Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

October 16, 2014
Legislative Office Building
2pm Room 1E

The Tow Youth Justice Institute

Progress Report Due January 1, 2015

1. Statutory Changes:
   • Improving public safety
   • Promote best interests of children and youth
   • Improve transparency and accountability on community and facility based programs
   • Promote the sharing of information between Judicial Branch and DCF to include public safety and child welfare outcomes

2. Recidivism:
   • A common definition of recidivism to be used by all state agencies of the juvenile justice system

3. Goals:
   • Short, medium and long term goals for both JJPOC and state juvenile justice agencies
   • Consider all existing relevant reports and strategic plans related to juvenile justice
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4. Impact of Raise the Age (RtA):
   • Changes in the average age of children and youths involved in the juvenile justice system
   • Services used by different age groups and the outcomes of those services
   • Types of criminal offenses children and youths have been charged with since RtA
   • Gaps in Services including those juvenile offenders over 18

5. Education
   • Identify strengths and barriers regarding the education needs of children in juvenile justice system and recommend reforms

Plan for Compliance

1. Request electronic copy of any report or strategic plan related to juvenile justice in the past 5 years; must be “relevant”
2. Invite all agencies to present to the JJPOC between October and December with a very targeted report:
   • Provide trend and outcome information on how the system is working
   • Identify recommended statutory changes
   • Identify short, medium and long term goals
   • Address the RtA impact
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3. Ask state agencies and others to designate members of a JJPOC work group
   • Develop the common definition of recidivism
   • Assist in the review of the submitted reports
   • Assist in establishing the short, medium and long range goals
   • Assist in the report on Raise the Age

   • Panel of experts in juvenile justice to give some comment and advice
   • Invite comment from other interested parties

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• The quality and accessibility of diversion programs including Juvenile Review Boards, and programs for the Status Offender population:
  • Assessment of the community-based system of services to the juvenile justice population
  • Assessment of congregate care settings both public and private
  • Examination of collaboration between state agencies and local education

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• Examination of practices that result in disproportionate minority contact
• Integration of Results-Based Accountability
• Assessment of delinquency that occurs after DCF supervision
• Assessment of overlap between juvenile justice and mental health system
Next Steps

• The Tow Youth Justice Institute at UNH will work with the relevant agencies and work group to complete the January 1, 2015 tasks
• We will bring you products for review and action as they are developed
• We will submit a Plan for the July 1, 2015 tasks later this fall