



CARTF

Virtual

October 1, 2021

MINUTES

Joshua Wickard- Public Defender (Chairman)
Michelle Weir- DHW, Family & Children Services
OPEN-Children with Disabilities Representative
Sheila Sturgeon Freitas, PhD- Mental Health
OPEN- Law Enforcement Representative
Melissa Osen- Foster Youth
James Curb – Homeless Education Liaison
Jill Robertson- Parent
Molly Vaughn- Victim Services Coordinator

Jennifer Tachell- Educator (Vice-Chairman)
Susan Bradford, MD – Pediatrician
Jennifer Bergin- Child Advocate Attorney
Hon. Steve Clark- Civil Magistrate Judge
Madison Miles- Prosecuting Attorney
Tahna Barton – CASA
Hon. Mark Rammell- Criminal Magistrate Judge
Nadine McDonald – Juvenile Justice
OPEN- Administrator of the Courts Representative

Mindy Peper – Task Force Support

ABSENT

Guests: Jason Stone and Scott Johnson, IDJC; Det. Curtis Carper, Nampa PD

Welcome

Wickard welcomes everyone. Wickard welcomes Det. Carper to CARTF who is looking to fulfill our law enforcement role on CARTF.

CARTF reviews the September 2021 minutes. McDonald makes a motion to approve the minutes with minor noted changes, Barton seconds, all in favor and so moved.

Subcommittee Updates

CFRT- Barton says the review team has not met the last two times due to crisis standard of care/COVID. After researching other teams nationwide, it was determined that doing these reviews virtually are not effective. There is nothing that is so time pressing that they can't wait until they can meet in person. Seems to be consensus that it is important to meet in person. Weir suggests that the team hold a virtual business meeting to discuss the plan going forward while not able to meet in person. Barton will plan to make the Nov 4 meeting virtual as a business meeting.

Conference- subcommittee updates group on last meeting. Barton will attend our October 15 subcommittee meeting to share thoughts on how CASA could join in. Wickard will also gather some ideas that would be good for breakouts. Wickard said would be helpful to have some idea of how much time would be available to teach. Wickard feels there are several topics that would be helpful. Wickard will reach out to Krista Howard. Clark mentions that it would be helpful to get some colleagues outside of Ada and Canyon County to see how these issues are being handled in other areas. Wickard agrees and he also mentions that one idea is to present the life of a child protection case to give everyone a good context of the various roles and all the directions it can go. Freitas says that we already create publications that help kids understand the process and mentions that it could also be very helpful for adults.

Madison says always helpful to educate the people who are in these roles as well as help them understand the work of people who are in different roles. Barton mentions would also be helpful to build those relationships.

Publications- no new updates

Grants- Peper updates that two grants have been received thus far, one from Nampa PD and another from Twin Falls PD.

Bylaws- Peper reports that the subcommittee will meet October 13 and will have something to report at the November meeting.

ISPA Conference Update

Conference is virtual and Peper will be in a breakout room during lunch hour to meet with people and talk about CARTF and our resources.

IDJC Presentation, Jason Stone and Scott Johnson

Deputy Director Johnson and Jason Stone from IDJC. Stone is the Community Operations Program Manager, a group that works with county partners, such as our own Nadine McDonald. Stone states that Idaho's system is bifurcated- two branches, with the jurisdiction laying mostly with the county and if a juvenile comes into the state system, the authority going back into the county's hands after leaving state commitment.

