

Statewide Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Steering Committee Meeting

April 12, 2017

10:30 AM Central Time

Members in Attendance

Cindy Heiberger	Carole Cochran	Betty Oldenkamp
Judge Scott Myren	Judge Pat Pardy	Tamie McMeekin
Charles Frieberg	Kent Alberty	Erin Srstka
Judge Scott Myren	Judge Karen Jeffries	Angie Collignon
Kristi Bunkers	John Bentley	Stephanie Vetter
Judd Thompson	Chad Seidel	
Brian Mueller	Tim Johns	

Members not in Attendance

Rachel Kippley	Mark Milbrandt
David Osterquist	Virgena Wieseler
Angel Runnels	Terry Dosch
Julie Bartling	Dr. Tom Stanage
Sarah Morrison	

Other Members in Attendance

Danica Hillestad,
Brown County Detention Center
Greg Sattizahn,
State Court Administrators Office
Sadie Stevens, Governor's Office

Meeting Notes:

Welcome and Introductions

Judge Myren called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and introduced Greg Sattizahn for a legislative update on juvenile justice. Greg started with introductions of Judge Myren as the new co-chair appointed to the committee, Angie Collignon the new Statewide JDAI Coordinator, Chuck Frieberg as the new Director of Court Services, Judge Pat Pardy as a new appointment to the committee, and finally Sadie Stevens from the Governor's office. Greg started by soliciting feedback from committee members on "what have you heard" re: juvenile justice updates. Extended discussion on this topic which ranged from failing to hold offenders accountable (juvenile and adult) to concerns about the media/press misquoting the data to focus on the 3% not the 97% of success stories, to Kristi Bunkers sharing that in FY 2017 the percentage of Native Americans committed to the Department of Corrections as a race, decreased from 38% to 18%, showing that South Dakota is doing somethings right regarding DMC and JDAI has a part in that.

Greg reviewed the following bills that were passed:

SB 83: *An Act to revise certain provisions relating to the criteria for informal adjustment for any apparent child in need of supervision*

- Allows the State's Attorney to seek a good cause exception for mandatory diversion for CHINS cases.
- SB 73 Oversight Council bill.

Statutory reference: SDCL § 26-7A-11.1.

SB 84: *An Act to provide for the suspension of the probationary period for juvenile probationers under certain conditions.*

- Tolling of juvenile probationary term in certain situations.
 - Abscond;
 - Petition filed to modify or revoke probation;
 - Probation violation is pending.
- SB 73 Oversight Council bill.

Statutory reference: New Section

SB 103: *An Act to revise certain provisions concerning the process for truancy citations and formal petitions and to declare an emergency.*

- Clarified that a juvenile cited violation may be referred to diversion;
- Instead of a citation, a school official may refer truancy issue to a state's attorney;
- If there is a cited offense in conjunction with a non-citable offense that may also be referred to the state's attorney;
- Allows a state's attorney discretion to petition on a truancy action instead of having to go through juvenile citation process
- Diversion and community service may be ordered as part of the citation process by the court;
- If a child fails to comply with the terms of the cited violation judgment the court may grant permission for the state's attorney to file a formal petition;
- Emergency clause.

Statutory reference: SDCL 26-7A-10; 11; 126; 127; 128; 129.

SB 179: *An Act to revise the length of the maximum probationary period for juvenile probationers.*

- Expands initial term of probation from 4 months to 6 months for standard probation
- Expands intensive juvenile probation from 8 months to 12 months
- Potential for extension up to 18 months total.

Statutory reference: SDCL 26-8B-8; 26-8C-14.

Work plan, Past Meeting Minutes,

Angie briefly reviewed the 2017 work plan that was sent out prior to the meeting asking for additions or discussion. During this discussion, Tamie McMeekin shared that Liz Hassett (aka Heidelberger) was now the acting local coordinator in Pennington County. It was approved through their local collaborative that she would be able to designate a portion of her time for JDAI.

