

**JDAI COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

Minutes

April 10, 2014

Attendees: Tom Wanta (DCSD), Michelle Naples (DHHS), Kelly Pethke (DCSD), Melissa Graham (DCSD), Mary Triggiano (Judge), Dennis Cimpl (Judge), Lovell Johnson (Assistant District Attorney's Office), Sara Scullen (Assistant District Attorney's Office), Robin Dorman (State Public Defenders), Jacqueline Mann (Milwaukee Public Schools), Fonseca (Detention Superintendent), Wendy Moraza (DCSD), Tia Medley (Medical College), Wendi Ehrman (Medical College), DeShell Parker (DCSD), Judy Tramonte (Southwest Key), Jerome Ernst (DCSD), Mary Ann Hand (DCSD), Andre Gilliam (DCSD), Tana Jeter (DCSD), Terrell Martin (Detention), Arlene Happach (BMCW), Peter Madaus (DCSD), David Bowen (County Board member), Peter Pierce (Milwaukee Police Department), Lindsey Draper (Department of Justice), Cathy Connolly (St. Charles Youth & Family Services), Nate Holton (CJC), Paul Florshem (UWM)

Following the meeting being called to order by Site Coordinator B. Thomas Wanta, those in attendance introduced themselves. The minutes of the February 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved. Glenn Larson was introduced as the new Milwaukee County JDAI Site Coordinator.

Statewide JDAI Update (Lindsey Draper)

Lindsey Draper attended a listening session in the state of Washington with five other JDAI state coordinators to discuss the future of juvenile justice in the United States and a report will be written and distributed once received. He also discussed that there will be changes in Disproportionate Minority Contacts (DMC) and there will be a statewide DMC conference to discuss the big picture of what needs to happen to make the changes and to share success stories. It was noted that Manitowoc County is struggling with similar things as Milwaukee County in regards to JDAI. The next JDAI Quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2014 in Manitowoc County in which efforts will be made to determine what the local management team can do to assist JDAI efforts. The JDAI National Conference is scheduled for June 2014 in Philadelphia and the National Site Visit is scheduled in Chicago for August 2014.

Detention Risk Assessment Update (Glenn Larson)

Glenn Larson stated that the current draft of the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) is being tested on current cases coming through detention and it was noted that this will be used to determine if using this tool makes a difference in number and type of youth detained. The next steps are to look at the data, conduct some field testing with technical assistance from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, along with getting feedback from the Milwaukee police Department. Once the minutes from the last DRAI

meeting are completed they will be forwarded to the Advisory Board for review. The other parties involved in the DRAI are Waukesha County, La Crosse County, Outagamie County, Eau Claire County, the Director of State Courts and the Wisconsin Intake Association.

MOU – provide feedback on example (All)

A draft of the MOU of how the Community Advisory Board (CAB) will function was distributed to the group and feedback was requested. The purpose of the MOU is to provide structure on moving forward and how to settle any disagreements or issues that arise, along with collaborations, etc. The MOU will also allow for continuity for moving forward as individual players may change within the CAB. There was a question about whether partners could be added, such as Wraparound as there is a shared interest in human trafficking issues. There was a recommendation made to include suburban law enforcement agencies as well and the site coordinator will contact the Milwaukee County Law Enforcement Agencies (MCLEA).

RFP Updates (Peter Madaus)

DCSD has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Evening Report Center (ERC), Community Service & Restitution Coordination (CS&RC) and Group Home-Transitional Living. Evening Report Center and Community Service & Restitution Coordination would be primarily pre-dispositional and piloted starting in the second quarter of 2014. As of right now, the only alternative to detention option is the Saturday Alternative Sanctions Program (SAS) but there is a need for more options and resources. If the programs go well, then the goal would be for DCSD to sustain them in 2015. There were no proposals submitted for the group home. One response was received for the Evening Report Center by Wisconsin Community Services, who DCSD will enter into contract with starting the second quarter of 2014. There were three proposals submitted for the Community Service & Restitution Coordination program and they are in the process of being scored. The ERC can serve up to 30 youth at a time and is available for youth right after school through the evening hours and will provide services and programming aimed at reducing the negative behaviors and thoughts that lead to becoming involved in delinquent acts. The ERC will also include recreational, educational assistance and tutoring, provide transportation and incentives. This program could be used as an alternative to detention for post dispositional youth as an alternative to detention or for pre-dispositional youth as an alternative to Level II services (although it was noted that it could be used in conjunction with Level II if appropriate). A question was asked whether the DRAI would be used to recommend programming and it was reported that the DRAI is only a tool to determine whether youth should be placed in detention or released to a less secure placement. The discussion also included the use of the Youth Assessment & Screening Instrument (YASI) and whether the YASI would be shared with system partners and it was noted that DCSD is working on developing a plan to share the information but that they are not there at this time as there needs to be training and other implementation issues to discuss. A brochure of the ERC is being developed by WCS in conjunction with DCSD and will be

shared with all parties once finalized. It was recommended that the program also include community organizations and agencies to present to the youth in the program and it was noted that this was also included in the program proposal.

The CS&RC program is in the scoring process and a recommendation will be given to DCSD who will then enter into a contract for the second quarter of 2014 with the agency that receives the highest score and provides the best proposal. It was noted that it will be crucial for Human Service Workers (HSW) are aware of the new DCSD programming options and take the lead on making referrals to the programs for the appropriate youth. It was also noted that at the time of adjudication, a youth's ability to pay restitution is evaluated and this should be taken into consideration for the CS&RC program.

SAS Updates (Kelly Pethke)

Saturday Alternative Sanctions (SAS) program updates were given, with 87 referrals being made to the program since it started in late July 2013. Of those 87 referrals, 19 youth have completed the program, 11 have not completed, 8 youth were never enrolled into the program due to being sent to detention prior to their start date and there is currently 29 on the wait list. It was noted that sanctions in detention have decreased since the program started, although specific numbers were not available at this meeting but could be pulled if needed. The referral, intake, programming and discharge process was explained to the group and there was a suggestion that this information be shared more often as judges often hear conflicting information from staff as they would like to hear more positive information about what DCSD and the youth served are doing. A question was asked about the Stayed Days Credit form and it will be looked into whether this form is being utilized as it was designed and whether this was being put into the youth's case file once filed with the courts. There was a question as to how many of the youth came back to detention for sanctions after completing this program, which is not currently being tracked.

Alternatives to Detention Sub-committee (All)

Wendy Moraza is currently working on the QRS, along with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. A sub-committee of volunteers was requested to look at and identify the target population in detention, as well as the reason as to why they are there, using data to expand or enhance services. This will be data driven, using evidence based practices and volunteers were asked to contact Glenn Larson after the meeting.

DCSD Overview (All)

The DCSD Overview documented was distributed to the group, along with the draft of the DCSD Mission Statement. The CAB should be aware of how DCSD is aligned and input was requested to both documents. It was noted that DCSD is currently working on a Sanctions Grid and will be creating a Dispositional Matrix this year to be used as a guide when working with youth and should be used in conjunction with one's professional judgment. A group from Milwaukee County, including DHHS and DCSD staff, a representative from the Assistant District Attorney's office, Public Defenders

office, a judge, a representative from Wraparound and other interested parties will be visiting Florida in June 2014 to learn about their system improvements, look at their dispositional matrix, visit their judiciary, staff and community partners, and look at their research and data system. The goal is to give youth the best chance to succeed while ensuring community safety and Florida has made great strides in accomplishing this and Milwaukee County would like to learn from them.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm with the next meeting scheduled for July 9, 2014.