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JUVENILE JUSTICE AND MINORITY ISSUES COMMITTEE

TCCY Conference Room

Thursday, May 19, 2011

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Beverly Cosley, Chairperson
Phil Acord
Sidney Bynum
Timothy Perry
Dwight Stokes

Also in Attendance:

Cindy Durham

Committee Members Absent:

Leon Caldwell
Janell Clark
Joshua Conner
Susan Lawless-Glassman
Carlton Lewis
Harold Moses Love

TCCY Staff Present:

Debrah Stafford, JJ
Director
Diane Baham
Ron King
Philip McKenzie
Vicki Taylor
Zanira Whitfield

I. Welcome and Introductions.

Cosley welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked for a motion to approve the February 2011 Juvenile Justice and Minority Issues Committee minutes.

II. Approval of February 2011 Minutes.

IT WAS MOVED (STOKES) AND SECONDED (BYNUM) TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2011 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND MINORITY ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

III. DMC Task Force.

King reported on the DMC Statewide Task Force meeting of May 11, 2011. The meeting included updates on the planning for the Minority Youth Summit scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The “Empowering Youth Beyond the Moment” summit

includes two keynote speakers and four workshops. The workshops include gang awareness, legal issues, bullying, and youth violence and suicide. The workshops will be repeated so youth can attend all four during the one-day meeting. The summit will be held at Scarritt Bennett in Nashville. Approximately 250 participants will attend, 90% of which will be youth from all over Tennessee. Cosley suggested putting the summit information on Facebook to attract more youth.

King reported the issue of the DMC Study was discussed at the DMC Statewide Task Force meeting and interns from local task forces, Dr. Bui, and Dr. Pitts offered to lend their expertise to the study.

King referred members to the local DMC task force quarterly reports for information on each task force. All task forces are working hard, and Clarksville had a juvenile justice conference which was a great success. DeCosta Hastings was keynote speaker and was formerly mentored by King as a youth. Hastings did an excellent job at the conference.

Cosley asked members to read the DMC quarterly reports.

IV. DMC Study.

Stafford reported on the proposed DMC study. The study will be part of the Three Year Plan for 2012 which is submitted to OJJDP. Each state is required to submit a study. The cost to perform the study would be between \$50,000 and \$100,000. In an effort to save funds, TCCY will perform the study which will require cooperation of all TCCY divisions involved. The study highlights problems and issues with DMC. The last study was performed by Dr. Soumen Ghosh at Tennessee State University in 2003. The study has to be a mixed (qualitative and quantitative) study with a literature review, and must include DMC data. There is a short period of time in which to perform the study. Discussion of the study and solicitation of assistance was presented to the May 2011 Statewide DMC Task Force. Local task forces were asked to provide research assistance from their interns, and they were willing to help. In addition, task force members Dr. Hoan Bui and Dr. Wayne Pitts offered their help and expertise with research. Dr. Bui agreed to assist with the survey needed for YSOs and judges and to analyze the data garnered from the survey. Dr. Pitts has an online survey system that is already paid for to transmit the survey. He and his research assistants will also assist with analysis. Stafford stated approval of the Juvenile Justice and Minority Issues Committee and the full Commission would be needed in order to begin work on the study due in March of 2012.

Durham asked how other Juvenile Justice Specialists are performing the study. Stafford advised some are distributing RFPs. Since the Commission has had to make budget cuts, the Commission cannot afford to solicit applications. Some other states are also going to perform the study themselves. It was noted that OJJDP does not offer funds to conduct the study. Durham suggested staff and volunteers keep track of the time spent conducting the study for documentation purposes on the funds saved by performing the study inhouse. She recommended keeping an estimate of the amount of time donated by the state. Stokes asked how often the study has to be done. Stafford advised it is required every seven years. Stafford stated the study will cost the agency money in travel, etc., to gather data.

IT WAS MOVED (PERRY) AND SECONDED (STOKES) TO APPROVE TCCY'S REQUEST TO PERFORM THE DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT (DMC) STUDY. MOTION CARRIED.

V. Federal Formula Grant Allocations.

Stafford reported on federal formula allocations. She reminded members that in November 2010 the budget was approved regarding allocations of federal grant money based on the previous year. Then the federal government made budget cuts to the OJJDP at 11 percent, which would require the state budgets to be reduced by 11 percent. However, the most recent information we received from the federal government included a 28.4 percent cut in funding, which reduces Planning and Administration funds that significantly affect staff. Stafford referred members to the handout for a comparison of funding last year and what is left after the 28.4 percent cut. Durham asked that the revised budget sheet be available at Friday's meeting. Stafford advised grant money was reduced for all federal grants (Federal Formula, Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws, Title V, and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant). Stafford asked the committee to consider approval of the revised proposed allocations.

