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**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission
Data and Performance Measurement Committee
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Meeting Minutes- FINAL

Welcome and Introductions.

Roll Call: Rebekah Graham -present, Gianna Verness – present, Brigid Duffy – present, Jo Lee Wickes – present. There is a quorum.

Others Present:

Matt Leoni
Kathryn Roose
Jennifer Spencer
Leslie Bittleston

Public Comment

None.

Recidivism

Co-Chair Brigid Duffy stated that she wants to focus on this topic. The goal of today's meeting

- **Review/identify definitions/measures for recidivism**

Group has already reviewed past definitions by Supreme Court Commission. We determined we need some revisions to that original definition. Now we are on subcommittee recommendations to the JJOC. She read the definition she developed for recidivism. There was lengthy discussion about it.

Co-Chair Duffy read her revised definition following discussion: “The child’s tendency to relapse into a previous mode of behavior.”

Dr. Matt Leoni stated that one of the things he runs into is that if you define it so narrowly, it does not leave open the possibility of the youth getting into new or different trouble. It is a return event that returns them to the justice system. It is difficult to define, and we cannot study it if we cannot

define it. Do not feel that it is a failure if you do not nail it perfectly.

Co-Chair Duffy read the general definition of recidivism from the data dictionary. Dr. Leoni does not have a problem with a looser definition. It would allow for more data to study.

Co-Chair Duffy asked voting members how they feel about the definition “a child’s tendency to relapse into the juvenile justice system – or into the justice system, because it could be the criminal justice system”?

Jo-Lee Wickes suggested “A child’s tendency to relapse into mal-adaptive or illegal behavior after interventions.” There was discussion about this, including that you cannot measure tendency.

Suggested definition following discussion “A child’s relapse into a justice system after intervention of the Juvenile Justice System”.

Co-Chair Duffy read further down the document to what we do in the State of Nevada as if it is in statute. There was discussion about the language and changes were suggested. Co-Chair Duffy made those changes.

The group worked on the definition and the final definition reads as:

Recidivism is a child’s relapse into a justice system after intervention of the Juvenile Justice System.

Recidivism data must be maintained and shared as appropriate and authorized, pursuant to statute, on every child who has contact with a juvenile justice agency.

- Data must be measured for every child three (3) years after initial citation, arrest, adjudication, commitment or placement into an out of home facility, or placement under probation or parole supervision.
- That data is to determine if, after contact with or an intervention by a juvenile justice agency, the child is again:
 - Arrested or referred;
 - Adjudicated;
 - Committed or placed out of home;
 - In violation of probation or parole supervision; or
 - Convicted by an adult court.
- The data collected should be analyzed, to the best of the agency’s ability, based on information related to, or provided by:
 - The initial risk level of the child;
 - By each facility used as an out of home placement or commitment; including, but not limited to, licensed foster homes, residential treatment facilities, youth camps, correctional placements and family resources;

- By each service provider;
- Probation and parole services; and
- Demographics including, but not limited to, race, age at time of condition, county and zip code.

MOTION: Jo-Lee Hickes made a motion that we approve the definition of recidivism as read.

SECOND: Ms. Graham seconded.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Duffy said she will send the definition to the full Commission in her report. Ms. Bittleston reminded her to please present it as the big ‘R’ and the little ‘r’.

Co-Chair Duffy announced that they would pass the next agenda items to the next agenda.

- **Update on Conversations with Florida and Review of Online Resources**
- **Identifying Performance Measures from Referral to Case Closure**
- **Including definitions of points or measures**

Data Start Point for CaseloadPro Conversion – *Leslie Bittleston*

Ms. Bittleston did not have anything new on this topic.

Update on Work Plan – *Leslie Bittleston*

Co-Chair Duffy stated that it will be updated. She reviewed it last night and after tonight, we will be able to update some things under strategy 1-3. We have our recommendations for the JJOC. The next thing is to have the adoption from the JJOC and that included the definition of graduation (not sure that’s what she said).

Next Steps

- **Set Date and Time for Next Meeting.** There was an email about setting regular dates for meetings. Committee members stated their best and worst days. Co-Chair Duffy suggested holding the next meeting the first Thursday of April and then holding the meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Members agreed that would work. The next meeting will be held April 5, 2018 at 1:30 pm for 1.5 hours. She will give the agenda items to Ms. Bittleston.

Public Comment.

Kimberly ? from OnStrategy stated she is looking forward to working with everyone and incorporating all the information they are discussing.

Adjourn. Co-Chair Duffy adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45 PM.