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**NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINORITY/GENDER COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
June 12, 2013**

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burgess at 2:07 p.m.

Roll Call – Alice Mueller

Members Present: Kirby Burgess, Joel Gutierrez, Jack Martin, Lisa Morris Hibbler
Statewide Task Force Members Present: Steve Compan,
Members Absent: Noah Jennings, Dawn Lozano, Ivet Santiago, Lonnie Wright
Staff Present: Pauline Salla, J. Alice Mueller

Since there was not a quorum, the Committee proceeded with matters that did not require any action.

Public Comment and Discussion

No members of the public were present, and there was no public comment.

Review of Official Minutes from March 13th and the April 17th, 2013 Meetings

Since there was not a quorum, the minutes from March 13th and April 17th, 2013 were tabled until the next meeting.

Update on Technical Assistance Request– Pauline Salla

There have been two extensions on the statewide assessment on DMC Issues granted. It is unlikely that a third extension will be offered. As a result of the sequestration, all Technical Assistance funding and out of state travel for OJJDP employees have been cut. The Juvenile Justice Commission has already approved the use of \$18,000 dollars for DMC assessment, but since OJJDP offered this for free, they were approached first.

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The Haywood Burns Institute which is located in San Francisco California was discussed as a possible source of Technical Assistance Training. They are considered one of the top experts in disparate treatment for youth in both juvenile justice and child welfare systems. They have previously worked with and have been used extensively by both Clark and Washoe Counties. They were very helpful in helping Clark County move forward in their data and analysis of DMC issues.

No dates have been set for this new technical assistance training, but it is hoped to be done by the end of September 2013. This would allow sufficient time for the statewide assessment to be completed by March 2014. There would be two days of training that would involve the members of the Minority and Gender Committee and stakeholders, the Juvenile Justice Commission, Chief Probation Officers, and directors. A cost comparison needs to be done to determine which would be a more economical location for the training. That is, should the training occur in the northern or southern part of Nevada since it is unlikely that the training can be done in conjunction with the Quarterly JJC Meetings.

Update Relative Rate index Data for 2012– Pauline Salla

The Relative Rate Index Data for 2012 has been submitted to OJJDP. This data will be utilized for the technical assistance along with data from the previous three years. The full Juvenile Justice Commission was notified about this information's availability at the Quarterly Meeting in May. It is a lengthy document, but is available upon request.

Discussion of 2013 Survey Responses – Pauline Salla

There have been 218 responses to the DMC Survey so far. These will be utilized in the statewide assessment so it is important to receive as many back as possible. Specialist Salla has resubmitted the surveys to the Statewide Partnership along with the Coalition. Jack Martin will also hand out surveys at the NAACP meeting and at the Fatherhood Forum. A deadline has not been set for return of surveys so as to give ample opportunity to collect as many as possible.

Review Composition of Minority/Gender Committee Membership– Kirby Burgess

It is very important to renew activity in the Minority and Gender Subcommittee among the stakeholders and members. Once the Technical Assistance Training has been achieved, everyone will be extremely active in order to get the statewide assessment completed by March 2014. Commissioner Burgess agreed to personally call all the participating members in an effort to get them more involved.

New Business

Commissioner Burgess has spoken with a number of people about what this subcommittee hopes to achieve. Once the Technical Assistance Training and the Statewide DMC Assessment is completed, what will be its goals? There is much more than data collection that can be performed. The best way to accomplish change was discussed. It was suggested that getting more active at the local level would heighten our visibility.

Judge Compan suggested cultural sensitivity and gender training to stakeholders and probation officers. A chance to partner in such training would be available although it may not cover both the north and south. A tentative date of June 26th had been set in Judge Compan's Diversion Court which was going to deal with these two issues. There is to be a volunteer coming in, the agenda has yet to be put together. He would ask his coordinator from the Diversion Court to put something together and have it sent out. Currently there are about 25 groups expected to

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attend from providers of mentoring agencies, faith based, community partners, health care agencies, and drug treatment providers.

Commissioner Burgess also brought up the idea of a brochure about the Minority and Gender Subcommittee. It would explain a little bit about who the subcommittee was. There is currently one that discusses the Juvenile Justice Commission, but so far non about the subcommittee. Commissioner Gutierrez had at one time discussed a wallet card which addressed DMC priorities. Specialist Salla agreed to see if something could be brought together to be reviewed by the subcommittee.

Commissioner Burgess acknowledged that many individuals were working hard on the local level and wanted the word to get out that we are available and involved. That the subcommittee is trying to address DMC issues as part of a team.

Judge Compan discussed the need to build trust with certain sectors. There is a need to broadcast our information in a somewhat organized manner. Currently there are several groups in the private and the religious based communities who are trying to do the same things. They need to be working together towards their goals. It's all about community outreach and getting the community involved and connecting kids to resources. Commissioner Burgess agreed to send out to those on the list serve to see what projects other states are working on.

Comments from Public

No members of the public were present, and there was no public comment.

Set Time, Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

The next Committee Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday July 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm. This will be a phone conference.

Agenda:

Technical Assistance Planning

Discussion of 2013 survey Responses

Review of Minority/Gender Committee Membership Outreach

Minority and Gender Brochure

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m. by Chairman Burgess.