can sustain the programs we are implementing. Kathy asked how far out we are projecting, which we are unsure of today.

In addition to the funds in the reinvestment account today, Kathy said we need to consider the money to be realized. The money going in to the reinvestment account now is from a reduction in placements and a reduction in population at KJCC. Contributions to the account will decrease over time. Jennifer suggested we look at the amount of money we have now and determine how long it will last. We need projections on family engagement and JCAB work. Keith Bradshaw of KDOC can help with the projections.

Judge York said we are not getting good feedback on the JCAB issue. They seem unaware of the importance of their role in juvenile justice. Judge Foster wants to see more money distributed locally to meet the needs of communities. How do we get judicial districts to the table if JCABs fail to participate? Allowing the public to present their ideas is one avenue. Judge York says the level of frustration is high and we need judge buy-in. She thinks public proposals is a good idea.

Jennifer suggested meetings across the state, at multiple locations, to pursue public input. CJI has created a reinvestment toolkit and there are parts in it we can use.

Max would like to have a list of programs judicial districts are using that are working. That information could be shared with judicial districts across the state. YLS data was handed out at the last AC meeting, and they were asked to let Megan know what their needs are. She received very

few replies. It would be ideal to receive information from ACs on their program likes and dislikes. Information on measurement, successes and outcomes of their programs would be helpful. Judge York said the reform emphasis was on statewide changes, yet districts do not talk together about what is working and what is not. All districts should offer some sort of cognitive behavioral programming, yet some districts do not have the number of youth at a certain risk level to form these groups.

Jennifer said we should 1) reach out to the judicial districts to see which ones do not have CBT, why and how we can help them get it; 2) solicit from judicial districts one-page summaries about their programs that work; 3) bundle that information with items from the CJI toolkit and send it out to juvenile justice stakeholders; 4) schedule a time for ACs and chief CSOs to get together and share program information.

At AC meetings, we will ask directors to share their program information, and we will ask them what programs they want to know more about. The next meeting is March 6th at KDOC.

By statute, there are three areas reinvestment money can be used: 1) evidence-based programs; 2) intake and IIP, 3) training on evidence-based programs. Homegrown programs sometimes work the best. We can check each program to see if it adheres to best practices and if it is promising.

4) Public Proposals for Reinvestment Funds

The JJOC approved of allowing public proposals and sent the topic back to us to determine a process. We need to decide how the meetings for these will be run, what areas of the state these meetings should be held, how we interface with court services, and the structure of the application request. We also need to discuss how the funding dollars will flow, for example, through county governments.

This group will vet the applications, then take them to the JJOC for final approval. We will need a mechanism for communicating when the decision will be made and when the money will be funded. Max asked if we would allow other ways to get proposals other than at public meetings, as we may not need a face-to-face on each one. Kathy recommended we post proposal requirements on the KDOC website. Mike said we could start out on a quarterly basis, or even monthly for the first year; then presentations could be backed down to annually.

Some proposals may not have reached the status of an evidence-based program. Those will be evaluated using best practice guidelines. OJJDP's "iGuide" might be a resource to help with that. There are also links in the reinvestment grant information. Megan will send those links out.

Moving forward, Megan will send out the RFP for reinvestment funds to committee members. Mike knows some people who might be able to complete a sample proposal for us. Jennifer and Mike will work on the application, and Jennifer and K-A will work on the mechanics of how the process will work.

Melody asked if the state can provide programs, like MRT, in areas without it now. Mike mentioned we may want to engage with communities about need first.

5) Family Engagement

a. Parent Project Training

KDOC has submitted a Prior Authorization package to the Department of Administration for approval. We are planning for four trainings starting in August 2019. We want community

corrections and court services to attend the first training. Family engagement was briefly discussed at the last AC meeting.

This committee agrees we can pay for the “parent” books. We also talked about paying for lodging for attendees. No decision was made. No long-term contract has been discussed yet, so Mike will talk to Crittendon about continuing with an annual training after the initial implementation.

b. Family Engagement Training

Mike reported Crittendon supplied him with quotes based on the number of days of training. For ten trainings over two weeks, the cost is \$25,000 + additional miscellaneous expenses. They are willing to present any version we decide we want. The one-day version is not ideal. They usually have 25-30 attendees per session and can have up to 50. There is a training in March we can visit if we want to. Crittendon has presented this training to district attorneys, legal aid staff, and others. Mike will ask if they provide train-the-trainer trainings. Food costs still need to be explored.

