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Welcome & Introductions

Highlighting Top Issues

- Identifying a family advocate for the team
 - Sandi provided Ashley with contact information for a potential member. Ashley reached out and has not received a response, so she will follow up.
 - The coordinators are open to having more than one family advocate. If anyone has contact for a potential member please send the information to Ashley (Ashley.Brown@KS.gov).
- Local participation from youth and families
 - Ashley has not heard from all of the SNCO youth and family advocates to set up a meeting. Ashley will follow up with SNCO to figure out another strategy.
 - MGCO is struggling with team member participation in general. The youth and family member who were identified are no longer involved in the justice system. The team is working to identify other youth and family members.
- Follow-up on district provider challenges
 - Update on recruitment strategy for school staff for emergency placement
 - Ashley created a very rough draft. She has talked with DCF licensing and Foster Care Case Management Providers for information. The hope is to have a flyer for review at the January meeting.
- Updates on record retrieval costs
 - The coordinators will work with CJJR and agency representatives to create a document that will provide information regarding the proper process to obtain specific records. This document can be given to youth who are aging out.

Updates

- Data sharing MOU
 - The fully executed MOU had a few typos in the Crossover Youth definition. The changes have been made and approved, and the MOU is now live. Daniel sent the MOU to the team members following this meeting.
- Engagement with Pilot Counties
 - SGO continues to work on completion of the cross system 101 training as well as an inventory of their assessments. They have begun to search for youth and parents to be a part of their implementation team.
 - MGCO is struggling with participation. CJJR and the coordinators are brainstorming ideas to gain better participation. Court Services and Juvenile Services are very active and almost always attend the monthly meetings. Ashley and Stacy plan to reach out to regional directors with



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DCF in MGCO. A meeting has been scheduled with Court Services, Juvenile Services, CJJR, and the coordinators to discuss a plan of action/next steps.

- The entire SNCO team are working on developing protocols. The team began discussion on what information JIAC and KVC can share with each other and what safeguards will be in place for that information along with point of contact.
- Workgroups
 - Prevention workgroup completed the development of a survey for parents and guardians to obtain their perspectives on experiences with both child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The pilot counties will send the survey to current parents/guardians of crossover youth. As of Friday afternoon, there have not been any returned. Alex and the coordinators will follow up with the counties.
 - Macon currently has feedback from all 3 agencies for the information sharing document. Macon will make updates and have it ready for finalization with the possibility of it being sent out at the beginning of 2022. A dissemination strategy will need to be determined.
- Presentations Opportunities
 - John Calvert sent information on the 2022 Virtual Safe and Supportive Schools conference scheduled for January 25th-27th, 2022. The Coordinators and CJJR will present at this conference. If you'd like to present or have questions, contact John Calvert (jcalvert@ksde.org) or visit www.ksde.org/Kansas-Safe-Schools

Pilot County Youth Listening Sessions

- A high-level overview of the listening session was provided. A full presentation will be provided during the January meeting to allow more members to attend and review the information.
- Overview and key takeaways
 - Montgomery County held three (3) listening sessions with 6 total youth. Their age range was from 10 to 20. All youth only had experience with the juvenile justice system.
 - Shawnee County held three (3) listening sessions with 7 total youth. Their age range was 15 to 25. All of the youth had involvement with both systems.
 - Participants across the counties expressed that involvement with the systems placed added strain on their families. Systems tended to work against the building, repairing, and maintenance of familial relationships. However, it also prompted some to reflect on their behaviors and work to reconnect with family.
 - The experiences participants had with agency and system workers varied greatly. Some were seen as very positive while other the opposite.



CYPM Kansas State Policy Team TA Conference Call Summary

December 6, 2021 10:00am-12:00 pm

Conference Call Number: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 984 8710 6341

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- Participants conveyed mixed experiences with certain services, but overall expressed having access to additional or different resources would have been helpful.
- Though some participants noted an understanding of court procedures, most expressed feeling unprepared for court and confused by the process.
- Participants indicated poor communication, representation, and rapport with their attorneys.
 - Katie asked if the participants specified concerns with their defense attorney, GAL or both?
 - Alex stated that SNCO youth were referring to their defense attorneys and not a GAL. Victoria stated that MGCO youth were also referring to their defense attorney. Katie clarified that the MGCO youth likely did not have a GAL as they were only justice involved.
 - Sandi stated that she thought she had seen booklets that help explain the procedures/process to youth. Katie clarified that in CINC proceedings there are pamphlets given to parents and grandparents but to her knowledge this is not a practice for juvenile defense work. It is possible there are booklets for older youth, given to them for CINC hearings but not on the juvenile justice side.
 - Regina confirmed what the youth from the listening sessions conveyed about their relationship with attorneys and their understanding of court. There is generally a lack of understanding of court proceedings. A lot of times they did not know they entered a plea. She stated this is even seen at the adult level.
 - Sandi suggested an online hub, pdf document and/or a pamphlet be created for youth. This is a good idea however the onus should be on the attorney's as part of their duty is to help their client understand proceedings. Regina stated before court the judge could ask the youth if they were given the information. They could be asked if they understood and confirm that their attorney has answered questions and explained what was going on. Regina mentioned also that the information should be available in different languages.
 - Alex mentioned a 2020 report by the National Defender Center called "Limited Justice: An Assessment of Access to and Quality of Juvenile Defense Counsel in Kansas". The report details many of the same concerns as presented by youth during the listening sessions. The report is attached with this summary.
 - ***The team was asked to read the report for a larger discussion at the January SPT meeting.***



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Pilot County Attorney Concerns (Discussion postponed until January)

- What can we do to ensure youth have better legal representation?

Brainstorm Solutions on Cross-County Cases

- a) communication issues between Juvenile Intake and foster care providers
 - Review updated DCF intake/foster care communication process map
 - Ashley added simple instructions to the contact list for staff. As she was reviewing with the team, she noted a typo. Ashley will make the correction and update the tribal information as one tribe had some changes. The contact map will be ready for release once these two things are changed and updated.
- b) supervision of cross-county cases and the ability of young people to acquire services if they have DCF and juvenile justice cases open in two different counties (Refer to DOC Standards)
- c) the 5120 Notification of Move/Placement Change form and how additional stakeholders may be able to partake in its receipt
- d) youth who reside on reservations and who come into custody of the state due to an offense

Ongoing Discussion

- SPT year-end goals: 1) Crossover service information portal; 2) Review policies that impact crossover youth

Future Meeting Dates

- Calls/meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10:00am-12:00pm. Subsequent dates include:
 - January 26th
 - February 23rd

Workgroup Breakouts (postponed until January)

- Celebration of crossover youth
- Transition for crossover youth