



Advisory Council on Juvenile Services

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2012

Corsicana Residential Treatment Facility

Members Present:

Estela P. Medina (Chair), Doug Vance (Vice Chair), Mark Williams, Phillip Hayes, Homer Flores, Randy Turner, Cherie Townsend, and James Smith

Members Absent:

Audrey Deckinga, William Carter, Judge Mario Ramirez, Judge Larry Thorne, and Commissioner Matt Shaheen.

TJJD Staff Present:

Linda Brooke, Laura Braly, Cathy Whiteley

Others Present:

Mike Meade, TJJD Board Member, Ft. Bend County, Darryl Beatty, Travis County, Bob Kimbrell, Palo Pinto County, Julie Easley, Palo Pinto County, Jennifer Carreon, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, Benet Magnuson, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, Thomas Machala, Giddings State School, Ron Leach, Montgomery County, Monica Kelley, Hardin County, Laura Peace, Kaufman County, Dr. Terry Smith, Dallas County

1. Welcome - Estela Medina opened the meeting and extended appreciation to Corsicana Staff for the morning tour of the facility and to everyone that was able to attend the tour. During the meeting, she also welcomed James Smith as a new member to the Advisory Council as a TJJD representative.
2. Review of March 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes - Reviewed the meeting notes of March 7, 2012 and the same were approved with no changes.
3. Webinar Overview of Performance-Based Standards (PbS) - Doug Vance discussed PbS (Performance Based Standards) and provided an overview of the program. Ms. Townsend stated that it is a good tool that TJJD secure and non-secure facilities use.
Kimbla Newsom then presented via phone conference a slide show regarding PbS.

4. Update on April 6, 2012 Advisory Council Presentation to the TJJD Board - Doug Vance passed out to the members of the Advisory Council, the update that he had provided to the TJJD Board on April 6, 2012. (Attached)
5. Update on Giddings State School – James Smith provided the overview. He cited concerns presented in a recent OIO Report regarding the Giddings Facility, and that the “buying and selling of youth” report is not confirmed. He added that 50 staff has been hired on. Some staffing problems were due partly to the large number of staff on FMLA. Cited a Pbs report indicating that that reports of assaults had decreased and that “Everything is getting better”.
There was extensive discussion and information provided. Some public input and questions were also received.
6. Priorities and Committee Work:
Performance Measures – Mark, Estela and Homer will spear head this committee.
Funding opportunities will be spear headed by Estela, Mark & Randy.
Linda Brooks provided some discussion regarding performance measures working and working on consolidating performance measures.
It was proposed that Chuck and Nancy with TJJD, and staff with the LBB (David and John) to be invited to attend to provide an update on performance measures.
Appointment of Advisory Council members to other priorities. It was decided that all would assist with Program Development, development of Mental Health continuum and strategic planning.
On a separate matter of interest, it was decided to review the current parole program and inventory what counties provide parole services. Phil, James, and Doug agreed to work on this for the Advisory Council.
7. Overview of the Corsicana Residential Treatment Facility – Ms. Braly, Superintendent at Corsicana handed out CRTC materials and information. It was decided that any questions or additional information could be provided and that a second tour would be provided, with an additional opportunity to ask questions.
8. Advisory Council Projects/Priorities: Standards: Doug Vance agreed to Chair this priority on behalf of the Advisory Council. Phil Hayes and James D. Smith with TJJD will serve on this committee. After some discussion it was agreed that it is important for the committee to include input from the field, to include representatives from each of the Regional Associations, and statewide professional associations to include TJDA, JJAT and TPA.
9. Doug provided information regarding Texas Juvenile Detention Association’s Request to look at 1) standards of care 2) How audits are conducted 3) look at the resource manual CRM and its impact on standards and auditing, and 4) reviewing other types of standards review, such as performance based
10. The Agenda item regarding diversity on the Advisory Council is to be placed on the Agenda for the next AC Meeting when more of the AC Members are present for the discussion.
11. Next Meeting will be scheduled for late May or early June in Austin.

Meeting minutes provided with the assistance of Cathy Whiteley, TJJD Corsicana Residential Treatment Facility