Melody feels this training should be required. To require the training, it would have to be put into KDOC/JS standards. Megan thinks family engagement might already be in standards. We need a list of all needing to be trained and where they are from. The list would include judges, district attorneys, guardians’ ad litem, community corrections, court services, JCABs, intake staff, Juvenile Services staff, etc. K-A mentioned using the JS Weblines mailing list as it reaches most of juvenile justice stakeholders in Kansas. She also suggested reviewing the training numbers of the 2016 SB367 trainings held around the state. Using these lists, we will try to determine how many people will need to go through the training.

Jennifer and Megan will talk with Keith Bradshaw to get projections on the Parent Project and the possible FTE positions we have been discussing. Mike will ask Crittendon if they have ever done CLEs before.

c. Survey of Parents

Jennifer handed out the latest draft of the survey for families. Her goal while writing the questions was to get from families their attitude toward the juvenile justice system. The survey may also reveal to us what information parents need, yet are not getting. We want to ask parents what help they needed and did not receive. One of the questions will ask, “How well did you understand the role of...police, lawyers, judges, community corrections, court services, intake, probation staff, advocate, county attorney, defense attorney, prosecuting attorney, etc....” We also want to ask parents how well they understood their role. We might ask, “Do you feel you were included as a parent?” or “Were you provided with information on the juvenile justice system? By who?” We will also ask what the survey takers relationship is to the child. We will delete questions 6 and 7. Last, we will ask them if there is anything they want to tell us about the experiences.

Jennifer will update the survey and send it out to everyone. Melody made the motion the revised survey be approved. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K-A said she has the list of language translators the State is under contract with to use. Megan said there is an employee at KJCC who translates Spanish for them. After the survey is finalized, we will pursue a Spanish version.

d. Potential Outcome Measures

Megan handed out performance measures she came up with based on four areas:

1. State Outcome Measures
2. Reducing responsivity by building a partnership with family members by collaborating with them and seeking their insight and perspective
3. Increase family support systems
4. Performance-based Standards

Melody handed out a Rate Form the officer uses to track points determining the parent's engagement level. It was suggested we add a measure of "percent of families who feel the probation officer values their opinion."

e. State Family Engagement Coordinator Positions (2)

These positions are not available yet. Melody reminded us these people will need six months of training to learn the system inside and out. Megan asked if we could contract out for filling these positions. Jennifer will check with CJJ and Megan will consider the Vera Institute.

f. Pilot in Five Judicial Districts

Larger judicial districts may need a family engagement coordinator in both community corrections and court services. (JO, WY, SG) Other districts will only need one. We talked about how this is going to look. The family engagement coordinator will need to work with probation officers from both KDOC and OJA. Melody reminded us the family engagement coordinator works with the parents, not so much with the youth. In Melody's district, referrals are received from community corrections and court services officers. It is key that officers make referrals. KDOC can transfer funds to OJA to pay for the position on their side.

Megan will select five judicial districts for a pilot and will contact each director about participating. We will want to track sources of referrals throughout the pilot.

Jennifer suggested once the pilot participants are identified, they visit Melody's district to observe. She asked us all to think about what we need to provide for the pilot.

Due to time constraints, we were unable to discuss the remaining agenda items:

- JCABS
- Data Subcommittee (There is a meeting, 02/26/2019.)
- Court Services YLS Data

Our next meeting is 03/22/2019. The agenda for our next meeting will cover planning the pilot, public proposals, and plans for use of reinvestment funds.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

ASSIGNMENTS

Jennifer

- Work with Mike to create a template for a one-page summary from each JD about programs they feel are working.
- Work with Mike on creating an application to request a public presentation to the JJOC.
- Work with K-A on the work process of public presentations.
- Talk to Amy about the possible family engagement positions.
- Check with CJJ about contracting out family engagement positions.

Megan

- She will find out if the reinvestment account pays interest.
- Megan and Jennifer will meet with Keith Bradshaw (KDOC) to obtain projections for planning the use of reinvestment funds.
- She will reach out to judicial districts who do not have cognitive-based therapy available to them, and ask how we can help them get it.
- Send links out of reinvestment grant information to committee members.
- Send committee members the reinvestment funds RFP.
- Check with the Vera Institute about contracting out family engagement positions.
- Identify five judicial districts for a family engagement pilot.

Mike

- Ask Crittendon about training over the long term, maybe once or twice a year after implementation.
- Ask Crittendon if they give train-the-trainer training and if they have done CLEs before.
- Work with Jennifer to create a template for a one-page summary from each JD about programs they feel are working.

K-A

- Look up SB367 training information and give to Megan.
- Once finalized, pursue Spanish translation of the survey for parents.

Kevin

- Contact Amy or Chris for a list of CSOs statewide.

All

- Be thinking about who needs to be trained on family engagement so a comprehensive list can be created.

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