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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL PREVENTION & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 9, 2015

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
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) Attachment A
Prevention & Accountability Committee June 3, 2015 Minutes
- III. Juvenile Justice Crime Analysis Presentation – Dr. Meripa Godinet
- IV. New Business
 - A. Prevention & Accountability Committee
 1. Legislative and Policy Development
 2. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report on Contract Providers Attachment B
 3. Role of Committee
- V. Announcements
- VI. Next Meeting
Tentative – Wednesday, December 2, 2015
- VII. Adjournment

The meeting is open to the press and public. For more information, contact Ed Chargualaf, Office of Youth Services, Juvenile Justice Program Coordinator at (808) 587-5700.



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MINUTES

Present: Melinda Montgomery, Chair
Christina Andersson-Reichert, Vice-Chair
Walter "Wally" Lau
August Suehiro

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

I. Call to Order

Chair called meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

II. Review Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) Attachment A Prevention & Accountability Committee June 3, 2015 Minutes

Chair Montgomery asked for the review of the June 3, 2015 minutes. Wally Lau motioned to approve the June 3, 2015 minutes, seconded by August Suehiro, and the motion was passed unanimously.

III. Juvenile Justice Crime Analysis Presentation – Dr. Meripa Godinet

Dr. Meripa Godinet reviewed the Juvenile Justice Crime Analysis (JJCA) recommendations.

1. Status Offenses - all 3 years the highest in all circuits. 2012-13 in the HYCF phase reflects duplicate counts because shows status offense, but not by it self. 2014 shows no status offenses, so something addressed the issue. Noted property offenses top in 2-3 of all circuits for all phases. Drugs in the Big Island and Maui, and all phases in Kauai and Oahu. Kauai has less diversion for nonstatus offenses, should be out of the system.

2. Examination of the decisions and procedures for fair and equal treatment. Native Hawaiian youth not overrepresented at the time of arrest, but in subsicant phases; but not in the Big Island. Something is going on to warrant further exams. Whites in Maui, Kauai and the Big Island circuits at arrest flips the issue, because not overrepresented in referrals; getting out of the system. Whites continues in Oahu in most

phases. More consideration in the decision process in jjs for phases, when not in the beginning phases; to help with culturally relevant programs to address issues. Other ethnic groups show as the top 6 are the Mixed Pacific Islanders and Other Pacific Islander groups (everybody who is not Samoan or Native Hawaiian). Mixed, not Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, numbers are high.

3. System Improvement – for Maui, Kauai, Big Island, out of 1000 youth at arrests and adjudication, 2 to 3 times more than Oahu for refferrals and petition, but less for probation; Kauai is the highest and consistent every year.

4. Ethnic Identification – the Unknown is the biggest ethnic group in most of Hawaii's data. Although required to provide documentation; if show ID or birth certificate with ethnicity, the ethnicity is not entered into the data for referrals and probation (particularly in the Big Island, then Maui and Kauai). This problem also noted in the previous report of the Unknow or Other category, which is substantial.

5. Age – participate in delinquency increases with age; 15 to 16, then declines at 17. Climbs steady between 13 to 14 and the biggest difference at 15 to 16; focus to decrease into jjs. Samoans are high in Oahu, and one year for Kauai overrepresentation in all phases.

Unknown discussion and how actually reported. Dr. Godinet reported at arrest may be case of Unknown; similar to Child Protective Services' ethnicity ask what are you, select Unknown, because youth say local or Hawaiian (although, not Hawaiian). Lau inquired how accurate is the data; if ethnicity is missing, does it go to Unknown. Chargualaf stated Kauai Police Department's 2013 and current data is not accurate because of the new computer system which did not include JJIS in the plan; hopefully by the end of the year back online. Kauai arrests for 2014 not included on the analysis.

Dr. Godinet discussed documentation to capture culture or ethnicity; how address dealing with kids. The biological ethnicity inquiry at referral, must submit legal document. Lau inquired if Caucasian and only 1/16 Hawaiian; can claim Hawaiian. Dr. Godinet responded even if an inch of Hawaiian, document as a Hawaiian. The same for half half, but not participate in ethnicity; now taking it as anybody who identifies themselves. Chargualaf reported ethnicity is a long discussion. Dr. Godinet stated given the complexity of multiethnicity; Child Protective Services mark Hawaiian if look Hawaiian. Cargualaf reported JDAI and JJSAC agreed to both ethnicity groups; only change Jamaicans to Africian Americans.