IT WAS MOVED (STOKES) AND SECONDED (BYNUM) TO APPROVE THE FORMULA GRANT 2011 BUDGET SUMMARY, LIST OF PROGRAMS, AND PRIOR APPROVED AND PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS AFTER 28.4 PERCENT BUDGET CUTS (COPY ATTACHED). MOTION CARRIED.

VI. Federal Budget Effects on Juvenile Justice Division.

Stafford advised the effects of the federal cuts on TCCY will result in the abolishment of one juvenile justice position in January 2012.

VII. ARRA Program Audit Review.

Stafford reported on the status of the ARRA program. Currently, there is an audit review of the program which has not yet been finalized. The program, which ends June 30, 2011, has been very time-consuming requiring lots of paperwork on the part of staff. Phil McKenzie has been the liaison for Reconciliation Ministries and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

VIII. Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) Violations.

McKenzie reported on deinstitutionalization and referred members to the handout. Two counties (Clay and Jackson) had violations. Bedford County is in the process of closing its juvenile detention center. The county will try to contract with other counties when its center closes. Bedford County built the center years ago in the hopes of making money and now they are losing money. McKenzie stated it will force Bedford County to look at alternatives to detention. Cosley encouraged members to look over the detention violation sheets.

IX. Other Business.

Cosley asked Stafford for an update on TCCY being a Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) coordinator. Stafford stated the funding of a statewide position is not possible now as we do not have the funds. If the Annie E. Casey Foundation were to provide funding it might be possible. Stafford and O’Neal will meet with Casey Foundation representative Gail Mumford in June regarding this issue. Also, Stafford will travel to Memphis with Ms. Mumford to meet with others (mayor’s office representative, juvenile court judge and staff, detention workers, police representatives, etc.) about the initiative. Casey would like Memphis to be a JDAI site. Stafford stated we can support the effort but are unable to assist financially. Acord asked if Casey will pull out if TCCY cannot help financially. Stafford stated she did not know but it is a possibility. O’Neal joined the meeting and stated she has been on the phone with *The Commercial Appeal* regarding an article about the possibility of JDAI in Memphis.

O’Neal advised the full commission will meet tomorrow in the Andrew Johnson Tower first floor conference room instead of Legislative Plaza.

Cosley asked members to continue to read emails and other information sent their way. She introduced some items from the Casey Foundation and an article on Zero Tolerance. Acord asked these items be forwarded via email to JJMI members.

Stafford stated Dr. Wayne Pitts, DMC Statewide Task Force member, contributed to a recently published book, “Disproportionate Minority Contact: Current Issues and Policies.” Pitts wrote chapter five which includes information from John Hall and the SHAPE program in Memphis. Members can contact Stafford on obtaining the book.

Stokes stated the book entitled “The New Jim Crow” is excellent.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by:

Diane Baham, JJ AA

Beverly Cosley, Chairperson

(Attachment III) Application for Formula Grant (P.L. 93-415)

2011 Budget Summary

OMB Number: 1121-0156

State: Tennessee

List of Programs

(Prior Approved and Proposed Allocations After 28.4% Budget Cut)

State Program Designator	Standard Program Areas	State Program Title	Prior Approved			Proposed with Cuts		
			Total Funds	Federal Share	State Match	Total Funds	Federal Share	State Match
107	23	Planning and Administration	220,000	110,100	110,000	157,778	78,889	78,889
109	31	State Advisory Group Allocation	30,000	30,000		25,000	25,000	
108	06	Compliance Monitoring	55,000	55,000		19,997	19,997	
106	17	Jail Removal	117,000	117,000		100,000	100,000	
102	10	Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC Task Force)	125,000	125,000		100,000	100,000	
102	10	DMC – Pilot Program	125,000	125,000		70,000	70,000	
101	09	Delinquency Prevention	145,000	145,000		100,000	100,000	
114	33	Youth Advocacy	120,000	120,000		100,000	100,000	
115	02	Alternatives to Detention	175,000	175,000		100,000	100,000	
116	20	Mental Health Services	100,000	100,000		95,000	95,000	
		Total	1,211,200	1,101,100	110,100	867,775	788,886	78,889

FFG
2010 \$1,101,000
2011 788,886 28.3% cut

EUDL
2010 \$356,400
2011 300,000 16% cut

Title V
2010 \$84,945
2011 50,000 41% cut

JABG
2010 \$896,000
2011 704,059 21.4% cut