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## Welcome & Introductions

### Highlighting Top Issues

- Identifying a family advocate for the team
  - A foster parent was identified by Sandi; Ashley reached out to this person and will follow up.
  - Kristen asked a parent from the group Progeny in Wichita to join, but that person is not able to attend the meetings.
  - Laura and Randi asked for an email explaining what it means to be an advocate for the team. Ashley sent the team an email to be shared with anyone who might be interested.
- Local participation from youth and families
  - Ashley sent an email to DCF's lead Special Investigators (oversee the AWOL recovery) to see if they can identify any youth for the local counties.
- Update on emergency placement recruitment
  - The draft of the school personnel flyer was shared with the group for feedback.
  - The discussion was mostly about how much information was on the flyer; many thought it was overwhelming and possibly would deter teachers from calling.
  - PPC is handled differently in each region/county and youth are not yet in the custody of DCF or KDOC-JS; Ashley will research the process and add information to the flyer.
  - Lisa suggested contacting Safe Families for PPC information. Randi emailed contact information to Ashley.
  - The team suggested that the definitions for respite care and emergency placement should be separated since the respite definition is from the Foster Care Regulations.
  - Ashley will talk with DCF Licensing about the possibility of them being the point of contact for teachers that may be interested in helping but are uncertain of what or how they can help.
  - Sandi suggested that Ashley also talk with Michelle Warner who oversees the Child Placing Agency contracts, she may have some information regarding the PPC procedures.
  - Hope suggested that Ashley connect with Jim Johnson who oversees the JIACs as he may also have helpful information regarding PPC.
  - Ashley will take the suggestions from the team, make the suggested connections and report back to the team with an updated flyer.
- Updates on record retrieval costs
  - Daniel stated he will be reaching out to different courts and counties to see what the costs are for obtaining records.
  - Michelle has been reaching out to the Judicial Districts to obtain costs and processes for obtaining records.



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- Ashley is in the process of making connections within DCF also, likely there will be a phone number for individuals to call, and then they can be directed to the appropriate person or region to obtain records.
- Education point person for system-involved youth (a point of contact in each school for youth who are in care (CINC or JO) to be an in-house advocate to adhere to the needs of these youth).
  - Ashley reached out to John and his suggestion was to have the point of contact be the McKinney-Vento person at each school.
  - John and Kent were unable to attend so this conversation will occur at a future meeting.
  - Ashley will reach out to John and Kent about their availability for next month.

### Updates

- Engagement with Pilot Counties
  - **Shawnee County:** SNCO held their first Parent Focus Group Meeting in February. The team discussed what they hope to learn from the listening sessions. Questions that were developed last Spring were reviewed and fine-tuned. The next meeting will occur in March and the team will review the questions again, discuss compensation, discuss dates to hold the listening sessions, etc. SNCO discussed the possibility of having dedicated Crossover Staff to work with youth. This concept may be more difficult for court services so the team also discussed that they will cross-train staff for both systems. A court services staff member stated they have already started the cross-training with the new staff. Due to responses from the youth listening sessions about their legal representation the team discussed the potential for pre-court meetings that would include the CINC judge and the JO judge to ensure they are kept up to date with what is happening on both sides. The team also discussed the possibility of a document that can be given to and reviewed with the youth and their attorney to help them understand what will occur at court. **Information/Protocol workgroup:** KVC and JIAC are still in the process of creating a document for how, when, with whom the information will be shared. Both agencies already share information, but the formal agreement will ensure that information sharing occurs and assist new staff coming in with the information sharing process. The group also reviewed the notification process for detention hearings, communication between KVC and the JDC, and communication with KVC and other entities. The group discussed what happens if a youth is detained or not detained and if they are involved with IIP or Probation. Discussing these pathways and communication protocols will help the team decide what can stay the same and what changes need to occur. **Inventory Workgroup:** This group continues to discuss the various assessments that occur and at what intervals from each agency involved



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with a youth. At the next meeting, Victoria will put together a comprehensive list of assessments and what each measures to help the team determine what needs to be shared and what can be streamlined. Once this team concludes, the training workgroup will commence and begin discussing the 101 trainings.

