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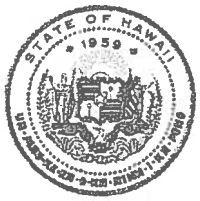

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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

February 20, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Haseko Building
820 Mililani Street, 6th Floor
Conference Room #1
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

MINUTES

PRESENT: Melinda Montgomery, Chair
Christina Andersson, Vice-Chair
August Suehiro
Tina Winquist

ABSENT: Theodore Daligdig III
Walter "Wally" Lau

Staff: Ed Chargualaf, JJ Program Coordinator
Christopher Lum Lee, JJ Program Specialist

I. Call to Order
Chair Melinda Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:30.

II. Welcome and Introductions
Chair Montgomery introduced herself as the Chair of the Committee. All members of the Committee and OYS Juvenile Justice Program staff present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of the August 30, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes
Montgomery asked if the members had any discussion or changes to make to the minutes as circulated- none noted. Suehiro motioned to approve the minutes and Winquist seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-2 (Yes: Montgomery, Andersson, Suehiro, and Winquist. No: None. Absent: Daligdig and Lau).

IV. Status Update on OJJDP-Funded Contracts

Lum Lee circulated a handout with a written description of the OJJDP-funded contracts and reported the following information:

City & County of Honolulu Department of Community Services' Juvenile Justice Center (JJC)

Juvenile Justice Center serves status offenders and first-time minor law violators by conducting evening counseling services for youth who admit to their part in an offense and with the families discuss behavioral consequences, responsibility for the youth's actions, and give referrals for further services as necessary. The proposed amount of youth served would be 675 and 505 were proposed to complete the program. Currently, 690 youth have been served and 558 have completed the program- a 102.22% and 110.5% completion rate, respectively.

County of Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting Attorney (OPA)

The OPA is currently subcontracting with Hale Kipa, Inc. to deliver an early intervention program for youth on probation by developing strong, supportive, and positive relationships with youth on probation and their families. Service is conducted island-wide and provides parenting education, family support, community referrals and linkages, and prosocial and life skills training for youth and their families. An issue raised is that participants on the Kona side have a difficult time finding travel arrangements to partipicate in the program activities due to the large geographical area. The proposed amount of youth served were at 40 and 20 were proposed to complete the program.Currently, 35 youth have been served and 13 have completed the program- a 87.5% and 65% completion rate, respectively. The amount of youth served and completed are a reflection of the amount of youth referred into the program by the Family Court.

County of Maui Police Department Positive Outreach Interventions (P.O.I.) Program

The P.O.I. Program serves status offenders who have been arrested and are awaiting a hearing with the Family Court. After arrest, the youth will be invited to participate in the program where they will have to attend the Second Chance class, personally apologize to the victim of their offense, and participate in community service. The proposed amount of youth served were ar 100 and 65 were proposed to complete the program. Currently, 46 have completed the program, with 22 more scheduled to graduate from the program in March and 80 youth have been served, with 7 more having an orientation on February 20, 2013. It is anticipated that the amount of youth served will be exceeded by the end of the contract period on April 30, 2013.

County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney (OPA) Teen Court Program

The County of Kauai- through a subcontractor- develops and implements a Teen Court Program to provide a voluntary program for first-time law violators and first-time status offenders who have admitted guilt and waive their right to counsel. In this program, the youth will appear before a jury of their peers and volunteers who will deliver sanctions, educate youth about the legal system, and encourage positive behavior. A new contract

with the Kauai OPA was initiated effective February 18, 2013, so the reported results were reflected from the previous contract period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. Total males completed were 41 and total females were 17.
Chargualaf stated that originally the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds were originally given to the Kauai OPA but now the funds are overseen by the Mayor while the OPA distributes the funds.

Alu Like, Inc.'s Kupuna Program
Alu Like, Inc. administers an intergenerational program for youth incarcerated at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF). Program activities include cultural-based activities provided by cultural practitioners such as physical and internalized cognitive skills. The program goal was to serve between 60 and 80 youth- depending on the amount of youth incarcerated. Currently, 60 have been served.

