

**Joint Juvenile Justice Strategic Plan**  
**Legal Analysis Subcommittee Minutes**

Meeting Date: May 18, 2005

Location: CSSD

Meeting Time: 8:30-11:30

Participants: In attendance: Mickey Kramer, Tammy Rothschild, Perry Codanni, George Dowiliby, Bob Franks, Scott Migdole, Annita Wright, Chris Rapillo, Art Weiner, Donna Wnuck, Sue Pearlman, Kathleen Harkins, , Cathy Foley-Geib, Fran Carino, Ann-Marie Degraffenreidt, Jessica Heldman

Next Meeting: June 15, 8:30am-11:30am, CSSD, 1<sup>st</sup> floor training center  
[Lawyer Workgroup - June 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-10:30am, CSSD, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room](#)  
[Policy Workgroup – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2pm-4pm, CSSD, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room](#)  
[Stakeholder’s Meeting – June 16, 1:00pm-4:00pm, CJTS](#)

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The meeting began with a review of the process of survey distribution and collection. The following reports were made:

- Fran
  - Received 2 out of the 18
  - Very narrow focus – see things from their perspective
    - No mention of fed law – focus on 46b-124
      - Not aware, not utilized?
    - Local focus – not a statewide perspective
- Susan
  - Sea of change in CT – idea that both sides should work collaboratively
    - Why are they dumping on the neglect side the kids that need to be detained – and why are certain courts taking the position that the kid is not to blame
  - No one had concerns with getting information
    - 4s and 5s for sharing information
  - AG sensitive to Substance Abuse and HIPAA

- Seems like they understand it
- Donna
  - Focused on Manson Youth
    - Everyone gave DOC a 5 for how they give out info
    - They don't have much of a problem with how the information is structured
    - Not reporting much of a problem – there are good connections with the one other agency the divisions work with
      - Problem getting information from Probation was identified
    - DCF did training and this was appreciated and it was suggested that this be done with others
    - Surveys suggested that transitional services and discharge planning would be better if there was better exchange of information
  - DCF and Probation is not informed if the kid comes into the adult court system
    - More formal mechanism for notification
    - CMIS – theoretically this might help – but the inputting of data is being taken over by court operations (All official data is being entered)
      - Monday is the turn-on day
      - Would allow someone in the adult court to enter the juvenile system and see what is there –
- Chris
  - Trying to get people to respond has been difficult – political issues
    - 3 responses – one her own
    - Generally OK with the way the system works – more protective attitude – don't want changes in the system to erode the juvenile's rights
    - Why is neglect dumping kids in delinquency – exact opposite of the AAG perspective
      - How high level thinking is slow to trickle down
      - Issue about who is going to pay for the services
  - FWSN protocol
- Perry
  - Sample of 6 – good representation
  - Worker level – relationships are important
  - Receiver of a lot of info, not as much generated – there seems to be a conscious effort to be careful of who we share info with – getting proper releases
- Kathleen
  - Top of the food chain happy to send out; further down people were hesitant; time consuming
  - 26 potential replies – 6 are here

- Surprising thing – how clear it seemed that they should be getting advice from AAG, Principal Attny
- One said thought that greater info sharing would have a negative impact
- Concerns about less medical information – people on other end work within their own minimum disclosure
  - Standard release form idea

Jessica Heldman gave a brief Powerpoint presentation regarding the initial findings from the survey.

Orlando Martinez and Claus Tjaden provided an overview of the Governor's CJTS project, and outlined how it and the strategic planning process will complement each other.

There were no additions or changes suggested for the legal research documents.

It was decided that two analysis groups would be formed: a lawyer group and a policy group. The tasks and descriptions are listed below:

#### Lawyer Group

This group is charged with identifying the status of the relevant laws, what the perceptions are of them (identify areas of the law in which guidelines are unclear/unutilized, or misused), and how this affects collaboration and coordination.

The members of this group are:

- Fran
- Ann Marie
- Susan
- Kathleen
- Donna
- Chris
- Nancy
- Perry

The group will review the resources provided by email and on [jessicaheldman.com](http://jessicaheldman.com) individually, and will meet to discuss progress on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am, CSSD 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

#### Policy Group

This group is charged with identifying the relevant policies and practices, what the perceptions are of them (identify areas in which guidelines are unclear, unutilized, or misused), and how this impacts collaboration and coordination.

The members of this group are:

- Dean
- Art
- Mickey
- John
- Annita
- Robert
- Scott
- Cathy
- George

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