

Minutes

March 27, 2018

Community Juvenile Services Board

In attendance: William Howell, Paul Fritzler, Lt. Lisa Bush, Garst West, Joe Newman, Cori Burton, Jared Holbrook, Tom Ernst, Amanda Lewallen, Corrie Whiteman, Traci Blevins, Wayne Beatty

1.) Current Budget Discussion. The invoice sheet for February, 2018 was reviewed and discussed with the idea that we have March, April, May and June to finish the biannual budget. Expenditures are being watched very closely and every indication is we are on a good course to finish the contract in the black.

2.) The approved budget for 2018/2020 was reviewed and discussed. There is really very little change from last year's budget. The dollar amounts are identical in fact. Much discussion took place especially as it involved reporting monthly and quarterly to Cheyenne.

3.) The monthly citation review was discussed in relation to our "single point of entry" and our continuum of care. Not all juveniles who come into the system enter via a legal citation. It was reminded that Natrona has a pre-court Diversion process that involves a consistent team examining citations of first offenders. We also have teens entering through District Court. We have the next 4 months to collaborate with the Cheyenne office and determine exactly what we are to report and an acceptable format. This process will begin immediately.

4.) This discussion actually began under item #3 and progressed into discussion of monthly and quarterly reports for the next biannual contract. Some discussion was held here with our representatives of the Regional Juvenile Detention Facility. The kinds of data we would need on a monthly and quarterly basis was laid out and R.J.D.C. expressed a willingness to work with the Board in getting what was needed.

5.) Under final planning for the Meth Conference it was re stated that last month the decision had been made to fund 20 slots to this year's conference to be held in

Casper April 11 and 12, 2018 at The Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center. Those agencies requesting slots should e-mail Paul Fritzler no later than 4/4/18 and include the name of the individual, their agency affiliation and their e-mail address. A quick canvas indicated there are only one or 2 slots left unspoken for.

6. Member updates:

Gareth West handed out census reports from R.J.D.C. and asked for feedback about what added data may be needed. There were minor suggestions. He also indicated that the facility was constantly looking for agencies within the community to bring positive programs into the detention facility. Examples include Cowboy Ethics by Boys and Girls Club.

Tom Ernst talked about recent discussions involving School Safety. He mentioned discussions with local fire officials about the safest response to a fire drill—“HINT, it may not be immediately lining up and marching out of the school.” He mentioned those discussions were in progress. He talked about a district “reunification” site where parents, following a school crisis, could pick up their students. If a school is a crime scene, law enforcement wants to keep as many as possible away from the area. He also mentioned the strong possibility of more School Response Officers next year. The current 2 to cover 13,000 students is not sufficient. In response to a question Tom explained that ALICE training was still school district protocol.

William Howell mentioned that currently in C.W.C.C. in patient treatment he has 4 girls and 2 boys.

Cori Burton Mercer FRC plans to meet with DFS to discuss the future of CHINS; there were 27 youth and 12 parents seen last month for 112 contact hours. We will submit a quarterly report with parenting and youth intervention numbers at the end of this month. YEC continues to meet weekly, lead suicide and bullying prevention in the schools, and their #WYAmplify (substance prevention subcommittee) is holding monthly events! Their March teen event was well attended, and April dates include a movie night on the 7th and a swim night on the 20th (free with rsvp to Brittlynn Bulgrin). The annual Community Baby Shower with over 25 community resources, activities, and supplies will be held at the Boys and Girls Club on April 14th. It is free for expecting parents and their children ages 0-3.

Amanda Lewallen During the month of February, PY served 18 youth for a total of 151 hours of service. The youth continue to volunteer weekly with Wyoming Food for Thought and recently have been brainstorming community service projects for Habitat for Humanity. Last week, the youth raised \$750 dollars at Pizza Ranch for

Habitat for Humanity to be able to provide meals to all of the volunteers for the next several 'building days.' They learned a lot about homeownership and gained service industry skills through serving pizza, taking orders, and bussing tables. This month they enjoyed our last snowboarding trip of the season. A few weeks ago, we partnered with the Fat Fishing Bike Racing Club and the Crazy Pedaler to learn basic bike maintenance skills and together our teens and the bike volunteers repaired nearly 100 bikes for every youth in PY and BBBS to have a bike for the spring/summer and to have 60 bikes for the bike skills course at the upcoming Wyoming Outdoor Expo. With a decrease in referrals and participation of 'billable' youth over the past several months, we have had to restructure our staffing and hours, but we will continue to provide 5-6 prosocial, recreational, skills building, and/or meaningful community service activities per week.

Paul Fritzier mentioned that local D.F.S. has been very busy and that they are short 4 staff currently.

Traci Blevins The Youth Crisis Center has been very busy providing crisis shelter for kids. Currently there are 6 youth in our group home and 6 in our crisis shelter. We are also hiring for 4 youth workers and 1 full-time counselor. Starting May 2nd, the Mirror Program is offering a 12-step/recovery program: Mirror Program Open Share Group-every Wednesday night from 5:30-6:30/7 at the Youth Crisis Center (enter through the side door). This is a group available to ALL youth in Natrona County.

Joe Newman, representing Cornerstone, the contractor operating the R.J.D.C. reported that Tim O'Daniel had resigned as Director. He indicated the interest locally in the position had been good and interviewees would be completed soon. He reiterated the facilities willingness to cooperate and provide data as needed.

Jenn Miner. N.C.R.J. (Natrona County Restorative Justice) did not receive full funding from W.Y.C.F. as requested. Reminder, there will be a community R.J. meeting on 4/16/18. Jenn will be traveling to Estes Park, Colorado to learn more about what they are doing soon, and C.P.D. is receiving R.J. training on 4/19/18.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Beatty