

# Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

March 5, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1112 South Wabash Avenue, Suite 2-200, Chicago, IL 60605

## Meeting Minutes

### **Board Members**

**Present in Person:** Heidi Mueller, Rick Velasquez, Jennifer Vollen-Katz

**Present by Phone:** Walter Brandon, Julie Biehl, David Olson

**Absent:** Jennifer North, David Kelly, Annetta Wilson

**Other Attendees:** Deloris Smith, NeAngela Dixon, Erin Johnson, Brittany Groot, Robert Vickery, Eva Moore

### **I. Roll Call and Introductions**

The meeting began at approximately 12:06 p.m. with quorum present.

### **II. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the June 27, 2018 meeting was approved. Minutes from the October 16, 2018 meeting was approved.

### **III. Director's Report** – Director Heidi Mueller provided the following report to the Board:

#### **A. Budget Briefing**

Budget briefing material was not available to present to the Board. Upon finalization and approved by the Legislation, Director Mueller will circulate it to the Board. FY20 budget is for \$115M, which reflects

- Past due step increases for bargaining unit employees
- Increase contractual line—majority due to increase in health care cost; and the shifting resources for Aftercare contracts for youth services
- Increases for R&M (repair & maintenance) in the facilities.
- Increase equipment (including vehicles)
- Increase capital building: fencing, lightings, roof repairs, demolish dilapidated building at STC
- No increase in headcount FY20; budgeted for 945. Current headcount: 890 employees
- Reach hiring compliance with Education: 4:1 ratio.
- In compliance with Special Education teachers – in 2 facilities; close to compliance in the other three facilities
- Exploring the idea of paying our regular teachers to get credentials in Special Education. May serve as an incentive for staff to stay longer and help us meeting our criteria

#### **B. Population Trends and Patterns**

- Brittany Groot presented a summary of the IDJJ Monthly Report for January 2019, which includes Population and Staffing Data, Mental Health Data, Substance Abuse Treatment Data, Education Data and Reportable Incident Data. Copies were distributed to the Board.
- DJJ population average in January 2019: 290 youth.

- Admissions have gone down to about 15 less youth per month.
- Risk assessment is determined by Orbis assessment tool. YASI is used for case management.
- Deputy Director Robert Vickery elaborated on the risk assessment tool of Orbis and YASI. We are closer to developing a uniform system of getting youth enrolled in Medicaid, which is possible through data sharing IGA with HSF.
- Deputy Director Eva Moore spoke about her team assisting staff with obtaining medical cards so that the youth can obtain the necessary medication. Standard practice is for youth to be given a two-week supply plus a two-week prescription. Aftercare is working to upgrade AMS so it integrates with Youth360.

**C. Compliance with consent decrees**

- Oncoming issue with consent decree. We do not believe that DJJ should not build a de facto Mental health system within DJJ, but we should provide youth with services for mental health. More collaboration is needed between state agencies and DHS needs to develop critical mental health services for youth. We need DCFC and DHS to partner with us.

**D. National Juvenile Justice Issues Relevant to IDJJ**

- DJJ's goal is to move away from recidivism and move toward producing positive outcomes, which will impact recidivism. This is common sense and evident-based. Various publications are out about the youth development and social bond.

**E. Findings from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) IDJJ Recidivism Research**

- ICJIA did a historical analysis of our recidivism which included the eight facilities for the years 2006-2013. Data was distributed to the Board
- Recidivism rates were high in most facilities.

**F. Findings from Budgeting for Results Research Findings on IDJJ's Substance Abuse Treatment Programming**

- IDJJ Therapeutic Communities Full Report was distributed to the Board and discussed

**V. New Business**

- Julie Biehl brought up the matter of re-appointment of members. Director Mueller will follow up with on this. Board members were asked to submit recommendation for the new appointees.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately. 1:48 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

Date: TBD

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