

Nevada State Juvenile Justice Commission

Minority & Gender Subcommittee

May 22, 2014

The Minority & Gender Subcommittee conducted six teleconference meetings since the last Commission meeting: July 24, 2013, September 11, 2013, October 9, 2013, February 5, 2014, March 26, 2014, April 16, 2014, and May 7, 2014.

Technical assistance continues to move forward with Juvenile Justice Specialist Salla arranging for Dr. Melissa Sickmund from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) who is providing technical assistance in formulating the Technical Assistance request. The determination letter from the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention(OJJDP) and conversations with Andrea Coleman, the OJJDP Disparate Minority Contact (DMC) coordinator were the impetus for re-evaluating the current plan.

The Relative Rate Index (RRI) information from the Counties has been received according to Senate Bill 232. Ms. Salla is in the process of finalizing that data for presentation.

The subcommittee has had some difficulty with attendance and recently changed its meeting times to early evening to ensure a quorum so the important work associated with this topic does not fall behind. Membership and stakeholders were asked to continue their commitment to this work and new stakeholders are being sought as new topics have arisen that the subcommittee is interested in exploring solutions too.

The topic of the “school to prison pipeline” has been brought up that has sparked some synergy with Commissioner Morris-Hibbler and Commissioner Martin reaching out to Clark County School District superintendent to request a meeting to discuss potential strategies.

The next Minority & Gender meeting is scheduled for June 2014.

Thank you for the continued support of the Juvenile Justice Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

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