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**NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINORITY/GENDER COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
July 24, 2013**

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burgess at 2:06 p.m.

Roll Call – Alice Mueller

Members Present by Phone: Kirby Burgess, Jack Martin, Lisa Morris Hibbler, Paula Smith, Eagan Walker, Lonnie Wright

Statewide Task Force Members Present by Phone: Fritz Reese, Pat Schreiber

Members Absent: Joel Gutierrez, Noah Jennings, Dawn Lozano, Ivet Santiago

Staff Present: Pauline Salla, J. Alice Mueller

Public Comment and Discussion

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

Review of Official Minutes from June 12th, 2013 Meeting.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the June 12th, 2013 minutes, with a second from Commissioner Smith. The motion was passed by the Committee.

Update on Technical Assistance Request– Pauline Salla

Commissioner Burgess asked Specialist Salla to give a brief update on the technical assistance for new committee members. She explained that in Federal Fiscal Year 2011 the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Application enacted a new requirement that each state must conduct a thorough statewide assessment for disparate treatment at each point of contact within the system. The assessment was to be done by March of 2012. An extension was applied for to March 2013 and dates set up for training with OJJDP on how to conduct the assessment. This was needed because data is collected in different ways for different needs throughout the state. OJJDP was asked to identify the steps and the process for this

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assessment. Although several dates were set, the training has yet to occur. This year we applied for an extension to March 2014.

Specialist Salla has set up a conference call with Haywood Burns, who are supposed to be number one in addressing DMC, about the technical assistance training. This was deemed necessary because although several dates had been set up for this training thru OJJDP, it was just not happening. There has been \$18,000 set aside for this, and with the statewide assessment due by March of 2014, there is a need to move forward. The conference call is to talk about the scope of work for the technical assistance, and then to set a date for the two day training. When the date and location has been set up, all involved will be contacted.

Taskforce member Fritz Reese mentioned that Haywood Burns has a very specific data set that they like. He suggested that since Commissioner Martin had worked with them before, he may be able to provide an example for the committee. By being prepared in advance, it was hoped that there would be a more productive conference call. Commissioner Martin agreed to send out the data sets for Specialist Salla to review. He did mention that it was an arduous process to work up the data. They not only implemented programing, but also better ways of capturing data and looking at the separate contact points. He gave an example of how their work helped in notifying youth of impending court dates. In notifying them by phone rather than letter, they were able to reduce the number of warrants issued by 8%.

Specialist Salla pointed out that the statewide technical assistance would be a bit different from what Clark or Washoe County had done. The first priority is to conduct a statewide assessment in the proper way. The second priority is to drill down the data so we can figure out how to reduce disparate treatment. She asked if there would be specific data sets to do the statewide assessment. Mr. Reese thought that would be one of the first things the Haywood Burns representatives would be asking about. He explained that is why he had mentioned the data sets, so that she would be aware of the type of information they would want. Decisions could then be made as to whether it was available statewide, could we get out in front of it.

Commissioner Burgess wanted to know if Washoe County had similar data sets from their work with Haywood Burns. Commissioner Cervantes was not at the meeting, nor had a representative been delegated. It was agreed to have Specialist Salla speak with him about their data. Commissioner Walker mentioned that there was extensive data thru JDAI and the deep end initiative. It was agreed that once received, the data would be reviewed by both Commissioner Burgess and Specialist Salla.

Discussion of 2013 Survey Responses – Pauline Salla

The number of surveys received remains at 218. It was decided to cut it off there and begin data analysis.

Review Composition of Minority/Gender Committee Membership– Kirby Burgess

Commissioner Burgess stated that he still felt there was not enough rural representation and feedback in this committee. He had recently talked with Cheri Ely of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and thought she might be attending the September meeting. Specialist Salla was considering Ben Bianchi as a replacement for John Simms and was going to continue to try and contact Craig Tippens and Pedro Martinez. Commissioner Walker volunteered to speak with Pedro Martinez as they would be having breakfast together. He wished to know if he had been formally invited previously. Although attempts to involve him have been made, it was doubtful if any formal invitation had been tendered. Lynette Gust from

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White Pine had been invited, but too late to participate at this meeting. She should be able to attend in September. Finally Commissioner Walker asked if Judge Thomas Stockard had been approached. He replaced Judge Huff in Churchill County and is very supportive of juvenile issues. Commissioner Burgess agreed that he should be invited to attend also. Mr. Reese felt that Haywood Burns pays close attention to who is on the Minority and Gender Committee. It is key to having effective membership.

Minority and Gender Brochure– Kirby Burgess

Last meeting there was discussion about putting together an informational brochure. This would be effective not only in disseminating awareness about the committee to the public, but also to perspective committee members. Commissioner Burgess wanted to make sure that both community and faith leaders were mentioned. He also felt it was important to let the public know about educational programs the committee was involved with. It needs to talk about more than just what DMC is. It needs to show what we as a committee are doing constructively to address it.

Commissioner Wright noticed that it appeared there has been no additional federal action after 2002. Specialist Salla pointed out we have been waiting the last three years for official reauthorization. Commissioner Burgess was concerned that we were falling behind, because a lot has happened since 2002.

New Business

Specialist Salla updated the committee about finishing the final draft of the Prison Rape Elimination Act templates for policy and procedures. They have moved thru the Planning and Development Committee and will go to the Full Commission for review at the August meeting. It is hoped that they will proceed to statewide implementation by September 1st. The policy templates address every standard for the Prison Rape Elimination Act, with the facilities able to make it facility specific. This will save them time in developing policies.

Commissioner Martin brought up two issues. The first one dealt with the recently passed SB177 also known as the tobacco bill. It makes possession of cigarettes and tobacco products illegal for juveniles. The concern is that this will be a gateway into the system with greatest impact on minority kids. There are going to be petitions against it to the county commission. The second issue was the Diversion Court, started by Mr. Reese before his retirement. About 284 youth have been thru this court with about 60% not escalating into the system. That is good news, and it's formation a direct result of Haywood Burn's engagement.

Commissioner Wright asked where the technical assistance training would be held. A summery has been compiled where the people to be trained are located in the state. It does look like more of the people are located in the north, but the ultimate location may depend more on the composition of the taskforce. This will be a two day meeting but more intensive then previous ones.

Commissioner Martin made an announcement about Pat Schreiber who is the new assistant director at Clark County. He has taken over John Martin's old position and brings 37 years of experience in the county along with DFS and DJJS experience.

Comments from Public

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

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Set Time, Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

The next Committee Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday September 11, 2013 at 2:00 pm.
This will be a phone conference.

Agenda:

Technical Assistance Planning

Discussion of 2013 Survey Data

Review of Minority/Gender Committee Membership Outreach

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. by Chairman Burgess.