

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT and PUBLIC EDUCATION

COMMITTEE REPORT

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION QUARTERLY MEETING

May 22, 2014

Las Vegas, Nevada

Hiring for a part-time Compliance Auditor Investigator is underway. Ms. Karen Williams, retiree from Clark County Juvenile Justice Services, is a candidate for the position. Presently, Ms. Williams is undergoing a background investigation; also, she was trained by our previous Compliance Auditor Investigator. If all progresses well, Ms. Williams may be able to attend the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) "Compliance Monitoring Conference."

The Planning, Development and Public Education Committee continues with efforts concerning the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). For example, PREA posters in Spanish are underway. Juvenile Justice Specialist Pauline Salla created and presented a training program regarding PREA entitled "PREA 101 & Then Some." The Statewide PREA workgroup also reviewed and incorporated suggested changes recommended by the VERA Institute of Justice in their review of policy and procedure templates; the Planning Committee anticipates reviewing the finalized templates at their June meeting.

Lastly, the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) wrote and submitted a PREA grant proposal entitled "Youth Education and Training Initiative" (YETI) to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for training and education for youth entering state youth correctional facilities as well as training for correctional staff.

Nevada's Three Year Plan submission to OJJDP was delayed because of OJJDP's lateness in sending out their Request for Applicants for Formula Grants. Their delay was attributable to the addition of new requirements; as a result, the Commission's Formula Grant funding calendar was impacted which necessitated moving the grant funding calendar forward. The Commission's Three Year Plan included Grant Program Area results from 126 survey responses. Five program areas were identified as follows:

- 1) Mental Health
- 2) Aftercare and Reentry
- 3) Delinquency Prevention
- 4) Alternatives to Detention
- 5) Substance Abuse

The Commission's Three Year Plan will be reviewed and approved by the Planning Committee at a special meeting set for Monday, June 2, 10:00 a.m., for submission to OJJDP.

March 30th ended the first quarter of the SB 107 room confinement reporting period. This report is included in your packet. Fluctuations in room confinement varied from month to month at both juvenile detention centers and state youth correctional facilities.

Finally, the Juvenile Justice Programs Office (JJPO) is charged with monitoring sub-recipients compliance with various federal civil rights laws such as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations. The Office for Civil Rights in the Office of Justice Programs notified JJPO that it found there was substantial compliance with its obligation to monitor the civil rights compliance of sub-recipients.

Respectfully submitted,
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Public Education Committee