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**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission
SAG Planning Committee Meeting
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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Roll Call: Leslie Bittleston- present; Cynthia Carstairs- present; Kierra Bracken- present; Pauline Salla-Smith- present; Paula Smith- present; Myra Rodriguez- present; Jaqueline Pierrott- present; Katie Hickman- present; Kayla Landes- present; Ross Armstrong- present; Katie Brubaker- present

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes:

Leslie Bittleston: We are going to talk about SB107 room confinement. The very top page is room confinement for NYTC, Caliente, and Summit View. This is state fiscal year to date. We only have three months of data at this point. We are increasing every month in room confinement. The second chart in the middle is the number of hours for each instances of room confinement for these facilities. Most of them are ten hours or less, typically five hours or less. The third chart on the same page is the number in comparison of room confinement by number of population. So that is a percentage. I have this data for DCFS only, not the different facilities. Moving on to page two. This is room confinement for the seven juvenile detention facilities in the state. As we saw with the correctional facilities, the numbers are increasing from month to month. The second chart on page two reflects that 98% of the uses are under 25 hours but the peak is 2 to 5 hours for the uses in the juvenile detention facility. So that is the update on room confinement data. Any questions on that?

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: On the summary SB107 time in confinement, what are these one where it says 70 to 71, 72?

Leslie Bittleston: It's a time frame for the amount of time one child in confinement. So, it is one instance. So, 197 total of the three months were 0 to 2 hours and then 397 where the number of instances that were 2 to 5 hours. When you go all the way over to the right and see 1 at 72 hours, there was only 1 instance that was greater than 72 hours of confinement. Kayla is on the line and I believe that happened at Teurman Hall. Am I correct, Kayla?

Kayla Landes: Yes.

Leslie Bittleston: What happens when a kid is in confinement for 72 hours or greater per state statute they are required to submit a report. That report then goes to Kayla and she looks at that to determine if everything that facility did while that youth was in confinement was okay. What you are trying to do is get the kid out as soon as possible. In some cases, a kid may need to be held longer because we are waiting on a physic evaluation or something else is pending. Kayla can go over the instances of these. Do you have that information with you, Kayla?

Kayla Landes: I do not but if you give just a minute we can go back to it.

Leslie Bittleston: Okay. It might be interesting because it is probably the first time you have ever seen one that is 72 hours or greater. So, Kayla, lets get back to that when you have that information.

Kayla Landes: Okay, I will let you know.

Leslie Bittleston: Any other questions on room confinement?

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: Item number 5, Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant, Leslie.

Leslie Bittleston: Continuing with the packet of materials that were sent. There is an attachment called Community Correction Partnership Block Grant. Again, this is similar to the SB107. This information is fiscal year 2019 to date so this information is from July to current. The CCPBG is a block of money out of state general funds that is split among the 17 counties based on school age population. This first chart indicates each county. On the left is the amount each county was awarded based on their school age population out of the block amount. The third line is the amount that county has already requested from me and has been paid. The fourth line is the amount of money that is remaining for that county. And the last line, total served, is the data I have gotten back from the county. So far with the total funds, 247 youth have been served with these funds. As you can see, Carson City is a bit of an outlier. They request their funds upfront but then provide me with a one year report. They have requested to that. So, Carson City will be zero until next year. The second chart is a break down of that 247 youth that have been served by race or ethnicity. Going on to the next page, this is a breakdown of the age of the 247 youth. And then the average age of youth

served was 15.67. Out of the 247 youth served, I have data on all of the youth except Washoe County which is 75. So, this next chart which is the breakdown of charges is all counties except Washoe County. Then a break down of those charges of youth that were served with the funds. As you can see, status offense, destruction of property, battery/assault, burglary, sexual assault, lewdness, drug offense, and other. Battery/assault includes a lot of things such as domestic violence. Robbery is included in burglary. Other would be things like fraud, vehicle thief, home invasion or things like that. Those are the charges broken down. Going on to the next page. Please keep in mind these only include those youth minus the 75 in Washoe. This shows the services these youths received with this funding. Counseling, evaluation assessment, electronic monitoring, the GH/RTC (group home), residential treatment center, parent project, or forward thinking which is an evidence-based project. It was really asked if I can break down the data for GH/RTC into how that money is spent. I cannot do that request with the current data I receive. There is no way of knowing if that is going towards housing or transportation to and from, since most of those facilities are out of state. I will need to look into how I receive the data from group homes. All I know now is the number that is using that services. The last line of this chart reflects the length of stay. Some of them are paying bed rates because I do have a length of stay from some counties. Keep in mind again, this does not include Washoe County. Any questions on the Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant?

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: Kayla, did you get that information for number 4?

Kayla Landes: I did. So basically, this youth was put on room confinement for 72 hours and 14 minutes because he was suicidal. He denied having any plans to harm himself but if he did he would not inform staff if he decided to hurt himself. Therefore, he was assessed 2 different times by a LCSW.

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: I think that might be a technical assistance issue because all of our research shows if a child is suicidal the worst possible thing to do is keeping them in room confinement. So, that's one of the things we were taught not to do. Maybe we can look at some statewide training on that and revisit that issue. Research is so supportive of that. It is better to keep them in general population. If we can have some additional conversations about addressing that.

Kayla Landes: There is a statement here from the LCSW that says he will sleep in the observation room with a suicide blanket, but that youth is okay to be around other youth and staff.

Leslie Bittleston: So, Pauline, do you recommend put this on the agenda for the next meeting?

