

JJC MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2002

Judge Welch, Chair

Opened the meeting, Reviewed Minutes from previous meeting and provided introductions for new members.

Agenda item #1:

Amy Holmes Hehn DDA provided an update regarding the new felony PCS Diversion Program.

Work Group Report:

- Goal is to steer youth toward treatment through an informal process.
- Work Group has been meeting weekly.
- Eligibility criteria are complete and have been distributed to the council for review.
- Program is designed to reduce under-representation on diversion and reduce over-representation on probation.
- Clients are required to not re-offend.
- Regular diversion criteria such as school attendance will be custom tailored on a case-by-case basis.
- Each youth referred will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- These youth will not be eligible for the RAD Program.

Background Data:

- 10% of probation youth have identified A&D issues.
- Approximately 60 probation youth have felony drug charges.
- More than half of youth with felony drug charges will be eligible for program.
- Program eligibility include youth with PCS and DCS of less than an ounce.
- Other youth may be added later.

Issues requiring further development include:

- Success and failure criteria.
- Role of JCC regarding integrated case management responsibilities.
- Role of provider regarding reporting client progress.
- Criteria for compliance review/program failure.
- Over-ride criteria, both in and out of program.
- Need for filing formal petition at the beginning of client involvement.
- Assigning a defense attorney to the case.
- Program should not become as distasteful as Clean Court on the adult side resulting in loss of clients.

Group recommendations and discussion issues include:

- Track data regarding youth not allowed into program due to over-rides.
- Role of client family regarding transportation, A&D issues and general buy-in.
- Write FAA contract so client and family can understand.
- Focus all client referrals and over-rides on level of need.
- Treatment is voluntary.
- Stick to the clinical model regarding eligibility and compliance.
- Focus program after strength based model.
- Include client-tracking piece.

Embrace Grant Issues:

- Recruit and train parent advocates for the FAA Program.
- Tie to JCP A&D domain and score at front end.
- Youth may not be eligible for diversion if severely addicted and may be over-ridden into formal system.
- Improve communication between JCC, Defense and DDA for better-integrated case management.

Next Meeting:

- Is scheduled for November 18, 2002 in the large conference room at Juvenile.
- Update on Community Detention Monitoring Compliance Review Process.
- Judge Welch suggested we outline "areas of importance" in an effort to focus our energy next year. These areas of importance might include:
 - Furthering our work on minority over-representation with regard to probation and in the state training school.
 - Under-representation in competent community based, intervention and treatment programs.
 - The efficacy of our alternatives to detention and other department programs including MST and the residential programs in detention.
 - New outcome measures regarding Juvenile Treatment court .
 - The new PCS Diversion program.
 - New policies and procedures regarding case processing innovations.

This discussion will form the basis for our 2003 work plan. Please send future agenda items to Jim Stegmiller for consideration/prioritization at next meeting.