

**MINUTES**  
**Joint Advisory Committee**  
**Restorative Justice Program & Reentry Services Project**

**November 4, 2010**

Present: Alex Ishaug (Clay County Social Services), Corey Walters (West Central Regional Juvenile Center), Sally Lauritsen (Probation/Corrections/Reentry Services/Transitional Coordinator), Charles Kaspari (Clay County Victim Services /Restorative Justice), Dina Loomer (Rural MN CEP), Mike McMullen (Probation/Corrections/ Reentry Services/Transitional Coordinator), Shelley Ford (Probation/Corrections/ Reentry Services), Linda Sheet (Red River Area Learning Center), Sharon Walker (Youth Educational Services) Dawn Tommerdahl (Clay County Collaborative)

Shelley welcomed the group and we did a round of introductions.

**Reentry Services Project**

**1. Program update:**

- a. Program has been funded by DPS and the Clay County Collaborative through December 31, 2011. The Administrative Group of the Collaborative to continue to fund all programs but at a reduced rate.
- b. Shelley has asked Rhonda Porter for a meeting to discuss billing Child-Welfare Targeted Case Management for the work that Mike and Sally do with their clients.
- c. Sally and Shelley presented on the program at a grantee meeting in St. Paul. The other grantees are for adult programs.
- d. Shelley noted that they are on target with their budget.

**2. Case studies**

- a. Sally is working on social skills with two of her clients, trying to get him involved in positive activities in the community. They have been to many places in the community to find out about what activities might be available.
- b. Linda and Sally are getting going on the girls group again at Red River. They'd like to start in November and December but really start in January. The girls who attended last year want to continue.
- c. Mike is working with a client who he has worked with before. He's doing the best he's ever done at this time.
- d. Louis Ochoa and Mike will be starting a boys group this month (new this year).

**3. Evaluation**

- a. You received the 2-year report (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010) by Kathleen Bergseth (NDSU). This is NDSU's last report on the program.
- b. The quarterly report (June – September) was written by Shelly, Sally and Mike. Shelley noted that over the years, the type of youth the program works with has remained remarkably similar. The most common placement in the last two years was secure detention. In previous years, the most common placement was Thistledeew or other non-local residential. There was only one new felony while client was involved in the program. Note the letter from a former client at the very end of the report.
- c. Because they're doing pre-placement, probably the number of offenses will be lower.
- d. From now on, they will be looking at all open cases instead of just the ones who have closed.

### Restorative Justice Program

1. Program update:
  - a. Statistics are similar to previous quarter. Charles is counting cases differently from before. Multiple offenders counted as separate cases. Someone who is referred to the program a second time gets a separate case. This is to ease tracking in the County Attorney's system.
  - b. Crimes fluctuate from quarter to quarter.
  - c. Geographic distribution is primarily Moorhead, but also Dilworth, Glyndon, Felton and other this quarter.
  - d. This quarter there were more victim/offender conferences than community conferences.
2. Program evaluation: Charles also sent out a report from January 2010 that Kathleen Bergseth did. Results show that participants don't reoffend as often and if they do, it's at a lower level. Charles added data from 2010
3. Case study: Charles included two cases. They came to him after they had been to court. They met with victims to repair harm in addition to whatever consequences were imposed by court.
4. Funding: Program is funded through December 31, 2011.
5. Other:
  - a. Charles has met with Raul Fernandez from Centro Cultural about possible collaboration.

### Updates

**Probation:** a new juvenile probation agent started this week – Terra Smith. There will be a bullying workshop next week. CMH Summit on November 23.

**Moorhead Public Schools/Red River Area Learning Center:** Linda reported that the Red River Valley Church (next to RRALC) is handing out food baskets weekly from 1 – 3 p.m.

**CEP:** MN youth program will be summer only next year – starting July 1. They can continue to work with the year-round youth who are already in the program. They continue to take referrals and have job openings. Dina has videos available for lending. She recommended the video "American Teenager."

**WCRJC:** The new director has adjusted to his new position. Staff is being trained in "Thinking for a Change" curriculum. Numbers are up a little bit.

**Collaborative:** Take a copy of the annual report if you like. The Children's Mental Health work group is sponsoring the ITV "Lessons from the Field" series from the Center of Excellence for Children's Mental Health. This year's topic is relational aggression. The first session is November 30 from 8:30 – 12:30. No cost. To register online or for more information, see cmh.umn.edu.

**Social Services:** Received permission to fill two open positions (Case aide and DD worker). Mental health issues are huge.

**YES:** No staff changes. Five students are attending the Clay County Recovery School.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, February 3rd, 2011 at 1p.m., meeting room 4, Family Service Center

Respectfully submitted,

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