

**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
(Special) Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2011**

Members Present: Mary Butler, Jean Donaldson, Rick Feldstein, Bill Krimm, Mark Luce, Rich Melton, Connie Moreno-Peraza, Barbara Nemko, Dr. Harold Pierre, Alice Hughey, Pat Wells, Marc Grodner

Others Present: Brooke Larsen

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made as there are some new members on the committee, particularly Alice Hughey (Assistant Director of HHS) and Marc Grodner (Non-profit, Wolfe Center, CBO providing services to at-risk minors). There is also a vacancy for the Community at Large member as Deborah Mayer has relocated. We will be accepting applications for this spot.

MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING NOT DISCUSSED THIS DATE

**COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-AGENCY JUVENILE JUSTICE PLAN
JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT (JJCPA) AND JUVENILE
PROBATION CAMP FUNDING (JPCF)**

(handouts provided) The contracts we carry were late this year due to the uncertainty of the budget, but were implemented by September. The STAR program numbers are down. This is partly due to the number of minors on probation being down, the JH population remaining low, and the fact that the Evening Reporting Center (ERC) is serving some of the higher risk youth. The STAR program served 128 youth and the outcomes were okay. There is a reduction in risk levels overall and many of our low risk probationers are not reoffending. However, there is an increase in violations per juvenile. The Juvenile Drug Court component on the report indicates a failed program. The Drug Court was serving less juveniles, and over time, too many new parties were involved without the proper training tools, and eventually the program was put on hiatus. It is hoped the JDC can be revamped and running in a year. The Wolfe School was also put on hiatus due to low numbers of attendees. The funding for JDC is now going to treatment at the Wolfe Center for the juvenile's recommended for the Wolfe Treatment program, and they are currently serving approximately 30 juveniles. It was mentioned there is flexibility in the use of Drug Court funds as far as if the money goes to juvenile or adult DC. There was also discussion on factors of the JDC that have been successful in other counties such as having a strong family component. There is a Drug Court Enhancement grant that can be applied for next Spring. Connie has access to different models of the Drug Court program if that is something people want to look at. It was also mentioned that it is important to track not only what the state requires for the funding, but what will be projected in the future. The Report and Modifications will be going to the next Board meeting for approval.

Motion to Approve Review of Juvenile Justice Plan

Motion: Bill Krimm

Second: Connie Moreno-Pereza

Motion Approved

YOUTH OFFENDER BLOCK GRANT (YOBG)

The YOBG is supporting the Evening Reporting Center. The program sparked local interest and we received additional funding and were able to expand our services. An increase in funding this year will provide Functional Family Therapy training for Wolfe, Aldea, MH Children's Services, and probation staff. The plan is to expand the Parent Project and provide the services again. A contract for the training should be drawn at the beginning of 2012.

The ERC will be moving in November and will be located off of Soscol. The program is temporarily being provided at the Juvenile Justice Center.

GANG UPDATE

Although population is low in JH, there has been an upswing of gang activity. In the community, law enforcement has seen more gang-related fights, and although nothing serious has happened, it could lead to more serious outcomes. To stay on top of the issue there has been increased probation searches and keeping track of associations. The Board authorized the Gang Youth Violence Commission, members have been appointed, and meetings will commence soon.

Meeting is adjourned to next regular scheduled meeting on January 18, 2012 at 11:30am.

Future Agenda Items:

Children's Trust Fund

Outcomes-Overview of all current programs