Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

January 21, 2016

Progress Report

- Work Group Recommendations
  - Today
  - January 28, 2016
- Process for presenting recommendations on Education and Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Studies
System Characteristics

• Rehabilitative responses while maintaining public safety;
• Early identification and intervention to reduce involvement with the juvenile justice system;
• Programs and services individualized/customized to youth needs, behaviors and risk;
• Families and youth are at the center of planning and decision-making;
• Reduce disproportionate minority contact;
• Data driven planning and decision making; and
• Utilization of evidence-based practices for all programming.

Work Group Update

System Targets

- Police
- Schools
- Detention
- Congregate Care
- Secure Facilities

Primary System Strategy
Increase Community Based Alternatives

- Policy/Legislative Changes
- Administrative Practice Issues
Goal: Reduce Incarceration by 30%

Recommendation #1: Reduce Use of Detention
- Limit the grounds for detention to: public safety, assure court appearance, and hold for another jurisdiction
- Validated Detention Risk Screening Instrument
- Case Review Team meeting for violation of court order
- Community-based alternatives

Recommendation #2: Reduce Use of Secure Confinement
- Close CJTS/Pueblo in accordance with a plan jointly developed by DCF and the JJPOC that promotes public safety and youth rehabilitation.

Recommendation #3: Reduce Use of Adult Facilities
- Review the conditions and outcomes for youth incarcerated in adult facilities and submit recommendations to the JJPOC by April 2016.

Goal: Increase Diversion by 20%

Recommendation #1:
- Remove truancy and defiance of school rules as FWSN offenses once community and school based diversion services are sufficiently available and accessible to these youth.

Recommendation #2:
- Implement a community based diversion system that appropriately diverts youth who commit crimes, excluding serious juvenile offenses, from involvement with the juvenile justice system.
Goal: Increase Diversion by 20%

Police
- Training
  - Graduated Responses
  - Restorative Justice
- Crisis Intervention Teams for Youth (CIT-Y)
- Community Referrals

Schools
- SBDI
- Training (restorative justice, graduated response, behavioral interventions)
- Enhanced Child Find Obligations
- Reduce suspensions (ISS/OSS)
- Truancy/discipline Alternatives

Youth Service Bureaus
- Coordinating community-based prevention, intervention and treatment services

Juvenile Review Boards
- MOA (Police/School)
- Crisis Intervention (EMPS)
- Diversion Alternatives (Right Response)

FWSN Truancy and Defiance of School Rules (no court referral)

Goal: Decrease Recidivism by 10%

Recommendation #1:
- Adopt and adhere to an empirically supported recidivism framework for CT's juvenile justice system

Recommendation #2:
- Implement a restorative justice model in secure and congregate care facilities that promotes diversion as a precursor to police involvement.

Recommendation #3:
- Appoint a neutral single state agency to annually track, analyze and report on recidivism of all youth.
Empirically Supported Recidivism Framework

- Measure Outcomes
- Provide Ongoing Support
- Provide Positive Reinforcement
- Address Cognitive-Behavioral Functioning
  Emphasizing Skill Acquisition
- Target Interventions
- Enhance Intrinsic Motivation
- Assess Risks, Needs and Strengths

Goal: Cross-Agency Data Sharing

Recommendation #1:
• Establish a permanent JJPOC juvenile justice data sharing group.

Recommendation #2:
• Develop recommendations on the use of limited releases for client specific data for the sole purpose of improving case management.

Recommendation #3:
• Develop a standard MOU template for data-sharing between Executive Branch agencies, the Judicial Branch and researchers.
Next Steps

• Develop Implementation Plans
• Define Performance Measures and Indicators
• Develop Progress and Outcome Monitoring Process
• Develop a Recidivism Reduction Plan
• Develop a Plan for Young Offenders Ages 21-25