

## **MEETING OF FWSN SUB-COMMITTEE**

January 3, 2007

### **CONSENSUS REACHED:**

1. Staff secure programs are the highest level of security that will be used with FWSN juveniles
2. Any new residential program should be small, 6-8 bed, single sex, staff secure
3. Respite Care (total of 12 girls care, 6 boys care, 6 boys adp, 6 girls adp) or 18 girls & 12 boys:
  - a. CSSD will provide respite beds which are separate from programs serving delinquents; these will be available from the present CARE program, from reconstituting beds in the present ADP system and from developing new respite beds (assuming new funding)
  - b. CSSD Respite Care will be available for FWSNs in crisis following an assessment by Family Support Center (FSC) or during the initial contact for active, escalating crisis situations
  - c. Status offenders on FWSN Supervision may also access CSSD Respite CARE beds.
4. Status offenders who are DCF FWSN committed by the court can access DCF staff secure program options
5. Status offenders who need in-patient psychiatric assessment or care may be court ordered to Riverview Hospital
6. While the juvenile is in respite care or out of home placement, they will still be connected to FSC staff so they can be transitioned back to the FSC with appropriate services consonant with his/her treatment plan when appropriate
7. Judicial Department will offer training to Juvenile Court judges to deal with the handling of FWSN youth who do get referred to court; training will also be needed by DCF, CSSD, prosecutors, public defenders and FSC providers
8. Representative Gail Hamm will submit a bill as a placeholder
  - a. Bill drafting subcommittee will be formed, consisting of Judge Quinn, Martha Stone, Chris Rapillo and Fran Carino
  - b. It will be important to include in the bill provisions relating to evaluation, outcomes and accountability measures

### **ISSUES STILL TO BE RESOLVED:**

1. Addition of "Intensive Protective Supervision" to the continuum of services--- DCF to get more information and share with the group as to the efficacy of this model, how it differs from intensive probation, why appropriate for status offenders
2. The actual number of beds available from DCF new STAR homes, if any, or other DCF out of home staff secure options.

3. Determining services for Youth in Crisis (will they need to be similar to that planned for FWSN youth, if the age of jurisdiction is raised?)
4. When a capiases is issued for a FWSN who does not show up for court, it must be decided which entity will be responsible to transport the non-compliant youth to court (marshal? Probation officer?)
5. Will juveniles be placed involuntarily and if so how?
6. Triage mechanism for FSC referrals.