A review of the Statewide Steering Committee membership was had. It was decided that the committee is lacking in school representation. After some discussion about who might be a good candidate, Judge Myren stated that the executive team would work on the process to identify and invite an appropriate candidate.

RAI Validation Study Update

Stephanie showed a brief PowerPoint highlighting the validation study that was completed since the last Statewide Steering Committee. Sharing that there were no recommendations made to improve the tool, that

the tool was validated to be fair and a good assessment of risk to reoffend or to fail to appear at court. The Validation Study was provided to the group as a hand out.

RAI Database Development

Chuck updated the Committee on the work that Angie, the UJS IT Department, and a few select Intake Officers, including Chad Seidel from Hughes County Detention Center have been working on creating. The Database will allow Intake Officers to complete a RAI in a more timely and accurate manner. The Database will provide information to the Intake Officers out of the Odyssey system, instead of the Intake Officers having to search Odyssey. This should save the Intake Officers significant time in completing a RAI. It will allow automation of RAI data collect, accuracy, and real time reporting for required quarterly and annual reports, along with other report requests that come in sporadically. This will allow each jurisdiction to pull and analyze their own data more efficiently.

South Dakota JDAI Site Expansion Review

Judge Myren and Cindy provided an update on the currently expansion progress in South Dakota. Counties included in the expansion plan were chosen based on their 18 month RAI data that was collected. The six counties that were chosen for expansion outreach had the highest number of RAI's completed on youth in their counties since the RAI was put in place. Those 6 counties are Roberts, Brown, Hughes, Codington, Brookings and Davison. Outreach was done by Angie and Cindy to solicit participation on the web-ex from a Circuit Court Judge in each county, as well as a County Commissioner in each county.

The Web Ex occurred on March 6, 2017. All of the counties had representation except Roberts. Since that time, Brown, Davison, Brookings, Hughes and Codington Counties have all reached out in order to have the 101 presented to a local group of Stakeholders. A team went to Brown County and met with approximately 40 stakeholders called together through the leadership of Judge Tony Portra, and our own Rachel Kippley on April 5th to give our presentation, which included Brown County specific data. Being the true road warriors that we are, we proceeded to Mitchell that same day to present to another group of approximately 40 stakeholders in Davison County, under the leadership of Judge Pat Smith.

Angie has been working with Codington, Brookings and Hughes to get their JDAI 101's scheduled.

Angie informed the Committee that if they happened to be in a jurisdiction that has heard about JDAI and seems ready, has questions or wants more information that we'd be happy to come to those communities as well. If someone is ready and willing we won't exclude. Judge Parady expressed interest in learning more for Lake and Beadle Counties. Carole Cochran and Judge Jeffries spoke briefly about working together to get tribes involved in JDAI.

Training Opportunities

April 17-19, 2017 – JDAI National Conference in Orlando Florida, delegation of 10 from South Dakota selected based on outreach with expansion sites.

August 10-11, 2017, Model Site Visit in Portland Oregon – Participants would be chosen based on which expansion counties “opted in” to working towards becoming an official JDAI site.

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October 3-4, 2017, Statewide JDAI Conference, hosted by the UJS, available to current sites, expansion sites, Statewide Steering Committee members and potential expansion sites.

Detention Center Facility Assessment team Training – Angie will be working on training up a team to conduct Facility Assessments, starting with Pennington and Minnehaha this fall as they are due for a re-assessment.

Assessment teams have very specific membership. Detention Facility Administrators will be part of the training in order to make sure they understand the process and to see that the assessment is for finding ways to improve and working towards “best practices.” This is not a pass/fail scenario, but a “what can we do better?” scenario.

Questions, Next Steps and Updates

Angie asked the committee members to send her agenda ideas for the State Conference in October – things that committee members would like to hear more about or think that new sites would like to hear about.

At this time, Judge Myren asked for any last questions or comments, thanked those who were in attendance for coming and adjourned the meeting.