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JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Andrew Jackson Building, 9th
Floor Conference Room
WebEx
Friday, November 1, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Rob Mortensen, Chair
Sharon Green*
Christy Sigler*

Members Absent

Jennie Harlan
Amy Jones
Altha Stewart
Glenda Terry

Staff Present

Craig Hargrow
Vicki Taylor
Zanira Whitfield

I. Welcome and Introductions – Rob Mortensen, Chair

Mortensen called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed all present and thanked Green and Sigler for calling in via WebEx.

II. Approval of Minutes (ACTION)

August minutes had not been distributed as of this meeting and will be approved at the November Commission meeting.

IT WAS MOVED (JONES) AND SECONDED (MORTENSEN) AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2019 JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES AS AMENDED. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

III. Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) Violations – Zanira Whitfield

Whitfield discussed the DSO Violations Report and the total number of DSO violations were 27 for the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. Violations increased in Johnson City during the last quarter due to the judge holding status offenders more than 24 hours.

Mortensen asked if there has been any communication with the Governor's Office to reduce recidivism among juveniles. Hargrow discussed Richard Kennedy being a part of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA) Implementation Council. Hargrow stated he attended a Tennessee Criminal Justice Reinvestment Task Force meeting on Kennedy's behalf as a member of the JJRA Implementation Council. Mortensen asked Hargrow to submit a summary of the meeting.

IV. Grants/Contracts Monitoring Update – Craig Hargrow

Hargrow reporting for Mitchell stated the 2020 CPO Plan was completed and submitted on 10/29/19 and is currently being reviewed. The Central Procurement Office (CPO) has notified agencies of additional changes they are proposing to Policy 2013-007 regarding Grant Management and Subrecipient Monitoring and will schedule a meeting to review proposed changes.

Hargrow reported Mitchell has one review still in process and is working with a few subrecipients on their Corrective Action Plans. The biggest delays have been with the Reimbursement Accounts. Three programs have not submitted their review documentation, and a few have not submitted Corrective Action Plans. Hargrow is working on a letter to send to non-compliant subrecipients informing them they will not receive payment if they do not provide the requested documentation in a timely manner. Mitchell hopes to get all the 2019 monitoring wrapped up in order to begin preparing for 2020 monitoring.

CASA reviews will be conducted between February and April, Federal Formula Grant reviews will be conducted between April and June, and Reimbursement reviews will be conducted between June and August. Paperless reviews will be tested with grantees in 2020.

V. Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Task Force Update – Craig Hargrow

Hargrow continues to provide technical assistance and support to the Davidson, Madison and Shelby County RED task forces.

Hargrow met with the body serving as the Madison County RED Task Force on September 5, 2019. Hargrow talked about the changes in the reauthorized Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and how it will impact the work of the task force.

The Davidson County RED Task Force met on October 15, 2019 and members discussed the RED presentation to be used by members. Task force members are also working on

creating a social media presence. The Davidson County Task Force also participates in the Mobile Diversity Seminar for Davidson County police officer cadets.

Hargrow continues to have conference calls with Bernard Williams of Shelby County Juvenile Court to discuss ways to collaborate and implement reducing RED efforts. Hargrow also talked with a representative of the Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth about building on the RED reduction efforts currently in place in Shelby County. Grant money will likely be used to continue the training provided by the Pennsylvania DMC Youth/Law Enforcement Corporation.

VI. Other Business

Taylor reported TCCY received the FY 19 Title II award in the amount of \$820,258. The original FY 19 budget will be revised to coincide with the awarded amount and submitted to our OJJDP Program Manager.

Hargrow reported attending the OJJDP training in Kansas City, September 24-26, along with Taylor and Whitfield. Information was received on compliance monitoring and RED.

MORTENSEN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN MEETING, SIGLER SECONDED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Minutes Approved by:

Vicki Taylor
Juvenile Justice Specialist

Rob Mortensen
Chair

* Participated via Webex