Youth Justice Committee

Location:  **Teams Meeting**

Date: Friday, 5/12/2023

Time: 10:00 A.M. CDT

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| **Staff Present:**  Richard Kennedy, Exec Dir., Craig Hargrow, Dep. Exec. Dir., Therese Sipes, Intern, Kate Gonzales, Jeni Davis, Wendy Pickering, Rachel Vowel, Marquita Moore, Russette Marcum-Embry, Jerri Moore, Rob Burke, Steve Petty, Vicki Taylor, Rob Burke, Zanira Whitfield, Shaun Noblit, Kylie Graves  **Staff Absent:** None  **Commission Members Present**: Chair Charmaine Kromer, Judge Sharon Green, Judge Robert Philyaw, Rob Mortensen, Amy Jones  **Commission Members Absent:** Dr. Altha Stewart, Glenda Terry, Stan Settles  **Guest:** Anna Caudil, Special Education Advocate | |
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| 1. | **Call to Order –**   |  | | --- | | After ascertaining there was a quorum, Kromer called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. | |  | |
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| 2. | **Approval of February 2023 Youth Justice Meeting Minutes (ACTION)**  Commission Member Stuart requested a correction to the RED grant amount from the previous meeting. This correction was agreed upon; the RED grant amount was corrected to reflect $60,000 in the October minutes.  **Kromer asked for a motion to approve the revised October minutes.**  **Mortensen made a motion and Judge Green seconded the motion; all approved.** |
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| 3. | **Staff Updates**  **CASA Grants Management/Ombudsman Update - Russette Marcum-Embry**  Marcum-Embry reported 29 new referrals were received for the months of January, February, and March of 2023. As of the end of March, Marcum-Embry was working 25 open cases. Please refer to Ombudsman Program graphs for demographic information.  Also in this quarter, the Ombudsman program has implemented an online reporting option for referents. Marcum-Embry is reviewing the standard operating procedures for the program, and speaking with members of the USOA Children and Families Chapter regarding ways to report on data collected during intake.  Marcum-Embry attended three meetings of the USOA Children and Families Chapter, and four CFTMs.  Marcum-Embry continues to support two interns from the UT College of Social Work, Kate Keese and Therese Sipes, who will be with TCCY through May 2023. Marcum-Embry is serving as both field instructor and task manager.  Marcum-Embry continues to serve on the Children and Families Chapter of the USOA, and as TCCY/Kennedy’s representative on the Council on Developmental Disabilities  **Federal Formula Grant Update - Vicki Taylor and Zanira Whitfield**  Whitfield and Taylor will begin revising TCCY grant applications for possible June distribution.  Whitfield and Taylor are conducting grantee program site visits  TCCY is waiting on approval of FY21 budget revision submitted in JustGrants. After approval, Youth Justice staff will submit FY22 budget revision.  Whitfield reported TCCY is waiting for OJJDP to release the FY2023 Title II Grant solicitation.  Whitfield reported working on the TCCY SAM and ASAP account to get reactivated.  The 2023 CJJ Conference is scheduled for May 24-26 in Washington DC, with Hill Day and OJJDP STRAD convening on May 24.  TCCY is still in discussions on how to collect baseline data regarding the 223(a)(11)(B) in which will have to be reported to OJJDP on the 2024 Annual Compliance Report.  **Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders Update - Zanira Whitfield**  Whitfield reported she is still waiting on OJJDP to open the online OJJDP Compliance Monitoring Tool to input FY 2021-2022 compliance monitoring data in order to complete the Annual Compliance Monitoring Report. For the current compliance monitoring cycle (10/1/22 to 9/30/23) thus far there are 7 DSO violations. Youth justice staff and Regional Coordinators continue to monitor facilities and provide technical support.  **Grant Monitoring Update - Wendy Pickering**  Pickering has completed all 2019-2020 and 2021-2022 FFG and Reimbursement Monitoring.  Pickering has completed 50% of all 2021-2022 CASA site visits. Pickering has completed 50% of all 2019-2020 and 2021-2022 CASA Desktop Reviews. Pickering has reviewed and approved all CASA Corrective Action Plans thus far.  Pickering will begin compliance monitoring of designated jails, detention facilities, court holding cells, and police departments. Pickering has accompanied Taylor on compliance monitoring visits. Pickering has completed training for new compliance monitors with the Center for Coordinated Assistance to States.  **Racial and Ethnic Disparities - Shaun Noblit**  Noblit participated in and presented at the 12th Annual Joint Conference on Juvenile Justice at Austin Pea University. The conference was put together by the Montgomery County DMC taskforce. Noblit was responsible for the keynote speech and a breakout session on Racial and Ethnic Disparities data at the Federal, State, and County level.  Noblit conducted the 2nd meeting of the Council on Youth Justice event. Presentation topics centered around mental health services for justice involved youth. The next council meeting will be on June 2nd from 9am to 11am. The presenters will be Judge Shelia Calloway and ADA Stacy Miller.  Noblit continues participating in monthly calls from OJJDP around R/ED. Noblit also participates in monthly DCS meetings concerning DCS policies and procedures that affect youth of color.  Noblit will join other youth justice staff at the CJJ Annual Conference in Washington D.C. on May 24th-26th. Noblit will also participate in Hill Day with members of the SAG/Commission, Richard Kennedy, and Craig Hargrow. |
| 4) | **Motion to Adjourn**  Commission Member Kromer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.  **Mortensen made a motion to adjourn and Judge Philyaw seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am CST.** |
| Prepared by: Jeni Davis and Therese Sipes | |