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**NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINORITY/GENDER COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
November 13, 2013**

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burgess at 2:03 p.m.

Roll Call – Alice Mueller

Members Present by Phone: Kirby Burgess, Dawn Lozano, Jack Martin, Paula Smith, Egan Walker

Statewide Task Force Members Present by Phone: Sharon Anderson, Cheri Ely, Fritz Reese, Thomas Stockard,

Members Absent: Joel Gutierrez, Noah Jennings, Raymond McKay, Lisa Morris Hibbler, Ivet Santiago, Lonnie Wright

Staff Present by Phone: Pauline Salla, J. Alice Mueller, Ross Armstrong from the A.G. office

Others Present: Fernando Serrano

Public Comment and Discussion

There was no public comment.

Review of Official Minutes from October 9th, 2013 Meeting.

Since there was not a quorum, the minutes from October 9th, 2013 were tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion of Sample DMC Assessments– Pauline Salla

The Haywood Burns Institute provided three examples of statewide Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Assessment. The states involved were Maryland, Minnesota and Washington State. These were examples that the Burns Institute felt really addressed all the areas of the statewide assessment which is due March 2014. They are really quite extensive and involve more than just the relative rate index data.

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After reviewing these examples, one of the things discussed was partnering with the university system, either the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV) or the University of Nevada at Reno (UNR). This was to provide assistance with the research and data in addition to actually compiling the information for the assessment. The committee was asked if they had contact with anyone at either university who might help begin the process. There is some funding available for the project.

Commissioner Walker asked for clarification about what might be needed from the university contact. He was willing to reach out to UNR but needed a better sense of what was being asked of them. Specialist Salla discussed the DMC assessment which has different areas outlined such as the drilling down of data. Clark and Washoe Counties have done great with this thanks to their work with the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and Haywood Burns, but statewide it is really lacking. This data needs to be drilled down and an effort made to determine what the mitigating factors are that are affecting the data. A three and/or five year comparison, such as were performed in the past when the Juvenile Justice Programs Office was a bit larger with more available personnel would be preferable. In essence what is needed is someone who could take the relative rate index data from the past nine years and do a five year comparison in addition to comparisons for 2011, 2012 and 2013. They need to be able to review the overrides and see if ethnicity affects them. To see if the risk assessment instruments throughout the state are color blind as far as the youth are concerned in determining if they will be detained.

Specialist Salla agreed to send out the breakdown of the sections that were needed for the assessment. She felt this was best, or the entire meeting would be spent detailing them.

Questions were asked about the funding availability. \$18,000 has been set aside for the Technical Assistance some of which needs to be held out for the Haywood Burns session with the commission, chiefs and others who may wish to be involved. There is some other grant money which Specialist Salla thought was about \$8,000 for current use. It was suggested that the universities be queried about how much it would cost to do what is requested, and then see if we have the grant funding to cover it. The use of formula grant funds is alright since this assessment is mandated.

Discussions determined that the commission has not utilized anyone at UNR or UNLV in the past. Fritz Reese mentioned that Clark had been fortunate enough to be able to do their analysis by using the Burns data tables. Commissioner Walker volunteered to go to UNR and ask. He said that they work closely with the Casey Foundation on meta data analysis for the JDAI deep end assessment. This expertise has proven useful in looking at statewide and Washoe County data. Specialist Salla thanked him.

Fritz Reese reminded everyone that most universities charge an administrative fee of from 20-29% and this should be considered when speaking with the universities. Commissioner Walker said that he would try to pitch it to the school of social work first as a graduate level research partnership opportunity. He then would suggest they do it for free, and see where the conversation leads. He would try to contact UNR in the next seven to ten days.

Kid's Count Data Coordination– Kirby Burgess and Fernando Serrano

Fernando Serrano had been asked to attend this meeting and discuss some of the correlation between the Kid's Count Data and what is being seen in DMC. There are six points of interest in the data elements which were looked at where Nevada was not favorably ranked. Commissioner Serrano recounted that about twenty years previous, Tom Hughes had contacted him about Kid's Count. He indicated that they gathered information on youth and

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families and used a number of indicators as a measure of their health. The Kid's Count book is produced annually with the larger book produced during the legislative session years and a smaller book on the off years. The data it contains is highly recognized throughout the state by the legislature, county commissions and others. A number of non-profits have used the information in grant writing.

Kid's Count is housed at UNLV and funded by the Annie Casey Foundation. Among the data provided is information on safety factors such as teen birth rates, low birth weights, juvenile justice, and child welfare. Many of the indicators do break it down by ethnic groups so some of that information could be helpful to this committee. Commissioner Burgess pointed out that there was direct correlation and overlaps between the data in Kid's Count and the DMC which is being experienced.

Commissioner Serrano made a point to mention Specialist Salla's work with the Kid's Count Data. The juvenile justice section used to contain uniform crime reporting information which was not always pertinent to the Kid's Count. That which was collected by DCFS, the commission and the Nevada State Juvenile Justice Administrators has proven to be more practical for groups to use. He wished to thank Pauline Salla for her contributions.

Minority and Gender Brochure– Kirby Burgess

The DMC brochure was approved during the last meeting the only problem was with the pictures. There was some difficulty locating high resolution pictures which had approval for use. Two of the pictures used were left over from the Youth Parole Bureau brochure and the biennial report. The third picture is from one of the PREA posters in use by the State of Nevada. There was general consensus use these pictures with the brochures once more being presented to the full commission at the November meeting.

New Business

Specialist Salla mentioned that she was taking a cultural consciousness class from UNLV. This is a web based class dealing with developing cultural competency. She wished everyone to know that it was a great class with wonderful discussions on how best to work with Native Americans, Latinos and African Americans. She promised to let everyone know if the class is offered again.

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 January 8th, 2014 at 2:00 pm. This will be a phone conference.

Agenda:

Technical Assistance Planning

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. by Chairman Burgess.