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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL PREVENTION & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 4, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Department of Transportation, Airport Conference Room #4
400 Rodgers Boulevard, 7th Floor Inter-island Parking Structure
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

MINUTES

Present: Melinda Montgomery, Chair
Walter "Wally" Lau
August Suehiro
Tina Winqvist

Absent: Christina Andersson-Reichert, Vice-Chair

Staff: Ed Chargualaf, OJJDP Program Coordinator
Leimomi Fernandes-Otake, JJ Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order

Chair Montgomery called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Chair thanked members for attendance.

II. Review Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) Attachment A Prevention & Accountability Committee February 20, 2013 Minutes

Montgomery asked for review of minutes. Ed Chargualaf noted will sign Chris Lum Lee minutes, if approved. August Suehiro motioned to approve the February 20, 2013 minutes, seconded by Tina Winqvist, and the motion was passed unanimously. No discussion.

III. New Business

A. Providers' Accountability to SAG

Chargualaf reviewed the federal trends, sequestration, cyber bullying, defending childhood initiative trafficking and the need to look at providers if aligned with OYS direction. OYS

programs include Ho`opono Mamo, the civil citation initiative, which begins with the police officer not arresting the status offenders or misdemeanors. Instead, the youth is dropped off at the assessment center, in a localized environment with kupunas to mediate the situation by talking-story to the kids. The Kupuna and the makua, the professional or the social worker works alongside to complete assessment. It is no longer the police asking what's your name, but rather a cultural connection, like a home, to make the youth feel comfortable when assessed. Then the youth is referred to appropriate pathways which includes the community based programs, Ho`ala conferencing, mental health & substance abuse treatment, or to the Wahi Kana`aho cultural healing place, to release their anger and to heal before the youth asks for forgiveness.

A request for exemption from procurement has been approved to fund small scale organizations mentoring by kupunas, healing arts, Ho`oponopono, canoe building, and loi, where the kids can connect to the activities and the kids become grounded into the community. The community should become the juvenile justice system. The funding may be as small as \$100 for gas to drive the kids to the program, which current programs are providing with no support. The OYS conference sets the direction of aloha and the meaning of aloha. Pono Shim and Mana Myers talked about what is aloha, which is in the Hawaii statute by law. The RFPs will be based on aloha.

1. Performance Indicators

Chargualaf disseminated a sample provider report and noted the committee's purpose is to make sure what paying for is making an impact. The same with the JABG programs for the continuum of services, beginning with the Teen Court before the kids go into detention or incarceration. Chargualaf reported weak on evaluation, because none of the programs were evaluated prior to starting with OYS. Also not tracking the youth, where go in 3 months, if return to school, in 6 months, and in 1 year.

Chargualaf highlighted the OJJDP DCTAT Report. Page 1 requires race and ethnicity served. Page 2 is tailored to federal questions regarding major accomplishments. The report serves as a review and how to approach the provider; for example only served 1 kid for the past 6 months. Chargualaf asked the committee to review the form and to add suggestions for use when visiting the providers. The last 2 pages are the narratives about accomplishments, problems, barriers and outcomes.

Chargualaf suggested to ask providers what are they trying to improve - families, schools. Chair commented the number 1 thing is to connect with the youth to make them feel welcome and establish a caring relationship to help, not punitive. The kids are always hungry, so need more money for food to feed them. Another criteria is to make it fun for the teenagers for healing to work; it is okay to have fun, feel connected, and valued. Those are the successful programs. Some kids have attitude, but can break through by positive, caring, and loving relationships, then the numbers will grow.

2. Reporting Requirements

Chair commented as a provider, the report is not a priority, but need to capture the good things doing. Chargualaf reported the committee to visit the programs, talk to the providers and decide what to present to the SAG. Chair noted how connecting with kids and what works for you, so can share with other providers your success.

Chargualaf reviewed the 11 OJJDP programs, the need to assess what impact on the community and how to connect with other resources. The JABG grant funds the Maui POI, the new Big Island Assessment Center, Kauai Teen Court, and the Oahu Juvenile Justice Center. Chair recommended MPD POI visit for the next meeting.

Committee to get more knowledge of project and programs funded under OYS. Action: Leimomi Fernandes-Otake to forward provider list to members.

Committee to work on what is your role to address accountability to report to the SAG. Action: Committee members to format DCTAT similar report for program visits. Action: Chargualaf to forward next report to members to prepare for MPD POI visit.

Suehiro requested bullet point page. Action: Fernandes-Otake to forward Aloha statute to members. Committee members to review DCTAT report and to visit the OYS and OJJDP website for background information.

B. Comments & Recommendations to Providers

Chargualaf discussed the contract lapses of an award of \$600K, but only spent \$450K. Also the lack of performance and whether to cut the provider funding. Montgomery recommended providing an informal assessment after the visit and then after progress, a formal evaluation.

Suehiro noted programs struggle with staffing due to funding; people don't stay, so the kids do not have the stability of staff. The continuous hiring leads to the kids starting over with a new staff. Lau noted to add aloha and staff to the evaluation list. Winqvist recommended adding adequate space in a welcoming and safe environment; also to icloud data.

IV. Kids for Cash Video

Montgomery shared a 16 minutes dvd of kids in the system and their stories. An example of a girl flipping the bird to a police officer, got 1 year jail time. This is an east coast scandal, where the Judge, a brother-in-law to the correctional facility, made millions in kickbacks for sending kids to the facility and a brother-in-law to a police officer who took kids straight to the detention facility.

Lau reminded of our young kids in hand and leg shackles at the airport with 2 escorts transporting them to Oahu; noting what crime did they do to deserve shackles and 2 escorts. Chargualaf commented when visit providers, ask what doing to get kid back into the community. If know of any organizations working with kids and families that are not listed to

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refer them to the online directory. Action: Fernandes-Otake to send online directory link to members for registering.

IV. Announcements

1. Pew Foundation

Chargualaf reported conversation on Ho`opono Mamo with Pew, a charitable trust is a public safety performance project. If Hawaii is chosen, Pew will gather the data, do an analysis of the system, come up with policy development, work on legislature, educate the public, and give their recommendation on how we are handling kids. Pew noted Hawaii is spending \$199K per year to incarcerate a child in HYCF versus the \$169K cost. If Hawaii is selected, Pew will return to make the announcement with the Governor, legislature and the Chief Justice at the end of the month and present the findings in December.

Chargualaf commented the mainland is moving to more cultural applications, because facing the same issue like Hawaii of how do you measure. Pew to give an outside objective and to shift the money to the front end of prevention versus the back end to incarcerate.

Chargualaf reported the committee need numbers for DCTAT reporting. Action: Chargualaf to get Tai-An Miao's Violators by County Report, and HYCF numbers from David Hipp.

V. Next Tentative Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2013 on Maui. Action: Chargualaf to coordinate MPD POI site visit.

VI. Adjournment

Suehiro motioned to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Winquist. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Leimomi Fernandes-Otake
Juvenile Justice Administrative Assistant