

REINVESTMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE JJOC

Minutes

June 3, 2019

KDOC, Small Conference Room

Members Present: Shanelle Dupree, Megan Milner, Max Mendoza, Melody Pappan, Delia York

Members via Phone: Mike Fonkert from Kansas Appleseed

Members Absent: Laura Blake Bors, Kevin Emerson

Committee Support:

Jennifer Christie, CJI

Karyl-Ann Roehl

The meeting began at 8:47 am. Attendance was taken and the results are shown above.

Approval of Minutes from March and May 2019 Meetings

Melody moved the minutes be approved as written. Megan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Introductions

We welcomed our new member, Shanelle Dupree from DCF, to our committee. We went around the table to introduce ourselves and provide brief comments on what we do.

Reinvestment Funds

Megan handed out a list of Reinvestment Fund Budgeted Items. There are four line items still in process: sex offender assessment, reinvestment grants, CYPM for two districts, and CYPM project managers.

Georgetown Crossover Youth Model

We talked about which counties we want to approach about being part of the pilot. We will select three counties, in addition to the participation of Sedgwick County, and Megan will contact them about being involved in the pilot. At a minimum, we want an urban county and a rural county. Megan handed out a list of Kansas counties with the number of families and children served and their intake numbers. Shanelle will get some family preservation numbers for us. Jen said the model includes three definitions of crossover youth:

1. Crossover
Any youth who experiences maltreatment and engages in delinquency.
2. Dually
A crossover youth who has had some level of system contact with child welfare or juvenile justice system.
3. Dually Adjudicated
A dually involved youth who has court system involvement in both systems.

It appears these districts have had an increase in CINC youth: 3, 16, 18, 20, 27, 28, 29. After some discussion, Melody made the motion to select Shawnee County as the urban county for the pilot. Max seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Recognizing southeast Kansas has a need for these types of services, we discussed what two counties should be selected as the rural counties for the pilot. Those chosen should include staff who collaborate well and will be committed to the pilot in the long term. The staff should also work well with court services, DCF, and judges. We decided on Butler, Crawford, and Montgomery counties. Wyandotte County will be the second choice for an urban area. Megan made the motion to allow either her or Randy to contact each of these counties to discuss participation in the CYPM pilot. Shanelle seconded the motion and the motion carried. Judge York asked these be made prior to the next JJOC meeting on June 27th as we want to recommend adopting this model to the JJOC.

As recommended by Georgetown, Megan said we will fund positions at DCF and KDOC to facilitate the work in the pilot. We should expect the pilot to last at least two years, so these could be 4 – 5-year positions. The price and scope of work are the same as those presented to the JJOC at the last meeting. Working with Sedgwick County will get them up to the certified level.

Parent Project

Megan reported an August training is scheduled in Topeka. She hopes to have a training in September in Salina, and this is being worked on. Each session will hold up to sixty people, and we expect to train court services and community corrections staff first. We are not sure court services staff knows about the Parent Project yet. We want as many people as possible to take this training, yet whether the skills are utilized will be up to each judicial district. Using these skills is not something judicial districts will be required to do. Ideally, we would like as much participation as possible so we can collect comprehensive data about the program. One issue with data collection is how to obtain data from non-profits outside of KDOC who use the program. Melody asked if we could offer an incentive for judicial districts who decide to participate. Megan said we are buying the books for students taking the training, and that judicial districts have not used all of their reinvestment funds. Judge York said districts will have multiple expenses with attending the training. All impact program expectations.

Family Engagement

Again, we are providing the training resource and we hope judicial districts will take advantage of it. Megan has been talking with Crittendon about the two-day training. She is preparing a prior authorization for the Department of Administration's approval.

Roxbury Youth Works/RFP Update

Megan said she had a good conversation with Massachusetts about their RFP, problems they experienced, and what they would change. She is reviewing their RFP now and will fashion our RFP after theirs.

Family Outcome Measures

Satisfaction surveys are usually used to collect data about the use of family engagement strategies. Our RFP will include the targeted program outcomes. The RFP will be drafted by the next JJOC meeting on June 25th. The group decided we will have a committee meeting the morning of the JJOC meeting to discuss the RFP and our recommendation to adopt the CYPM pilot.

Decision Points CBT

Some judicial districts say they cannot use existing CBT programming because they are unable to meet the minimum number of youths needed to fill a class. Jennifer told us about a program called Decision Points, written by Jack Bush, the same author of Thinking for a Change. Decision Points is a cognitive-based program developing cognitive skills and using cognitive restructuring to bring awareness to the “traps” or offending behavior that can place participants into the “Trouble Cycle”. She attended a train-the-trainer event about Decision Points. With the shortage of CBT programs in less-populated counties, this program might be a good fit for providing CBT services.

The program consists of two sessions a week for twelve weeks, ideal for our shortened probation periods. The program has rolling enrollment and does not require a minimum number of youths. Youth work at their own pace. Johnson County is using this program in their detention center now. It teaches a four-stage model for decision making, identifying these steps:

- 1) Identify the problem and thoughts and feelings about the problem.
- 2) Ask yourself, “Who cares about your decision”.
- 3) Ask yourself, “What would they want me to do?” (Identifies choices.)
- 4) Decide what you CAN do. (Motivating thought)

The programming is geared toward the ages we see with our youth and is good for teenagers. It includes role play, homework, and writing. Jen will ask her contact if it can be done one-on-one, like when gang members are split up, for example. If we want to pursue more information about the programming, the next step would be to contact the creator, then go to a train-the-trainer class.