Idaho 10-year census shows about 200,000 juveniles in the state, about 5000 of those in county-level juvenile justice and there are about 170 kids that are in state commitment, down from over 400 not too long ago. Stone notes that in our state's continuum of care that the further you go up the continuum, the more expensive care gets. Prevention and intervention is far less costly than detention. They want to focus on highest risk youth in relation to that continuum. As the state grows and changes would expect to see changes and growth in the IDJC but the 2009 to 2019 numbers are showing that despite the increase in juvenile population, there has been positive headway in IDJC numbers- consensus is at historic lows, juvenile arrests and detentions are down, and more. In the last 10 years there has been about a 55% decrease in arrests and a 30% decrease in probation, detention, and commitments. But this really matters only if the streets and communities are safe. Data seems to show that the kids in Idaho who are coming into the system are showing a low recidivism rate, at around 18%, whereas some places in the nation are around 35-40%, of course recognizing there is not a standard way to report or define these numbers and duration in the nation. Wickard asks if the 18% recidivism rate is for those committing juvenile offenses after 12 months and commit a misdemeanor or felony or is there a rate for those who turn 18 and then commit an offense. There is not data at this point regarding this but trying to track down more information. Wickard also asks what is IDJC doing to shore up these families upon reunification. Stone says that the cross-over youth or dual status youth are on the radar of IDJC/ County Juvenile Probation/ IDHW and they are

sharing data and information so that they can identify these kids sooner as well as allocate resources and set up intervention more quickly.

Johnson says EPIC is a big project that came out of a length of stay policy academy with CJJA. They were one of five jurisdictions involved with that. They have about 24 objectives they are working through. The first two objectives are focused on internal classification and risk assessment process. Many of the objectives deal with community partners both before commitment and after community re-integration. McDonald asks how EPIC works with reintegration process and how it will work with the counties when there is a CP case open. Johnson says there is a lot of work that can be done on strengthening the partnership as well as defining roles and flow of information as well as allocating resources. McDonald asks if IDJC is seeing that the implementation of rule 16 and treatment team is assisting in the transition plan earlier in the process? Stone says that ideally as those teams that are dealing with rule 16 are being engaged, that it happens earlier, reengaging partners involved before a youth is transitioned out as well as solidifying an after-care plan. Weir asks that as those efforts are going, if there have been conversations around extended foster care and what it looks like, regarding youth that are in both systems. Both directors of DJC and DHW are involved in conversations as well as bringing in other partners like behavioral health, YES, etc. Madison asks what IDJC authority in treatment, placement, etc when have youth committed with SED or acute psychiatric issues. Stone says that it starts with the judicial order for commitment. IDJC doesn't have the freedom to say this is not a good fit. When they do get a case that is beyond their expertise, IDJC is good about getting external expertise and specialization (assessment, training, treatment, etc) or occasionally with very complex cases, kids are placed out of state if that allows for better treatment.

Johnson talks about facility-based projects. The IDJC received about \$10 million to replace aging dormitories at St. Anthony's. This will allow to create single room cottages that will help with special populations on campus. Also, about ready to open a new gym and CT classrooms and shops and the Nampa campus. This will allow them to expand their CT offerings and curriculum. The new gym will allow more recreation opportunities. They are also embarking on more employee wellness initiatives, such as environmental updates, wellness apps focused on vicarious trauma and stress.

Wickard thanks our guests and hope that we can have them back as well as find other ways to integrate what we do together.

Fall/Winter Planning

November (virtual)- start strategy review, review and decide on Cycle 2 grant applications; Weir will invite foster youth panel; subcommittee updates; Wickard will invite a former parent involved with foster system and reunification; action item to include vacancies.

January (virtual)- update from Robertson and Curb about McKinnley-Vento conference; Roger Sherman and Children's Trust fund; strategy 2, Weir will look into inviting Citizen Review Panel; legislative update

February (virtual)- McDonald update on probation services and protocol on children who disclose when in custody, victim compensation discussion; strategy 3; INCAC-Amy McCormack; legislative update; frontline social worker perspective

Vacancies

Peper updates task force on Carper and York. Action item on these vacancies will be added to the November agenda.

Executive Order Update

Weir has been working with Unsworth and they are making some headway on the order. The new point of contact is Sarah at Governor's office. Weir will send Sarah an email on Monday and the goal is to get this wrapped up before next legislative session starts. Wickard asks Weir to let Sarah know that he would also like to reach out to her and get connected and get further direction.

New Business

Wickard will email Peper info on April conferences so she can share with CARTF for possible attendance.

Adjourn

Next meeting will be November 5, 2021. This will be virtual.