- **Montgomery County:** The team is working toward developing and delivering cross-system training, which is the first goal they agreed to work on this year. During the meeting last week, team members from each partner agency discussed and received feedback on the information they plan to provide to other agencies in their cross-system training. For example, what happens when a youth comes into contact with that agency, services offered, their referral process, and important points of contact. Each agency plans to have the training content completed and brought to the March meeting for feedback, and then to have the content approved by their respective agencies by April. Each agency will determine a timeline for delivering the training, based on the availability of trainers, training calendars, staff availability, etc. Each agency plans to deliver 2 sessions live, or by Zoom, and to record one of the sessions which can be viewed by staff who aren't able to attend one of the live dates.
- **Sedgwick County:** The SGCO team is continuing to increase its membership. Current members identified several potential individuals to add to the team. This is to develop a Leadership team and an Implementation team. The current members sent potential individuals for the implementation team to Daniel. Several have already accepted the invitation to join. Daniel is working to develop a training that can be used for the "101" cross-systems training/orientation of the process of the court system as well as the role of Court Services. This will be able to be used for not only SGCO but across the state.
- **Workgroups**
  - **Prevention:** This workgroup created a parent survey to gauge perspectives of parents of dually involved youth regarding cross-agency collaboration and support. The survey is being piloted in Montgomery and Shawnee counties with the hope that we would get feedback before taking the survey statewide. Getting responses have been difficult but SNCO did have 2 responses. When Alex presented the results to the SNCO team, the team realized that it may be more helpful to the counties to have individualized surveys. Alex will be creating an individualized survey for SNCO, but she wanted to get feedback from the SPT about creating more individualized surveys instead of a general statewide survey. The survey will contain the same questions but will have specific services and/or agencies that are local to each county. Dawn agreed that having individualized surveys may help with getting responses.



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- Presentations Opportunities
  - The Coordinators and Victoria will be presenting at the Crime Victims Conference in April.

**Pilot County Attorney Concerns**

- Update on current efforts and how we can align
  - Last month Victoria and Alex did a joint presentation on the pilot counties listening sessions. One of the main concerns discussed during the listening sessions was their lack of communication, understanding of the court system, and poor relationships with their attorney, particularly on the JO side. The National Juvenile Defender 2020 report was brought up and many of the issues from the report were echoed by the youth talked to during the MGCO and SNCO listening sessions.
  - Hope mentioned at the last meeting that the KAG and JJOC both were working on some of the issues from the report. Alex asked Hope if efforts had been made and if the SPT could support or complement the efforts.
    - Both groups are working on the recommendations.
    - KAG started the work with the Gault Center; mostly stakeholder training and establishing a resource hub to have ongoing resources for stakeholders. JJOC’s role will be to build on what KAG is proposing. JJOC will be reviewing a proposal from the KAG in the near future. The “hub” will contain youth defense training to include quality of youth defense, youth defense tools, and resources to improve data collection across the state, and the development of statewide standards for youth defense. Currently, in Kansas there is not a structure for youth defense; the ultimate goal is to create that structure. Alex asked if JJOC and KAG are working off of the report or if they were seeking additional information from young people and families that have recent involvement. Hope stated the groups are doing a little of both but heavily working from the report recommendations. As changes happen, they will engage those that are directly impacted by the system. Alex asked Hope if the SPT could support in any way, right now. Hope said at this time they just want the support for moving forward with changes because they are still in the development stages of a contract. Once the contract is established there will likely be an opportunity for the SPT to assist JJOC and KAG.

**Brainstorm Solutions on Cross-County Cases**

- Communication issues between Juvenile Intake and foster care providers
  - Review updated DCF intake/foster care communication process map



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- The map is updated but one Tribe had some turnover, so Ashley is awaiting new contact information.

