

Community Advisory Committee FY2017 Report

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Introduction

Pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7056, the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) established the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), which is comprised of eight members representing four Kansas regions and two at-large appointments. This statute creates an avenue for the CAC to participate in the JJA annual budgetary process, as well as a mechanism to provide input regarding prevention services and graduated sanctions programming throughout the 31 judicial districts.

The CAC is charged with the task of submitting an annual report to the JJA Commissioner on or before July 15th of each year. The components of this annual report consist of the following:

- A. Efficiencies in the delivery of community supervision services including prevention and graduated sanction programs;
- B. Effectiveness and enhancement of existing prevention, interventions and graduated sanctions;
- C. Identification of new interventions; and
- D. Effectiveness of juvenile justice prevention, intervention and graduated sanctions programs in reducing racial, geographic and other biases that may exist in the juvenile justice system.

The CAC membership meets routinely throughout the year to address topics of interest related to juvenile programming and to prepare the annual report to the Secretary. The following report represents the consensus findings and recommendations of the CAC. Its contents were generated through a series of meetings and/or correspondence between the members of the CAC and the administrative contacts / program directors they represent in their respective regions.

Efficiencies in the delivery of community supervision services including prevention and graduated sanctions programs:

Family Functional Therapy (FFT) Contract: KDOC-JS has contracted to provide FFT services for Juvenile Offenders statewide.

- The CAC recommends KDOC-JS implement quality assurance and fidelity measures for FFT. Data must be tracked to determine its effectiveness.
- CAC recommends KDOC-JS reduce program participation restrictions to include all youth that score moderate or higher on the YLS/CMI.
- The CAC further recommends that procedures be implemented for Community Corrections agencies to report concerns regarding contract providers or therapists.

Youth Advocate Program (YAP): KDOC-JS has contracted to provide YAP in districts in Northeast Kansas

- The CAC recommends KDOC-JS consider a return on investments study of YAP prior to expanding the program to other areas.
- The CAC further recommends that procedures be implemented for Community Corrections agencies to report concerns regarding contract providers.

Evidence Based Practices Training: KDOC-JS continues to provide EBP trainings such as legal training, YLS/CMI, EPICS II, MHTC-JJ, T4C, ART and MAYSI-II. Along with current trainings on Graduated Response, Moral Reconciliation Therapy training and Detention Risk Assessment Instrument training have been added to the list of on-going trainings.

- The CAC recommends that trainers/program consultants provide coaching and training for EPICS II quality assurance.

- The CAC recommends that KDOC-JS provide EBP training on parent engagement to all community supervision agencies.
- Trainers should be shared between adult and juvenile agencies when possible.

Effectiveness in enhancement of existing prevention and intervention and graduated sanctions:

- Additional funding should be made available to adequately implement IIP.
- Funding should be available to implement EBP and COG classes at the local level.
- The CAC recommends that KDOC-JS make available short term placement options such as respite or emergency shelter for juvenile offenders.
- The CAC recommends that a committee, including community corrections Directors, be formed to review the Juvenile Comprehensive Plan.
- The CAC recommends that outcomes be developed for all state contracted programs. Data should be available for each district through the KDOC-JS dashboard.

Identification of new interventions:

SB367: The CAC supports implementation of SB367 and highly recommends that CJI resources be utilized to the fullest extent possible.

- The CAC recommends that specific YLS/CMI cutoff scores be established statewide.
- The CAC recommends continuing a focus on removing and preventing out of home placement. It is critical that community supervision agencies have adequate funding to provide alternatives to detention/out of home placement programs.
- The CAC asks that any new measures or changes to implementation be communicated to Directors immediately and transparently.

Effectiveness of juvenile justice prevention, intervention and graduated sanctions programs in reducing racial, geographic and other biases that may exist in the juvenile justice system:

- Technical assistance continues to be a need regarding Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC). DMC is addressed by each agency during the grant application process, with no real guidance from KDOC-JS.
- Because many Districts had to eliminate successful Prevention Programs in order to implement Immediate Intervention Programs with current allocated funding, the CAC recommends that Reinvestment Funds be opened up to reinstate/implement prevention programs proven to further reduce the out of home placement of children.
- Meeting the program hour requirements is a concern for many rural judicial districts due to the lack of funding and staff. The CAC recommends an increase in oversight and support from KDOC-JS. The CAC would like KDOC-JS to be more helpful to local operations, similar to Program Consultants on the adult side, and provide support to local agencies. For example, it would be beneficial to know where to find needed information within existing state agencies, how to collate this information and use it to make good, educated decisions on programming needs to bring out the best in our juveniles and to get the most bang for the buck.

- The CAC recommends KDOC-JS recap program needs and findings as identified by the October, 2016 JCAB report. This recap and the intended use of this report should be communicated to Administrative Contacts and Juvenile Directors.
- The CAC would like to know from KDOC-JS what the definitions of success and recidivism are within the different aspects of SB367.

CAC members appreciate this opportunity to address the Secretary and Deputy Secretary. We welcome Megan and look forward to working with her and having open communication in the future.