

November 15, 2011
Judicial Strategy Retreat
Break-Out Session Highlights
Adult Break-Out Session

Strengths

- County Corrections Program: Keeping people local, improved mental health care, multi-functional, gender specific programs;
- Aftercare and medical services post-release;
- Collaboration: Law enforcement, school, 4-H; and
- Task Forces/CJCC working together.

Areas to Expand

- Other risk populations who are not jail bound;
- Peer Support after release (ATR Grant);
- Improve pre-trial services for detainees, front end deferred sentencing, mental health involvement before issues/law enforcement involvement;
- Offer non-incarcerative options to the District Court;
- Meaningful education;
- Domestic violence: accountability of DV in programs, greater role for Turning Points;
- Reduce statutory limits for NH interdiction; and
- Need CJCC to have a broader focus not just the Jail, including Court, Probation, Law Enforcement and provider issues.

Priority Area: Pre-trial Services

Issue: No programs for offenders until jail

- Schedule a meeting with the CJCC to develop a plan and a subcommittee to develop the following:
 1. Front end options like a day reporting center where offenders participate in an intensive program in the community without going to jail to provide options for the District Court population.
 2. Continue to look at improvement in the existing gaps for front end adult offenders' population who need community based services including batterers' treatment and other services.
 3. Find ways to pool funding, looking for some additional funding and a sustainability plan long term for the population.
- The subcommittee should develop a plan to bring back to the CJCC for review and approval by March 2012

Next Steps:

Schedule a meeting with the CJCC for January

Desired Outcome: Deferred Sentencing

Juvenile Break-Out Session

Strengths

- Diversion works, saves money and reduces recidivism;
- School referrals to programming at Community Alliance;
- Mentoring at Stevens High and Riverside Middle School (need more funding);
- Strengthening Families Program in Claremont (need more trainers);
- Strong collaboration amongst partners;
- Increased awareness;
- Family integration at House of Corrections;
- Health Rocks through UNH; and
- Newport prevention strategies- identifying high risk youth.

Opportunities for Growth

- More SAPs;
- Healing/merging fractured systems;
- Early intervention- early identification- (trained personnel in schools);
- Resources for party dispersal (policy-ordinance);
 - How we use resources can be improved- let go of egos and ownership;
 - How we collaborate can be improved;
- Make better use of what programs we have;
- Gap of DCYF involvement;
- Lack of medical-school collaboration;
- Too many silos;
- Not enough teeth in juvenile consequences (although some disagreed with this); and
- Involve businesses to allow parents time to assist their own kids.

Action Step

Formation of a sub-committee (SWAT Team) to identify current programs, duplications and gaps.

Individuals desiring to be involved in SWAT TEAM:

Charlene Lovett

Dr. Middleton McGoodwin

Alice Ely

Barbara Brill

Chris Hultquist

Chris Gallagher

Robin Luther

Gail Kennedy

Deb Mozden

Matt Hudson

Ross Cunningham

At SWAT Team meeting:

- Identify individuals / organizations to bring to the table:
 - School Districts (with truant officers)
 - Law Enforcement
 - West Central
 - DOC
 - Concerned Citizens (FASTER Group)
 - NH Works
 - Faith Based
 - Businesses (Chamber)

- Examine Strengths (What's happening – why is it working), Collaborative efforts, gaps, and overlaps / redundancies.
- Identify Objective –
- What does effectiveness look like? (Reduction in incidences, reduction in In-School consequences, reduction of dropouts)
- What is the final goal? (Keep kids out of jail) (Policy Changes)
 - Research effective programs in other counties – what is working and why.

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