

Child & Youth Services Committee Meeting

Douglas County, Nebraska

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

The meeting convened at 1:02 p.m. in Room 903 of the Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam, Omaha, NE 68183. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the wall near the entrance of the room. A notice of the meeting was published in the issue of *The Daily Record*, February 23, 2016. County Commissioners present at the meeting were Chris Rodgers and Mary Ann Borgeson. Others present at the meeting were Patrick Bloomingdale, Chief Administrative Officer; Dan Esch, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller; Pam Murphy, Diane Carlson and Catherine Hall from County Administration; Janee Pannkuk and Amber Parker from Operation Youth Success; Shawnee Coonfare Johnson, Juvenile Assessment Center; Michele Hug, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative; and Constance Mierendorf, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller's office. Laura McCormick was also in attendance. Commissioner Rodgers conducted the meeting.

1. Juvenile Assessment Center Update

Shawnee Coonfare Johnson presented a "Snapshot of Youth Served at the Juvenile Assessment Center in 2015." (handout attached) JAC began handling Status and Truancy referrals at the beginning of the 2015 school year. In addition to the 2015 numbers (through December 31, 2015), year to date numbers for 2016 are as follows:

- 27 Status referrals in 2016 with a school ytd total of 139
- 193 Truancy referrals in 2016 with a school ytd total of 595
- Commissioner Rodgers inquired about the numbers of females served. Ms. Coonfare Johnson responded that 2014-15 numbers were an anomaly and that they have returned to a more balanced number with 55% male and 45% female youth being served.
- The JAC three year plan begins in 2016.

Data collected from JAC goes to the Juvenile Justice Institute for research so we are not duplicating processes and they are engaged in conversation.

2. Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)

Michelle Hug advised that the JDAI QRS data memo is out for the fourth quarter of 2015 (provided via email after the meeting. Attached). Ms. Hug will email this to the Committee. Four new Alternatives to Detention have been initiated.

- A matrix has been created from the least to the most restrictive alternatives to detention including out of home and in home services. This matrix will be finalized by April 1. The Alternatives to Detention Committee is planning training for new users of the matrix. Two trainings are upcoming.

- The Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee has two trainings scheduled at the Goodwill. The committee hopes to be able to take the training to the community.
- DMC deadline is April 28
- The Detention Population is 47 youth in Secure; 12 of those are being held for another county or are adult, thus the Douglas County youth in detention number is 35.
- JDAI Collaborative is the best source for information for the public about probation and alternatives in response to a question raised by Laura McCormick.

3. Community Based Aid

Commissioner Rodgers said that the County Board would have to decide how hard and soft money would be allocated.

- Commissioner Borgeson said that a master list/calendar is needed to track when and where the money is with each department, how it is spent and allocated. The County needs to be able to show that to the state. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursements
- Douglas County does not charge 10% administrative costs on grants.
- Discussion followed about cash flowing departments and back filling when money has not yet been received from the state. State guidelines dictate the process that moneys are released as reimbursement.
- As Douglas County goes through the grant cycles, it will become more efficient and be able to respond to RFP's in a more timely fashion.
- The County needs a timeline of grants and a timeline of the budget process. Commissioner Borgeson would like to see this all mapped out.
- Clerk/Comptroller Esch indicated that Lauri Conway, an accountant in the Clerk/Comptroller's office, may be able to assist with accounting-related questions regarding grants.

The Committee will continue to meet at 1:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.