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Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds
San Wong, Director

DMC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of Conference Call

Origination Site: Lucas State Office Bldg.,
321 East 12th Street, Room 208
Des Moines, Iowa

February 17, 2016

Present: Wayne Ford, Chair; Kim Cheeks; LaTasha DeLoach; Bob Greenlee; Sandy Lint; Kevin McKeever; Stephan Pearson; Sanjita Pradhan; Miguel Trevino; John Wauters

Others: Vivian Hayashi, Univ. of Iowa; Yvette Zarod Hermann, Program Director, ArtForce Iowa

Staff: Steve Michael; Dave Kuker; Scott Musel; Julie Rinker

- **Welcome/Introductions**

Wayne Ford, Chair, welcomed those on the call at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present.

- **Agenda – Additions/Amendments**

There were no changes to the agenda.

- **Approval of 12-15-15 Meeting Summary**

John Wauters moved to approve the minutes from the December meeting, seconded by Sandy Lint. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Updates**

- **Minority Youth Engagement – Ford & Dave Kuker**

Dave Kuker reviewed discussion from the Planning Subcommittee meeting held February 11th. A second meeting is planned for March 11th.

Arrangements are being made to meet with system and non-system minority youth (aged 16-20) to learn about their experiences with the delinquency system and law enforcement. Meetings will be held in metro communities with a variety of youth groups—AMP, NAACP, SIYAC, Iowa Youth congress, Latino, and Asian-Pacific Islander. Youth facilitators will lead discussion. Meeting summaries will be used to inform state and local efforts.

- **June 2016 Community Planning Event – Ford & Kuker**

On June 15, a community planning event will be held at Adventureland Inn for stakeholder teams from Waterloo, Dubuque, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Des Moines, Sioux City, Fort Dodge, and Council Bluffs. Teams will comprise community members that can affect policy and change—neighborhood advocates, juvenile court services, schools, law enforcement, public defenders, and prosecution. James Bell from the Burns Institute will facilitate. The Chief Justice has been asked to kick off the meeting. Letters will be sent to Chief JCO's asking them to coordinate teams.

Prior to the event, data and questions regarding local issues will be shared. Community members will be encouraged to bring in a plan, if available. Data will drive discussion to further local DMC efforts. Approximately 75-100 people are expected. Information from this event will be included in the August, 2016 update of the Community and Strategic Plan (CASP).

Discussion centered on the involvement of other communities, including smaller cities with larger minority populations. Kuker responded that the cities have already been selected.

LaTasha DeLoach suggested having community plan summaries and contact information available on the website. Kuker concurred.

- **DMC Reduction Plan 2015/16**

- **Local DMC Collaboration and Plan Development Effort (see above)**
- **Discussions With State Leaders (see above)**
- **Ongoing Provision of Data (see above)**

Kuker reviewed an update regarding statewide and local school suspension and arrest data. The most success has taken place at the local level. Similar data will be provided to stakeholders at the community planning event discussed earlier.

- **State-Level DMC Summit (see above)**
- **Implementation of Electronic Version of DST**

Kuker reported on the status of the automated Detention Screening Tool (DST). Progress had stalled due to outages within the courts' information system. These issues have been addressed and technicians are moving forward on the DST. He was hopeful the tool would be used statewide by the end of the year.

- **Legislative Priorities – Ford**

- **Record Confidentiality**

Kuker reported on proposed legislation SF2070. The bill moved out of committee to make the funnel deadline. The bill would make juvenile records confidential from arrest

to disposition and is supported by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council and Chief JCO's. Staff will continue to monitor progress.

- **3rd Grade Retention**

Kuker reviewed Iowa Code §279.68 which would retain 3rd graders who are not at the required reading level. The legislation takes effect in 2017. There are concerns regarding negative outcomes by holding them back. The bill requires these students attend summer programs for which no funding was provided. A letter voicing concerns was sent to Governor Branstad and key legislators from the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council. Several proposed bills address concerns regarding appropriations for summer reading programs and removal of the retention wording. Staff are monitoring the legislation and will provide updates.

- **Local DMC Updates**

Ford asked that members share local meeting or event information with other members.

Sioux City – Stephan Pearson reported that the main focus is organizing for the June community planning event.

Iowa City – LaTasha DeLoach reported that the diversion program for theft 5th has been implemented. A DMC forum is also being planned for community members and families, a youth panel will discuss experiences. The school district is working with the University of Iowa Public Policy to research the impact of race and how youth are treated. On April 28, information for youth will be presented regarding rights, the laws, and employment opportunities for those with a criminal/juvenile record.

Des Moines – No report.

Davenport – Miguel Trevino reported that a diversion program for theft 5th has been implemented. Youth who are charged will attend a 10-day “rethinking” group.

Waterloo – No report.

Cedar Rapids—Chris Wyatt reported that a mentoring/diversion program has been implemented with Big Brothers/Big Sisters for middle school students.

- **OJJDP DMC Highlight**

Kuker stated that the federal Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention has requested information to highlight Iowa's DMC efforts on their website. Staff will provide data and information.

[Girls Justice Initiative handout](#)

A report regarding girls in the juvenile justice system was provided in meeting materials. The report includes data by race. Kuker will ask Kathy Nesteby to present the information at the May 11th DMC meeting.

- **Future Meetings - Ford**
 - **5/18/16 DMC Meeting**

Wayne Ford, Chair, commended CJJP staff on leading DMC efforts over the years and staying on top of issues.

[Note—the next meeting date is May 11 (not May 18 as shown above).]

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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