

Juvenile Restorative Justice Meeting

September 13, 2013

Members Present: Meg Williams, Rebecca Oaks, Monica Crocker, Paula Mattas, Candace Hawkins, Nancy Lewis, Matt Riede

Peace Alliance- date has been moved to November 2nd

Next Meeting - November 8th – Alamosa

Council P/T Coordinator Position- Deb Witzel is the finalist and will be going through the clearance process at SCAO.

Practitioners Seats Update- The Practitioners Selection Subcommittee met but there were concerns about the process. The information being used to vet finalists was not asked on the applications. There were concerns that many RJ Directors did not apply thinking these seats were for volunteers since the RJ Directors already had a seat at the table. Concerns were also noted about lack of outreach to either underserved areas, or for diverse representation among applicants. Should the process be reopened? Should they continue and hold in-person interviews with the finalists?

Pilots Update- Deb Witzel sent a blanket email with status and time line so that all received the same information.

Some of the JDs are moving forward very quickly, requesting volunteers step forward to offer RJ in their communities. It is important that we support them moving forward but that the folks who are going to provide the RJ services are experienced and well versed in the standards for RJ practitioners and the RJ training guidelines are followed. Can we assure that new programs being developed in pilot areas get mentored by veteran RJ programs? Do we need to request another meeting sooner than later to bring the DA's together? Do we know if the DA from the 10th was successful in outreaching to the DAs unable to attend the kickoff meeting? Maybe Joann Holder, Victim/Witness Coordinator in 20th or Pete Lee?

Follow up on next DA meeting – Get on agenda 12/6

Next Meeting- Our next RJ Council meeting will be in Alamosa on November 9th. Rooms are available at the Hampton Inn. Two folks so far are unavailable, Paula Mattas and Candy Hawkins. At this meeting we need to discuss the possibility of uniting with the CO RJ Directors Group and their Legislative Committee.

2014 Meetings- We would like to have the meetings at COVA in Denver because of the distance for those who are from southern and western locations. We also want to have a minimum of one meeting per year scheduled outside of the Denver/Metro area.

Reading List- Council members are encouraged to review the list and suggest any additional selections be sent to Bev Title who is compiling the list. Some members are reviewing with a special focus on the victim perspective.

July Meeting Minutes – Approved

Members Roster – Update Info (Meg will send out updated roster)- please send in bios if not already provided

RJ Council Committees- new members added to committees

Internal capacity (Meg, lead) - Rebecca Oakes

Internal Process/Communication (Spiro, lead)

External Standards (Perrie, lead)

Education/Engagement/Outcomes (Matt, lead) - Monica Crocker & Paula Mattas

External Research (Greg, lead)

Pre/Post Satisfaction Survey- We need to consider having separate forms (maybe front/back) for each party, at least separate for victim and offender. Research has already been done for victim contributions (5 categories). Need to consider adding a few more questions for victims' form (Matt will get that information). Opportunity with pre and post to get more information than satisfaction TO: did Process work...improvement in processes (see revised forms).

Definitions Review-

– Be specific of mediation, circles, conferences, etc.

****People need to go thru! ****

-Use agreed-upon state definition of “recidivism” for all!!

- Re-education an issue in regards to term limits.

- When legislation changes a process to get all on board/Council to convene in a timely manner

-Name main speak without conflicts

-Image of bill versus Council's work

-Controversy of bill at house level

-Clean-up=Bipartisan, objective improvements

-Legislative committee / sub-committee

-Clean-up to wait for 2015 session-Look at clean-up in Jan 2014

-Take time to work with all on our plate to be sure it's what we want

Standards- Need to add self care. Practitioners to participate in COVA academy; COVA to design one specific to RJ practitioners/Council Members? Abbreviated version for Council Members?

Misc- We should add to future agendas a discussion about Council's authority or ability to revoke/remove harmful volunteers/practitioners from listing.

Announcements

- COVA received Human Trafficking Grant for \$200,000/2 year
 - o Hiring 2 positions
 - o Identify victims & provide services