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**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission
State Advisory Group Planning
Committee Meeting 03/08/18**

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Co-Chair, Pauline Salla-Smith called to order.

Roll Call:

Via Phone: Co-Chair Kierra Bracken, Paula Smith, Jackie, Katie Hickman

Absent: Mayra Rodriguez-Galindo, Patrick Schreiber

Staff Present: Leslie Bittleston, Kayla Landes

Public Comment: None

DCFS Update

Specialist Leslie Bittleston has sent information to all members of this committee via email. The Formula Grant Application was released by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This grant comes out every year with funding available for all 50 states if eligibility requirements are met. Nevada receives about \$400,000 from the grant annually. Ms. Bittleston shared modifications to the Formula Grant, explaining additional requirements for states that have not previously used the process. OJJDP has 28 special conditions that states must meet to be eligible for funding. In the Formula Grant Application, states must provide examples and/or proof of how these 28 conditions are being used statewide.

Pauline Salla-Smith verified that a valid court order is still in effect.

Specialist Bittleston assured that it is; however, there is a checklist that must be used to verify validity.

Pauline Salla-Smith shared that OJJDP is really focused on habitual status offenders because we, as a state, cannot detain them more than 24 hours before or after a court hearing. The valid court order allows for a Probation department to assist in taking a youth offender to court, where services and attempted services are brought to the forefront. If there is no delinquent charge, the judge then admonishes them in court and completes the document during that court hearing. For example, if a youth is brought to court for a status offense such as runaway, a judge has the opportunity to remind the youth that if any charges of the like are brought to the court in the future, that valid court order is used for the youth offender.

There has been some effort to eliminate or minimize use of valid court orders.

Specialist Bittleston shared a second document that further explained the 28 conditions. All conditions must be in place to receive or be awarded Grant funding. If funding is awarded and conditions are not met, counties and/or the state of Nevada would be responsible to pay those funds back or have their funds frozen. Specialist Bittleston has been asked to provide more detailed budget information in the Formula Grant Application.

Co-Chair Pauline Salla-Smith clarified what information is trying to be obtained.

Specialist Bittleston advised the need for a list and explanation of 32 program areas, an indication of the money per program area, with percentage of money and total dollar amount spent in each area. There will need to be assurances (statements) around the funding, stating that 100% of funding will be spent on program areas. Specialist Bittleston also shared concerns of being mandated to hold 5% of total funding in order to reduce probation officer caseloads.

Co-Chair Salla-Smith advised to reach out for clarification on states meeting best practice, ratios, and caseloads.

Specialist Bittleston created a Survey Monkey, to be filled out by statewide stakeholders and JJOC members, in efforts to focus on the most important program areas. The top four areas in need, according to the survey sent out are: Mental Health Services, Aftercare and Reentry, Community Based Programs, and Alternatives to Detention. With the provided information, Specialist Bittleston will focus most of the Grant funding into these four program areas.

Specialist Bittleston plans to have a draft of the Formula Grant prepared for this Committee, by the next meeting.

Update Strategic Plan Requirements

Alexis Tucey, our Project Manager, has accepted a new position and will be vacating her position with the JJOC. There will be further updates when a new person is announced as her

replacement.

Next Steps: Date for next meeting: April 12, 2018 at 2:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: by Co-Chair Pauline Salla-Smith at 2:34pm, seconded and moved by all committee members.