

JUVENILE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

**November 17, 2015
Capitol Annex, Room 169**

Members Present: Senator Whitney Westerfield; Secretary J. Michael Brown, Justice & Public Safety Cabinet (JPSC); Commissioner Mary Begley, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Commissioner Teresa James, Department for Community Based Services, CHFS; Commissioner Bob Hayter, Department for Juvenile Justice (DJJ), JPSC; Rachel Bingham for Laurie Dudgeon, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC); Sherri Clusky for Christina Weeter, Department of Education; Ed Monahan, Department of Public Advocacy (DPA); Paula Stafford, Rowan County Schools; Honorable Lisa Jones, Chief District Judge; Lieutenant Shara Parks, Louisville Metro Police Department; Steven Gold, Henderson County Attorney; and Dr. John Sivley, Clinical Director, LifeSkills, Inc.

Members Absent: Representative John Tilley and Steven Gold.

Staff Present: Yvonne Board and Marlene Mundine

I. Welcome/Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Senator Westerfield who welcomed members and guests. Senator Westerfield then asked members to join in a moment of silence to be in prayer for Paris after the recent terror attacks. Senator Westerfield called for a motion to approve minutes from the October 22nd meeting. Minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Presentations

A. SIAC Data Dashboard

Rachel Bingham and Chris Duckworth, AOC, presented information regarding the work that has been done with the State Inter-Agency Council (SIAC). (Presentation materials available upon request.) Ms. Bingham noted that the goals of SIAC have historically been to increase and improve available services and to be able to coordinate those resources and services to move things back to community-based opportunities. Ms. Bingham suggested having the service array group at a future meeting to present what it looks like at a system level for kids throughout child welfare or juvenile justice and what types of services would be appropriate at certain stages that they may come into contact with our system.

Mr. Duckworth presented information from the SIAC data dashboard. Senator Westerfield asked for clarification on RIAC/FAIR Team Attendance data regarding the low percentage of family support. Mr. Duckworth stated the reason is that they are not a

required member. Senator Westerfield noted there was been some concern regarding family involvement and inquired if it was a travel related issue. Mr. Duckworth stated that was some of the issue but not to confuse family support with the parent representatives as they are required to be present. Commissioner James clarified that family support would be additional persons in attendance as a parent can invite other persons to be present for support. Ms. Bingham noted that family support would be those persons requested by the client.

B. Suspected Runaway Legislative Recommendations

Sara Janes and LaDonna Koebel, DJJ, presented a report from the Suspected Runaways Work Group regarding legislative recommendations to address issues related to suspected runaways. (Presentation materials available upon request.) The presentation included draft legislation that Ms. Janes requested the committee consider for the upcoming session. Senator Westerfield stated that would not an issue and that either he or Representative Tilley would carry the bill.

C. Boys and Girls Clubs: How We Support Kentucky's Kids and Families

Scott Been, Shelley Douthitt and Bart Baldwin from the Boys and Girls Clubs Kentucky Alliance presented information regarding their program and services available across the state. (Presentation materials available upon request.) Ms. Douthitt stated their mission is to enable and inspire young people to develop their full potential as caring and responsible citizens.

Mr. Been gave information on programs that happen at the local level and noted those programs are built with community partnerships. He noted they have also partnered with DJJ in truancy programs as well as outreach within schools. Senator Westerfield encouraged committee members and audience members to engage with this group and others like them in communities.

Ms. Bingham inquired about how programs start in areas where there is need. Ms. Douthitt responded that Boys and Girls Clubs target areas that have the capacity to partner with others for community based support including areas that have an established club in a surrounding area that they can come in under to start.

Ms. Begley inquired about fees for participation. Ms. Douthitt responded that there is typically a \$15-25 fee per year per child depending on the club and some have a different set fee for the summer. Senator Westerfield noted the average annual cost per child in Hopkinsville is around \$200 per child. Mr. Baldwin clarified that the true cost is much greater but fundraising efforts make it accessible. Mr. Been also commented that they try to offer as many scholarships as they can and work with grants and fundraising to minimize the cost.

D. Pathways and Crossroads: A Look at Adolescent Brain Development and the Juvenile Justice System

The Council watched a video presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman available at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLz0A_smT0Q&feature=youtu.be&t=1

III. Adjourn

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Senator Westerfield asked members make sure the appropriate data is collected and reported to Pam Lachman at the Crime and Justice Institute. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.