**SPT 2022 Goals – What are we aiming to accomplish?**

- 1) Transition of crossover youth; 2) Celebration of crossover youth

**Working Toward Our Goals**

- Transition for crossover youth
  - Kristen brought awareness to the team about how there is little communication when a youth is transitioning out and are not necessarily made aware of benefits or services they are eligible for. The overarching subject of this goal is to improve the experiences that young people have as they are aging out of systems and coming into young adulthood and becoming more independent.
  - This team has previously discussed what can be done to strengthen transition processes for youth in Kansas, including:
    - Ensuring there is uniform awareness of service eligibility based on a youth’s status with the systems they are involved with.
    - Building methods for staff to connect youth to specific services and benefits they qualify for.
    - Increasing awareness of what is available across agencies and systems.
    - Model the transition process for Juvenile Justice to the transition process for Child Welfare.
    - Standardizing practices for transition; ensuring that all key stakeholders are at the table, ensuring youth and family-centered conversation occurs, ensuring all parties receive the same information, identifying what other services are available.
    - Develop and disseminate statewide training for staff.
    - Alex asked the team for areas in their current work that could be strengthened.
      - Katie stated the CINC side has a great transition process in place, but sometimes it becomes a formality and staff sometimes rush to get paperwork completed and deadlines met. The forms may get completed, but then the work itself isn’t addressed (e.g., helping a youth apply for college or get their driver’s license falls by the wayside).
      - Sandi questioned why this was happening when the resources are there to utilize.
      - Laura, who is new to her role with CoC, has been analyzing the reasons since she started. She said there are approximately 350 IL youth and only 3 IL staff. They are in the process of developing checklists and systems



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to ensure the youth receive what they need in a timely manner.

- Dawn stated another thing that makes completing all of the paperwork difficult, is when a youth moves from placement to placement, so the focus is on getting them re-enrolled in school, re-establishing new services, and sometimes a youth's motivation suffers from the frequent moving around.
- Kristen stated that when foster care cases close for crossover youth, a youth loses the child welfare IL worker.
- Alex stated the team needs to establish a protocol for "What happens when....If this....then that."
- Hope stated that the intent of the HB 367 reform was to address this very issue. If a youth is in KDOC custody or involved in the juvenile justice system, any services they are still eligible for through DCF remain intact. And the reverse, DCF youth can access KDOC services as well.
- Alex stated that the education of staff is very important and asked Hope to send the actual language from HB 367 so the group can take a closer look.
- CJJR and the coordinators will use the information provided to develop potential goals and at the next meeting, the team will select one goal and build a work plan.
- Celebration of crossover youth
  - The workgroup has identified youth in foster care, secure settings, residential settings, and youth on probation as those we will reach out to.
  - The workgroup decided it was best to let youth decide which artistic platform they wanted to use instead of picking just one.
  - The workgroup will reach out to all youth and not just Crossover youth.
  - This will be an ongoing project, where youth can be regularly recognized.
  - Compensation/awards were discussed but what type has not been discussed.
  - Alex asked if this was going to be an online event or in person. The workgroup discussed something like a monthly submission as opposed to a specific event (i.e. calendar, newsletter, magazine, etc.).
  - Alex asked if we could reach out to Progeny youth to gather their ideas. Macon stated we would want to have a concrete plan before reaching out so that they have a good understanding of what the workgroup needs and is seeing to accomplish. Kristen stated that if there was a



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good definition of what the workgroup needs, she believes Progeny would be willing to help.

- Kristen supports the magazine and/or calendar ideas and would like to see the workgroup move forward with these ideas. Providing a way to submit online would be helpful.
- Michelle suggested using the DCF and KDOC newsletters as a way to display the youth's work. While this would be good for staff to see submission the youth and their families may not have access to these newsletters. Putting submission in these newsletters can occur as long as there is another platform for youth to be able to see and share their work.
- There is a magazine at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex called Freestyle where youth can submit drawings, poems, etc. The link to the magazine is <https://freestyleministries.com>. Any youth can submit to this magazine, it is not limited to those in the correctional facility.
- Kristen stated the magazine was a good idea, but it is a national magazine and it would be great if we could create one for Kansas specifically.
- Hina stated that KDHE has a program Resistance for Tobacco Program might do a newsletter or magazine. Hina will check and report back to the team.
- CJJR and the coordinators will put together a definitive list and be back next month for the team to narrow down a goal(s).

### Future Meeting Dates

- Calls/meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Subsequent dates include:
  - March 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - April 27<sup>th</sup>