

CJSB meeting in the Aspen Room
September 9, 2022 at 8:30AM

Present in meeting-

Matt Miller with Behavioral Health Services, Erica Wood with Diversion, Char Edwards with CAO, Jane Glasser with Public Health, Clark Fairbanks with YES House, Jim Lyon with Juvenile Services, Carina Ostberg with the Public Defenders Office, Commissioner Don Hamm, Kip Farnum with Campbell County School District.

Clark Fairbanks motioned to approve June board meeting minutes, Kip Farnum seconded, and minutes have been approved.

Program Updates

Clark Fairbanks was asked to provide information on his programs. Clark explained that he failed to bring reports to show numbers served. Clark explained that they continue to be busy and stated that their staffing has began to stabilize. Clark stated that Crisis Intervention & Mediation is going well. From a Drug Court perspective, Juvenile Family Drug Court has 6 participants in the program, there will be a new addition to the program today, there will be a participant tentatively graduating on September 21st. This participant will be a juvenile participant which will leave the program with only YITS temporarily. All is going well with Juvenile Family Drug Court. Jim relayed that Juvenile Diversion Officer Training has a budgeted amount, but this has yet to be utilized. Jim explained that they are looking into training perspectives right now. Jim spoke about online trainings such as Corrective Thinking for starters and see where that leads us.

Budget Update:

Jim included the budget update to the packet and attached the invoice that was submitted to the state. Historically the Counties Grant Specialist takes care of this, but it was agreed upon that this would be taken care of by the Juvenile Family Drug Court Assistant. On the budget worksheet, it shows the budgeted amount, what is spent, what would be left over, for Project Choice, Crisis Intervention & Mediation. This also shows for the budgeted amounts for JFDC and Juvenile Diversion training. There are no questions in regard to the budget. Jim did let Clark Fairbanks know that Tatyana was asked to submit the invoice by the third Friday of the month due to all purchase orders are due by the last Wednesday of the month giving the Drug Court Assistant to submit and work on plus giving Jim time to submit the invoice to Brandon Schimelpfenig.

Strategic Plan:

As stated in Jim's email, the big part of this discussion needs to be about the strategic plan. Jim explained that he has looked over the strategic plan several times, took notes, and updated some stuff. In looking at it, it doesn't seem to be written well and doesn't seem to answer questions. Moving on, there is a plan in working on formatting the plan and making it better written. An example towards the end, there is a question about needs and it isn't written in a way that reads well and didn't flow well. There have been work groups assigned going forward and those work groups are services, data entry, and funding on a CJSB standpoint. Jim has been participating in the funding group, Clark on the services side, and Erica on the data entry side. Each one of them have been attending monthly meetings and next Wednesday, everyone is getting together to come up with recommendations. Jim said that in

talking with Erica, a part of the strategic plan needs to identify on all three of the areas, funding, services, and data entry. Jim stated that the funding group is fairly small, made out of 3-4 people. On the service side, Clark explains that they are pushing for standardization in services for all CJSBs and utilize best practice models. Clark has expressed his concerns that the requiring of CJSBs using all similar services is unrealistic and short sighted. Char Edwards added that they are not recognizing the differences in the local communities. Clark gave an example such as the needs in Crook County are a lot different than the needs in Campbell County. Even when it gets to best practice models, they are wanting to require Juvenile Diversion Programs as an example for best practice model across the board. Clark said that this would be great if their first priority were to put Diversion Programs in all communities and then build from that capacity. However, the cost of some best practice models are more than some counties get which could limit smaller communities which is tragic. Clark shared that he does not think that there are program models for best practice for diversion. There are aspects like motivational interviewing, but these are not models, they are more so for training of the staff. He wishes that there were more people apart of these groups. Char asked who are on the committees. Jim said that he doesn't have a list with him but can email it. Erica said that at the first meeting she attended, there were 60 people and the last one there were about 20 or so. Erica explained that on her side, they have entertained discussions related to what Clark was speaking to and how services provided could be and are different in the different communities. As we go forward, Jim thinks that we need to specifically categorize the funding, services, and data entry into the strategic plan. Jim suggested that maybe in October 2022 have a joint meeting and come together with a more specific plan and have it organized, using the gap analysis. Clark said that he thinks this is okay and just overlook it and see what our priorities are, potential growth, and see if there are certain areas that we want to focus on.

No other business. Next meeting is December 9, 2022.

End of CJSB Board Meeting