Chargualaf noted now concentrating at arrest to provide services prior to age 13; the younger the reach, the better. Andersson-Reichert reported Maui DOE had 41 truancy cases for Judge Tanaka last year and the age range from 6.1 to 11.1, 23 females and 18 males, and mostly from Waihee and Wailuku schools. Chair noted consistent on Kauai; DOE truancy addressed by Hale Kipa to start in elementary and middle schools; to intervene before high school.

Chargualaf requested Dr. Godinet's final report ; already submitted the draft report to OJJDP.

IV. New Business

A. Prevention & Accountability Committee

1. Legislative and Policy Development

Chargualaf reported will disseminate the legislature list when become available. Reminded we can not lobby, but we can educate. Go through SAG to educate the Senators then make contact; the committee's task to keep an eye on the legislature. Chargualaf reported the 10% reduction for all contracts by the legislature.

Chargualaf reported Merton Chinen is the Acting Executive Director and will recommend a separate unit for OJJDP which he oversees; the team of John Paekukui, Compliance Monitor, Leimomi Fernandes-Otake, JJAA and the new staff. Similar to OYS, a separate unit attached to DHS; recommend the same with OJJDP, a separate unit attached to OYS to continue focus on juvenile justice. Also to recommend some state funding and to do a reorganization within OYS internally and within DHS. Technically, Chargualaf is under Chinen; from practice with the prior Juvenile Justice Program Coordinators, Chargualaf reports to the Executive Director versus the organization chart to the Program Development Officer. Chargualaf discussed the transfer of OJJDP to OYS, but at the time did not complete the proper process to make OJJDP as a separate unit or branch in the organization chart. Chargualaf requests the support of JJSAC to make the recommendation proposal and to at least try to make OJJDP right within OYS. Also for OYS to provide some monies, from \$100K to \$500K in addition to the federal grants. Paekukui monitors compliance with or without state funding, but the state is federally required to maintain compliance; this justifies more funding. Suehiro thought OJJDP reported directly to the Executive Director since the beginning. Chair agreed to support the OJJDP reorganization and state funding recommendation. Action: Chargualaf to disseminate legislature bills. Chargualaf to proceed with the reorganization of OJJDP under OYS.

Chargualaf reported Congress convened this month and hopefully continue Reauthorization discussions. Senator Grassley, the most senior Senator and Senator White wrote the last Reauthorization Bill. Suggested the committee to visit the CJJ website for alerts and the need to be more legislature and policy development aggressive.

Policy Development - DMC for the state to recognize; do a resolution which may be less threatening to all agencies, states and city and counties; also to be mindful of race and ethnic disparity especially in confined areas such as HYCF and the Detention Home. Suehiro requested a resolution write up. Action: Chargualaf to check other states for a sample Resolution for the next meeting. Committee members to disseminate the resolution to local legislatures.

2. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report on Contract Providers

Attachment B

Chargualaf reported AMJ quarter for the federal grants; 383 served youth, about 127 per month.

1. Hale Kipa, Youth on Probation in Kauai served 41 youth/families, 0 offended or re-offended, and 33 noted behavioral changes in their social competence.
2. Alu Like, Inc., Kupuna Program at HYCF encountered challenges because the program is now mandatory which is not the program's intention (some wards are disrespectful and may harm the Kupuna/staff); served 38 wards/families, 26 wards completed program, 12 wards left the program because of discipline or released (due to mandatory attendance), and 5 wards re-offended. Meeting with WRAP and Hale Kipa for a more holistic approach. Andersson-Reichert inquired if report on success from all islands versus only Oahu and what did to be successful. Action: Chargualaf to make inquire with Alu Like, Inc.
3. County of Hawaii OPA, Assessment Center; served 46 youth/families, 2 re-offend (runaways), and 20 youth referred to community resources. Chargualaf reported Pauline Pavao retired and the program will be funded another project year. The Assessment Center has a BIJIAC Committee made up of Family Court, HYCF, Child Welfare, Prosecutor Office and the Police Department; inquired to do Civil Citation, which Chargualaf responded must work with the local police law enforcement.
4. County of Hawaii OPA, Hawaii Family Management Program is a one to one service contracted with Salvation Army; served 37 youth/families, and 3 re-offended.