Juvenile Services attempted using the train-the-trainer model with the Mental Health in Juvenile Justice curriculum. People were trained to present the class yet did not engage in doing classes. We will want to keep this in mind should we decide to deploy this programming.

Max commented this should be a good solution for our smaller counties needing to offer CBT services. After hearing about the program, Judge York wants Jennifer to learn more about the TRACK program they use in Johnson County.

Supervision Fees

Judge York explained the district attorney makes the decisions about fees and the judge is not in the loop. The judge may convert the fees to community services hours or waive the fees entirely. She does this often and considers this a restorative justice decision. SB367 allows for the waiver of fees. Judicial districts report the fees collected to KDOC, yet the agency cannot direct the use of the funds.

Megan would like to get rid of this financial burden of families. The Comprehensive Plans, just in from judicial districts and under review by JS staff, asked questions about fees being waived. Megan will gather information received from the districts in these plans for our next meeting. KDOC-JS standards allow a \$60 fee for a misdemeanor, and a \$120 fee for a felony. We could change the standard to say no fees may be collected. Megan will also reach out to other states who have waived fee for more information.

Other Ideas for Use of Reinvestment Funds

Audits

Megan reported JS has been notified of an upcoming post-legislative audit (LPA) investigating the impact of SB367. The Crossover Work Group is organizing an ‘audit’ to determine the full impact the bill has had on their CINC numbers.

Substance Abuse Services

In addressing gaps in our mental health services, Megan sees the need to add substance abuse treatment/staff. Melody said she used to have a SA counselor on staff, yet the position was dropped due to decreased funding.

Sex Offender Pre-adjudication Assessments

New to our list of reinvestment funds is working with our sex offender provider to implement pre-adjudication assessments. The provider has a list of criteria about when the assessment should be used. The cost of doing this would be less than \$100,000.

Assessment by Juvenile Defense Services

After the assessment of Kansas by Juvenile Defense Services, we may see opportunities to invest in improvements in juvenile defense services. We will look at this once the assessment is done.

Re-entry Planning for Youth

For youth just out of detention or the JCF, Jennifer suggested we think about providing 're-entry navigation' services either by process or by position. This way, youth will know what to expect on the day of their release. Re-entry looks different for detention youth vs. JCF youth. Mike suggest connecting youth to a behavioral health clinician.

Medical Coverage Upon Release

Melody said youth do not have a medical card while they are in the facility. Once they go home, the medical card comes 45-60 days later. We may want to talk about ways to bridge that gap.

Collective Impact

Jennifer explained Collective Impact (Impact KCK, for example) brings various types of providers together in one space so people can access services without having to travel to each agency in town. Avenue of Life, where Max's Heartland 180 group is housed, is one of these collaboratives. Jennifer feels that model could meet a lot of needs, particularly if the youth/family connects with a navigator. The sixteen domains could be addressed with service providers. Max thinks this would make a huge difference to our youth and their families because it takes away roadblocks.

Jennifer would like to delve into this some more. She and Mike will write up how this might work. It is unclear how this would look in rural areas as options may be limited.

KAG Community Initiative

Megan advised the KAG wants to work in step with our committee as they proceed through their initiatives. It is like when solutions are determined, there will be a need for reinvestment funds.

Plan for Use of Reinvestment Funds

We will submit a plan for use of reinvestment funds to the JJOC at the June 27th meeting. The plan will show: 1) where we have made decisions to spend funds, 2) upcoming initiatives we are in the process of putting together requiring funds, and 3) initiatives we are still exploring.

We will:

- use the Reinvestment Funds Budgeted Items spreadsheet Megan handed out today with added information;
- add cognitive-based interventions;
- note we are exploring waiving supervision fees;
- show we are researching community engagement work with the KAG;
- note we are in the process of starting the Girls' Initiative;
- say we are exploring what may be funding following the Juvenile Defense assessment;
- talk about filling gaps in mental health services;
- note we are preparing an RFP for family engagement services and a family guide;
- mention the cost of the YLS screener;
- show we are considering re-entry navigation services;
- add the pre-adjudication sex offender assessment costs.

Jennifer will send us a draft of the plan by June 20th. We will review the draft together via conference call at 9:00 am, June 24th.

We will meet in person one more time before the JJOC meeting. This brief meeting will be the morning of the JJOC meeting, June 27th at 10:00am in the Small Conference Room at KDOC-JS.

Max made the motion to adjourn and Melody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

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ASSIGNMENTS:

Jennifer/Judge York

- Judge York wants Jennifer to learn more about the TRACK program they use in Johnson County.

Jennifer/Mike

- Delve into Collective Impact some more. She and Mike will write up how this might work.

Jennifer

- Ask contact with Decision Points CBT if program can be administered one on one.

Shanelle

- She will get some family preservation numbers for us to review along side our intake data.

Megan

- Contact counties selected to participate in the CYPM pilot to see if they will commit to the project.
- Family engagement prior authorization and RFP.
- Gather fees data from comprehensive plans submitted by judicial districts.
- Reach out to other states who have waived fees for input.