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ATTACHMENT A

**JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
PREVENTION & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 15, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

Present: Patricia Niibu, Vice Chair
Marilyn Hasegawa
Wally Lau
Laverne Moore

Absent: Christina Andersson-Reichert, Chair
August Suehiro

Staff: Cyndy Pierce, Juvenile Justice Program Coordinator
John Paekukui, Compliance Monitor
Diane Texidor, Office of Youth Services

- I. Call to Order**
Vice Chair Niibu called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.
- II. Review Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) Prevention & Accountability Committee December 7, 2016 Minutes (Attachment A)**
Vice Chair Niibu asked for the review of the December 7, 2016 minutes. Laverne Moore motioned to approve the March 4, 2016 minutes, seconded by Wally Lau, and the motion was passed unanimously.
- III. Program Specialist Report**
Cyndy Pierce announced that Ho'opono Mamo is currently undergoing the RFP process. We have 4 contracts that are funded but will not be discussed at this time. **Action Item:** Pierce will be reporting on contracts at next meeting. Ana has been promoted within OYS and transitioning to different position.
- IV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Program Site Visit Update

The program site visits have been placed on hold due to the vacant Juvenile Administrative Assistant position (position ends on June 3, 2017) for coordinating air travel. Pierce reported that the position may be filled by the end of the year. Pierce also needs to check with OYS Fiscal to determine if there is funding for Committee members to travel to other neighbor islands to conduct site visits. The Committee made recommendations to the site visit document in preparation for the site visits, however the travel funding at the time was uncertain. Lau commented that Committee members could do site visits in the island that they live in, as long as it is Coordinated with the Provider and Members get the site visit form. **Action Item: Pierce to check on travel funds for Committee members to conduct site visits.**

B. Vera Institute-Status Offense Reform Update

Pierce attended the Vera Institute training in Connecticut in November 2016. Hawaii was chosen for Training and Technical Assistance for Status Offense System Reform. The Core group made up of Child Welfare, the Judiciary, Tai-an Miao with University of Hawaii, and OYS (represented by Pierce). The workgroup will have a status system offense kickoff which is March 20, 2017. The focus on the Status Offense System Reform is focused on truancy (and/or runaways). The Vera Institute will be reviewing 5 redacted case records and set up a standard method of reviewing case records.

Moore asked why Hawaii was selected and what are they looking at? Pierce responded that the JJSAC has worked to divert status offenders away from the juvenile justice system. Historically what has been found is that once a youth enters the system, it is difficult to get out, because it is on their record. Niibu asked if the workgroup is working closely with the Department of Education, because that's where all the youth are. Pierce responded that the Vera Institute can utilize the help of both Niibu and Moore and get feedback from DOE representation. Marilyn Hasegawa asked if the workgroup is concentrated statewide. Pierce responded that it is only the island of Oahu at this time. Moore asked how do you divert the youth from being truant? Pierce responded that this question is what the workgroup will be formulating. Moore requested that the minutes and recommendations that come about from the workgroup be shared with the Prevention and Accountability Committee. This would be important information to inform the members, so that the committee can make an impact on practices. Moore expressed interest in getting involved with the workgroup.

C. FY 2016 DMC Conference Update

Pierce attended the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Conference. Hear speakers from all over the country and what they are doing as the problems are intense and traumatic to overrepresented groups in the juvenile justice system.

D. Ho'opono Mamo Civil Citation Update

An RFP was issued in January and currently undergoing evaluation of proposals. **Action Item:** An update will be provided at the next meeting.

E. Data Dashboard

A graphic was distributed that depicts the process of a youth undergoing the juvenile justice system, from Prevention (front-end) and after Incarceration. Members had the task from the previous Committee meeting to identify three needs or gaps from their program or community that relate to youth at risk for entering the juvenile justice system. Each member was tasked to report for their island.

Niibu reported that Lanai has Import Multi Services (IMS). Lanai has to import the services from Oahu or Maui, for example once a month for therapist. Lanai has limited resources. A big problem has been drugs abuse for juveniles due to the construction workers in the island. Construction has been ongoing on the island and is anticipated to last another 6-7 years. Moore recommended that the schools should be offering opportunities for students to learn the construction trade. The IMS are also limited services. If a provider goes to Lanai to provide services and if no clients show up, then the provider does not get paid. Drug education is another need in the island.

Moore identified that there is a lack of alternative educational opportunities for youth, such as vocational or hands-on learning. The priority has shifted to academic based programming, resulting in curriculum that is not relevant to many youth, especially youth who may have English as a second language. Lau agreed that this is also the case on the Big Island. Moore stated that schools are focused on the data showing that a larger percentage of youth are attending college after high school. She recommended that the data the DOE should be looking at is how many of those youth are staying in college.

Moore questioned if the Vera Institute is helping to divert the truancy population. Lau stated that one way is if the school had more instructional activities or alternative activities to engage the students, then the students would want to come to school. Learning is not relevant. Cyndy asked if the kupuna could be involved with the school. Niibu stated that they had a kupuna program, however the program ended and staff who want to continue to keep the program operating have to volunteer. It becomes difficult with no funding and relying on volunteers.

Lau reported that when he worked with Kamehameha Schools, he worked with youth in ALC (Alternative Learning Center) the student's IQs showed that they were above average: when the IQs were split, the verbal test was not as high, but the performance showed high scores. This means that youth are good at doing and moving and didn't do so well with sitting and listening. The emphasize became that the teachers focused on the strengths of the students. The students were tested on their performance that are hands on. Lau emphasized that there is value in alternative type of schools and there

needs to be a balance. An identified gap on the big island is transportation and drug education of opioids.

Hasegawa reported that she did not get the chance to gather information for gaps and needs in Kauai, but will be reporting at the next meeting.

V. New Business

A. Formula Grant Application 2017

Pierce reported that she is applying for the OJJDP Formula Grant Application. There were changes in the reporting periods that separated the reporting period for the Compliance portion of the grant. The grant is due April 17, 2017.

B. Publications- Principles for Change

A publication issued by the Coalition of Juvenile Justice issued out a publication entitled Principles for Change for Youth and Homelessness that may be of interest to the Committees. Members confirmed that they received the link to the article electronically.

C. Afterschool Initiative-Governor's Office Report

Lavern called the Lt. Governor's office and found out that Augie T is now in the governor's office and is the public relations for Bullying initiatives in the public schools. Augie T has been going to the schools and working with students to address the bullying issues through a curriculum he developed with his daughter.

VI. Announcements

A. 2017 Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference

Pierce reported that she and John were going to attend the CJJ Conference during the month of April. There is a possibility of OJJDP partnering with CJJ in scheduling training during week of conference.

VII. Next Meeting

Tentative- Wednesday, May 17, 2017

VIII. Adjournment

Moore motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hasegawa second to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourn at 10:51am.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Program Specialist