Hale Kipa, Inc.'s Kai Like Program
Hale Kipa, Inc. administers an intensive monitoring program for youth on probation providing educational, substance abuse, support, probation compliance, and community service activities. Montgomery stated that a lot of the youth being referred to the program have educational needs because they have been out of school for lengthy period of time so Hale Kipa, Inc. is working with some of the youth to get their G.E.D. 10 youth were positively discharged, 4 refused services- but were re-referred by their Probation Officers, 3 went into treatment, and 1 was sent to the HYCF.

County of Hawaii OPA Assessment Center
Chargualaf stated that the OPA has awarded a subcontract to Salvation Army and that they were ready to proceed in January but was unable to because the County OPA had several personnel movements and there were contract development issues causing delays. The current contract for approximately $198,000 will run through September 30, 2013 with an additional $200,000 set aside for another term, depending on how this contract does. The hope is that this assessment center will be a success and the results can be replicated. No results are available at this time.

State of Hawaii Judiciary's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
The JDAI program services youth on probation. The funding was reduced because the JDAI Coordinator position was absorbed by the State Judiciary. The Judiciary has subcontracted with the Boys and Girls Club Hawaii (BGCH) to operate a day reporting center for youth on the leeward area. The BGCH does have rare instances of youth from other geographical areas going to that day reporting center at the request of the youth because of the programs and activities available for them. The youth range is between 12 and 17 years old. In 2012, 34 youth were served, 26 left with completing program requirements, and 8 left without completing requirements.

Chargualaf stated that the previous contract with the Judiciary was in the form an a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and now a Chapter 103F contract is in place because

while the JJSAC has committed to three years of funding for the JDAI program, a Chapter 103F contract allows for detailed specifications to be stipulated in the contract.

State of Hawaii Judiciary Trauma Informed Initiative
The first initiative is to do an assessment of the HYCF and Detention Home (DH) to see how trauma informed the staff and program structure are because working with traumatized youth is a skill that's lacking. This initiative will hopefully produce a report by September 30, 2013 which involves the Court, Department of Health, and the OYS working together. HYCF is currently receiving training in trauma issues. The contract ends on September 30, 2013.

Civil Citation Initiative
The civil citation initiative is a citation for status offenders to report to an assessment center. The current working group consists of the Family Court, the HPD, and the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney (DPA) that is on board with the program. The program is an 18-month program and hopefully by month number 12 there is a deliverable that can be replicated. The goal is to have status offenders considered status offenders without an arrest as well as minor law violators who will go through the assessment center. The pitfall was that the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) keeps data of all juvenile arrests. In response to this, the HPD will hold the data without forwarding to the JJIS. The Kalihi area is the targeted area for the assessment center because of the higher crime rate.

County of Kauai Office of the Mayor Long-Term Suspension Program
The program is meant for youth who are out in the community versus in the system. Montgomery reported that an RFP is out and that a RFP orientation will be on February 21st and three providers will be in attendance. In May, Chargualaf will be collaborating with the Department of Education (DOE) to bring the community and schools working together to implement the long-term suspension program.

Montgomery addressed that in the school system, the Principals have autonomy that would allow them to accept or decline any program. Winquist stated that principals and schools have non-negotiable deliverables that need to be accomplished that are in line with the DOE's State Strategic Plan. Suehiro stated that the lines of authority had changed from having a Superintendent to Principal to currently being Superintendent, Complex Area Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent(s), and Principal. This means that the Principal will now be accountable to the Assistant Superintendent(s), either helping or preventing them from doing things.

Additional Discussion
Montgomery asked if Formula Grant funds can be distributed to providers on the front line. Chargualaf responded that it would be easier to award additional funds to providers currently under contract. Otherwise, an RFP would have to go out, which due to the procurement process, can take up to 4 to 6 weeks. Montgomery asked if Formula Grant

funds can be used to provide additional funds to programs receiving State General Funds. Chargualaf replied that we cannot comingle or supplant funds.

V. Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on February 28, 2013; the next full JJSAC meeting will be held on March 13, 2013; and the next Prevention Committee meeting will be on April 17, 2013.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

for Christopher Lum Lee
Juvenile Justice Program Specialist