

Statewide Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Steering Committee Meeting

July 27, 2016

10:00 AM Central Time

9:00 AM Mountain Time

Digital Dakota Network (DDN) Video Conference

Members in Attendance

Cindy Heiberger

Judge Jeff Davis

Nancy Allard

Judge Scott Myren

Kristi Bunkers

Dr. Tom Stanage

Brian Mueller

Carole Cochran

Ross Wright

Terry Dosch

Carol Muller

Chad Seidel

Sheriff Mark Milbrandt

Angel Runnels

Tamie McMeekin

Jessica Miller

Erin Srstka

Stephanie Vetter

Liz Heidelberger

Members not in Attendance

Representative Julie Bartling

Sarah Morrison

Kent Alberty

Judge Karen Jeffries

Betty Oldenkamp

Representative Tim Johns

David Osterquist

John Bentley

Katie Bray

Rachel Kippley

Judd Thompson

Virgena Wieseler

Other Members in Attendance

Amy Lake-Harmon,

Brown County Detention Center

Gary Vetter, Brown County

Commission

Meeting Notes:

Welcome and Introductions

Liz Heidelberger began the meeting with a roll call. Nancy Allard then welcomed all to the meeting. Nancy advised that, as many Committee members knew, Liz Heidelberger was leaving the position as Statewide JDAI Coordinator. Nancy thanked Liz for her time and efforts as Statewide JDAI Coordinator. Nancy also advised that she would be retiring from her position as the Director of Trial Court Services as of October 9, 2016.

Nancy advised that, even with the transition of new coordinator and her position, that the statewide JDAI work would continue. She advised that there is a plan in place to begin the expansion process and continue on the great work of JDAI statewide.

RAI Validation Update

Liz and Stephanie provided an update about the RAI validation that has been taking place. Liz advised that Kelly Dedel, a contractor with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and her data assistant, Garth, were working on the South Dakota validation study. Liz advised that there has been a lot of work completed over the last few months and preliminary results showed that the South Dakota RAI is a very good instrument. Stephanie advised that the results showed no issues with any demographic bias (sex or race) and no difference between the data from Minnehaha County and Pennington County. Stephanie advised that all preliminary data is very positive. Stephanie further advised that the validation information will be compiled into a summary document and shared with this committee, once completed.

Year One RAI Data Analysis Overview

Liz advised that a PowerPoint, a map of the RAIs, and a map of the 2015 youth population regarding the first full year of RAI data was sent out earlier on this date for review and information of this committee. Liz advised that this information will be utilized for local jurisdictions to identify needs and discuss JDAI implementation. Liz advised that the PowerPoint is laid out in the same way as the 6-month analysis to ensure consistency and the ability to compare and contrast the information.

South Dakota JDAI Site Roll-Out Plan

The South Dakota Guidebook was discussed and will be utilized as a “go to” for local jurisdictions taking on JDAI implementation in the future. This Guidebook is filled with templates and key information regarding JDAI. Nancy advised that the goal is to get a new Coordinator on board as the first step in the roll-out process. She advised that both she and Stephanie will be involved in training and transitioning in the new Coordinator.

Nancy advised that the plan is to have a symposium in South Dakota regarding JDAI that would serve as a kickoff to implementation statewide. Nancy advised that the timeframe would be around November/December 2016.

Questions, Next Steps and Updates

A question was posed to the current areas implementing either JDAI or the RAI. Chad Seidel from Hughes County Juvenile Services Center advised that things are going well and that communication between key stakeholders was more difficult at first, but it is getting better.

Cindy Heiberger advised that the Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center is holding mostly the more serious youth instead of the lower risk youth that they had been serving in addition to the more serious youth prior to JDAI implementation.

No other comments were made regarding the status of JDAI/RAI implementation locally.

At this time, Judge Davis advised that he would be stepping down as the current Statewide JDAI Steering Committee Chair. Judge Davis was thanked for all of his work both in Pennington and Statewide as he has been very instrumental to the success of JDAI in South Dakota.

Liz thanked everyone for their work on the committee and in their efforts to implement the JDAI philosophy in South Dakota.

The meeting was then adjourned.