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: I think its probably a good reminder for all of us. We will be sponsoring a training with Dr. Steven Nicholas with suicidal youth. I believe he does a lot of work with Jane Evens already. We can open our training to any that wants to come. That is just a slippery slope if we are seeing it more and more. We just had him out for a 2 hour training but we are having him come back from an additional training. I can speak with my judge to see if we can open it up to other jurisdictions.

Leslie Bittleston: Is there a cost to that, Pauline?

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: There is a cost to come out but if we are doing a training already and paying, then we can ask to add more seats to it. We are doing it because we had 8 suicides in a 45 day period in Humboldt County.

Leslie Bittleston: That may be something we want to look at too, if we have extra grant funds. If some facilities can't make your training, then we can offer more trainings. If the co-chairs don't mind, can we put this on the agenda for next meeting and maybe we have a little more information by then. If not, we will look at plan B.

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: I am totally okay with putting it on the agenda because that is just good information for all of us to have.

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: Okay, next item No. 6. Update on formula grant from Leslie.

Leslie Bittleston: So, the federal fiscal year just ended and for those of use that live with federal grants, we live in the federal fiscal year cycle. The fiscal year is October 1st to September 30th. With the federal fiscal year just ending, Kayla and I are just starting on our compliance work for the 2018 federal fiscal year. Kayla is starting to send out our surveys for the fiscal year. Kayla and I, and our offsite contractor with start doing site visits for the next 3 months. The compliance report is due to the feds on February 28th. These next 3 months for Kayla and myself with be extremely busy. Kayla will be all over Northern Nevada. I will be doing local Carson City, Gardnerville, and Lake Tahoe. Our contractor, whose name is Sheree Corniel, will be doing all of the South such as Beatty, Pahrump, Boulder City, and Las Vegas. So far, I have already pulled the data on the status offenders. Kayla did a really good job on keeping the data on that this year. We have 324 total and not one use of a valid court order so I am so excited. That's really good. That data is coming to together. Kayla is working hard at receiving the surveys. Some are really good about getting that information back to her, others she has to call and email a million times. Kayla, what the most times you have had to call a facility to turn a survey in?

Kayla Landes: Probably 4.

Leslie Bittleston: And that doesn't include emails too. Kayla, do you have anything to add to compliance?

Kayla Landes: Nope.

Leslie Bittleston: No, okay. So that is the compliance piece. The other thing I wanted to update the group on. The grant we were just awarded October 1st is frozen. The grant funds are frozen because the division had recently had a VOCA audit. The Victims of Crime grant is about 20 million dollars so it's quite a large grant. So, the fed came in early this year and conducted the VOCA audit which also include some other DCFS staff. There was a lot of areas that needed improvement. So, the Department of Justice has frozen any grants that come

from them to Nevada until the VOCA staff can get their corrective action approved. My understanding is that the corrective action has been submitted. Some things have already been approved but there are just a few outstanding items. Until those items are approved this grant will be frozen. We did award grant funds out to sub-grantees. Those sub-grants are on hold until this grant is unfrozen because we can't pay anything for anything. There is nothing I can do, or this group can do. We just have to wait for the DCFS VOCA people and the Department of Justice to do their work on that grant. The good news is that the past grant from last year is not frozen therefore the sub-grants from last year continue to be paid. Are there any questions on that?

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: Is there still the appeal process with Department of Justice and OJJDP when another agency within the division is flagged? There was an appeal process that we could request for them to consider releasing our funds because it's not our agency. Is that process still around?

Leslie Bittleston: I asked that very question to our OJJDP program manager. She basically said there is no bases for us to make an appeal on because it's not like we are all under DHHS and another agency did it. We are both DCFS. My understanding is we are at the whim of the VOCA DCFS people and DOJ to get that corrective action moving.

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: So, there is no timeline for how long that will take?

Leslie Bittleston: No timeline for how long that will take. So, last information I got about 3 weeks ago was that some correction actions had been approved and some are pending. I will be updating the JJOC tomorrow on this very thing. Pauline or Kierra, whoever is doing the report can talk about all the other things, but I have been asked to provide the information of the frozen funds. Are there any other questions?

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: Number 7, discuss and decide upon next steps. So, we talked about adding possible training for suicide prevention on the next agenda. Is there anything else, Pauline?

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: We can add training opportunities and maybe I will have an update by then.

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: Okay. Anything else you want to add?

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: I do not think so.

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: There is nothing for me to add. So next meeting will be the second Thursday of the month. So, December 13th at 2:00 pm. Any questions?

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: Can someone please do the summary of the meeting and give it to Katie?

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: Yeah, I can do that. Would you like me to get that to you today?

Katie Brubaker: It doesn't matter. Pauline, this is Katie. Are you talking about the update for tomorrow's JJOC?

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: Yes.

Katie Brubaker: Yes, if you could please send that to me today. It will not go out in the materials packet, but we can add it.

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: I will be at the full commission tomorrow. We are done at noon and then I will head straight down there.

Leslie Bittleston: For my updates, I have been updating on room confinements, Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant, and formula grant activities. Are there other things the committee would like me to talk about? I am happy to add anything in.

Commissioner Pauline Salla-Smith: I don't think we need to add anything. I believe tomorrow will be packed with other things.

Commissioner Kierra Bracken: Is there any public comment or discussion? Hearing none, I will end the meeting at 2:29 pm. Thank you everyone.

Committee Report and Other Notes: None