5. 1st Circuit, Judiciary, Reporting Center through CARE Hawaii; served 16 youth at risk and on probation, 11 completed the program noted behavioral changes in their social competency, and 1 re-offended. Chargualaf reported also has a substance abuse treatment facility.

Chargualaf reported face challenges with the DOE programs.

6. DOE West Hawaii – no report and no invoices; contract ends September 30, 2015. Program has 2 components:

1. Life Plan Curriculum - guide to make better decisions.
2. Peer Mediation in middle school and elementary.

Action: Chargualaf to write a letter signed by the committee if no invoice by the end of October, will not get paid and will terminate the contract.

7. DOE Waianae Intermediate School; served 17 students/families, and 15 completed program. The program hired a counselor to go out to the chronic homes to try to bring the students back to school. Agreed to purchase a tracking instrument to scan IDs to tell the number of days missed school and to serve as a means to provide student incentives. The budget is weak and the contract ends September 30, 2015; but asking when extend the contract.

8. Maui Police Department, POI Project is good and the courts working on its expansion; served 23 youth/families, none re-offended, and 23 noted behavioral change in their social competence. Working on a Court Diversion Component.

9. City & County of Honolulu, Juvenile Justice Center; served 101 youths/families, 83 completed the program, and none re-offended. The program serves as a hub to the Civil Citation Program.

10. County of Kauai, Teen Court; for the period of January to June 2015, 63 youth diverted to the Teen Court Program. Gave \$10K to the program.

Lau inquired the status of the Ho`opono Mamo Program. Chargualaf responded the program is funded by the state, Sussanah Wesley opened on March 16, and served more than 170 kids; got reaccreditation so visit website for numbers. The next meeting is to address how to compliment each other.

3. Role of Committee

Chair reviewed By-Laws' draft and committee discussed the wording. Chargualaf suggested not to specify the names of the grants. Andersson-Reichert made a motion to approve the the Bylaws with the revisions and to disseminate the draft for final review, seconded by Suehiro, and the motion was passed unanimously.

V. Announcements

1. Chair and Andersson-Reichert made a recommendation to change the meetings from Wednesdays to Fridays. Andersson-Reichert made a motion to change the meetings from Wednesdays to Fridays, seconded by Suehiro, and the motion was passed unanimously.

2. Andersson-Reichert reported met with Viki Roemmling and Allison Ishikawa at POI, a Diversion Program to keep youth out of the jjs. Started in 1999 in a classroom setting at the police station, completes community service and connects with other community agencies. Served 134 youth last year; 60 male/40 female. POI has 5 juvenile counselors and 9 police officers (on a rotational schedule on overtime). The juvenile counselors are consistent; Roemmling and Keith Moniz with POI since 1999, and Ishikawa soon

after. OYS funded only; the grant pays for the overtime. The major service is education and diversion; no assessment or curriculum. The program schedule is Wednesday evenings (2nd Chance Classes) which parents attend; educated on awareness. On Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM conduct community service in the community or at the Loi.

Ask kids to write reflections and letters at the end of 4 weeks; use survey monkeys to get data. Completes a 1st, 3rd and 6th month check, with a 11% recidivism rate. The reward is diverted from the courts and no record. Since 2000, the average age of Pro Det. (promoting a detrimental drug) is getting younger; was 16, now 12 to 13 years old. The program was originally for 1st time offenders voluntary, now youth can attend voluntarily for non-arrest, and referrals can come from anywhere. The court diversion component is for 1st time arrest – status offense or criminal, but cannot be a crime against another person or have restitution. If the youth completes Nolle Pros through the Prosecutor's Office, this means the crime never goes to court and gets dismissed. Charugualaf reported Maui is the only county with its own juvenile division; a good role for the other islands. Suehiro inquired about SROs; uncertain if Windward schools have SROs. Chargualaf suggested may need to become involved with the SROs.

3. Chargualaf reported Merton Chinen is the Acting Executive Director; David Hipp left on August 31, 2015. The new staff on board on September 16, 2015 to manage the contracts.

VI. Next Meeting

Tentative – Friday, March 4, 2016

VII. Adjournment

Andersson-Reichert motioned to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Suehiro. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Leimomi Fernandes-Otake
Juvenile Justice Administrative Assistant