

JDAI CASE PROCESSING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2019

Present: Becky Steiner, Jeff Sorensen, Michele Lueders, Tina Grove, Maureen Lamski, Brandon McWilliams, Rico Zavala, Ryan Dvorak, Mindy Vogel, Lori Griggs

Absent: Jamie Monfelt, Jason Wagner, Wendi Anderson, Alicia Waltman, Bev Hoagland, Kay Mathews, Margene Timm

- Welcome and Introductions
- JDAI 8 Core Strategies-Case Processing-Michele Lueders
 - Create a flow chart/time lines for Lancaster Juvenile Probation to see where there are delays in our system in regards to our youth being processed.
- Tina Grove expressed concern that JDAI is only focusing on Lancaster County youth and we should be including the contract county youth who are also detained.
- The use of Conditional Releases by Judges has decreased by approximately 40%. Some Conditional Release date was shared with the sub-committee.
 - 12 of the 96 youth on Conditional Release were adjudicated on felony charges.
 - Average time between Conditional Release ordered and admission to detention was 32 days.
 - Of the 96 youth detained for Conditional Release violations 40% were placed on Conditional Release prior to being placed on probation.
 - 60% were placed on Conditional Release post probation status.
 - Youth on Conditional Release on felony charges spent an average of 32 days on their Conditional Release order prior to detention.
 - Total Conditional Releases in May of 2018-41 youth.
 - Total Conditional Releases in January of 2019-25 youth (decrease by approximately 40%).
- Discussion was held on bench warrants.
 - New process for judicial approval for screening out of secure detention is in place.
 - Discussion on expanding the use of screening out of secure detention for warrants.
- Michele Lueders opened up discussion about concerns by national experts on overuse of temporary orders and conditional releases.
 - Is this in the best interest of the youth and family?
 - Judges try to explain to youth and family that Conditional Release is not Probation, not sure youth are understanding this concept.
 - The time before the youth is put on Probation is considered to be time the youth will show the Judge how willing they are to work with Probation.
 - Does the time before actual Probation count towards their Probation Term?
- Sgt Sorensen opened up discussion on the public safety concerns regarding when to detain a youth.
 - Make some conditions of release detainable conditions and others not.
 - Strategies in place for each of the conditions for what the Judges expect.
 - Consistency with conditions and communication with the youth and families.

- Clarity on what behaviors warrant detention.
- Suggestion of the sub-committee on reviewing actual scenarios to fully grasp gaps and barriers.
- ❖ Mindy will send out the article “Timely Justice: Improving JDAI Results Through Case Processing Reforms” to all-Will have discussion at next meeting.
- ❖ The next scheduled meetings are: April 19, May 24, June 21 and July 26 (meeting invites will be sent).
- ❖ Cassie will work on a 90 day spreadsheet of youth and their timeline from date of detention until disposition.
- ❖ Sub-Committee needs to have an update for JDAI Committee by May.
- ❖ Lori will connect with Judge Porter to update her on the sub-committee’s progress.