

Regionalization Task Force Meeting Notes
October 20th, 2015

- I. Executive Director David Reilly opened the meeting, members and guests were introduced.
- II. Chief of Staff Chelsea Buchholtz provided a brief summarization of prior meetings and an overview of the agenda for today's meeting.
- III. Target Population Discussion: James Williams began the discussion with a review of the feedback received thus far. Lori Robinson provided a draft of a definition for the target population based on the work of the task force and upon feedback received from various stakeholders. The group discussed the draft and made suggestions in both small and large group formats. The agenda item was concluded with a revised definition that will be sent to task force members so that they may share it with the people whom they represent. The group agreed to provide feedback to TJJD staff by November 6th. Feedback will be incorporated into a second draft to be discussed, and potentially approved, during the next meeting on November 18th.
- IV. Dr. Tushar Desai spoke with the group about their needs for psychiatric providers across the state. Discussion centered around the collaborations between local juvenile probation departments and LMHA's, the counties use of funding, use of Medicaid funds, and ways in which departments work to provide psychotropic medication to youth in secure residential placements.

Several group members reported that they have successfully used tele-psychiatry and nurse practitioners to provide care for youth in their custody. Group members reported that the referral process can be long, and that many youth must wait before being seen; others reported that they contract with local providers to see youth in post-adjudication programs because youth are not eligible to be seen by the LMHA if the youth is from outside their county.

- V. Diana Norris provided an overview on behalf of the Texas Juvenile Justice Providers Association (TJJPA). Ms. Norris discussed services that member providers currently offer, and shared some insights on areas where they may be willing to expand. The group asked about membership in the association and about which private providers across the state participate in the association.
- VI. A process and template for the regionalization plans was presented and reviewed with the group. The group requested modifications and these will be made and updated templates will be distributed to the group for dissemination and feedback. Feedback is requested to

be submitted to TJJD by November 6th and the second draft will be reviewed in the November meeting.

VII. Facility Inventory Overview-An overview of the scope, purpose, and planned outcomes of the facility visits was provided by James Williams and Lori Robinson. The group reviewed a tentative list of post-adjudication facilities willing to partner in the Regionalization process, along with the services they may offer. Also reviewed was a list of items that may be included in the reports by TJJD staff in collaboration with the Chiefs of juvenile probation departments and their facility and clinical administrators.

VIII. Homework: Due date- November 6th

Task Force members are reminded that feedback on the following items is requested:

- Target Population
- SB1630 Diversion Checklist
- Template for Regionalization Plans including the Juvenile Probation Department's Resource Inventory and the Regional Resource Inventory.

IX. The next meeting scheduled for November 18th and 19th in Austin at the TJJD central office.