

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

January 16, 2014
Northwestern School of Law
375 East Chicago Avenue
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Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Present in person: Julie Biehl, Director Bishop, Jerry Butler, Mark Hassakis, Dave Olson, Randolph Stone, Jennifer Vollen-Katz

Present by phone: Jennifer North

Others Present in person: Beth Compton, Era Lauder milk, Mary Reynolds, and Nora Collins-Mandaville

Welcome

The meeting began at approximately 2:10 p.m. with a quorum present. Meeting conducted by Chairperson Jenny Vollen-Katz.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from the November 17, 2013 meeting are still being edited. Motion made by Director Bishop to table the approval until the next scheduled meeting. Dave Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Director Bishop noted that the youth population in the Department continues to decrease with 829 as the current headcount. A large reason for the decrease can be attributed to Redeploy Illinois.

The management of the hotline that was created to enable youth to report sexual misconduct and abuse was moved on January 15, 2014 to the Department of Children and Family Services. This enables youth to have full access to a person external to the Department and able to monitor investigations.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) are used in the DJJ School District and plans are underway to expand this as a behavior management system throughout the Youth Centers. Efforts are underway to reduce the use of confinement in the facilities. The Department is diligently trying to fill critical vacancies. Jenny Vollen-Katz asked about the use of substitute teachers and Director Bishop responded that DJJ is looking at creative ways to address these needs but mindful of the collective bargaining contract. Jerry Butler suggested researching the possible use of retired DJJ or DOC teachers. A discussion was held about Aftercare. Director Bishop provided an overview of Aftercare and plans to roll-out statewide.

Beth Compton provided an update on the consent decree and expects a negotiated agreement to be filed with the federal court in March. Beth also provided an update on the status of the

Department efforts to recodify its own set of Administrative Code rules with the goal of enabling the Department to amend its own set of rules with changes and updates.

Discussion of Legislation Impacting DJJ

DJJ continues to develop legislation that it will initiate this spring and is expected to be finalized by the end of January. Reviews are underway of legislation being introduced for the spring session.

Discussion of Outcome Measures

Dave Olson is working with his class of students in statistics to provide a comprehensive data analysis and trends of DJJ youth. An interest was expressed to have a presentation for the Advisory Board of Youth 360 once the components are developed.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Julie Biehl to adjourn, seconded by Dave Olson. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.