

JULY 1, 2014



Jefferson County Child & Youth Leadership Commission

Please contact me with any questions, corrections or suggestions. If you would like to receive an invite to subcommittee meetings, workgroups, or subgroups that you do not have representation at and would like to participate (see page 2).

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CYLC Happenings

- ◆ Interviews for the System Navigator position were held on June 30 from a pool of five qualified candidates. Please watch your email for an announcement regarding the new Navigator and their start date.
- ◆ Incentive goals for 2014-15 were thoroughly reviewed by members at the June 13 meeting. The goals for Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, Education, and Health were unanimously approved for submission to the State.
- ◆ Ray Washington with The Fatherhood Program presented program specifics and data to CYLC. He stressed the need for continued collaboration among community partners. Mr. Washington was advised of and invited to attend the subcommittees. He was asked to speak with Magistrate Alabiso regarding his participation and input on the newly formed Truancy Steering Committee. Mr. Washington spoke at length about the connection between truancy and youth in Jefferson County without a father figure.
- ◆ The 2014-15 budget was presented with a request of \$257,710.00 in personnel, programming approved at the April meeting, and basic operation costs. This was a \$40,748.00 reduction from the 2013-14 budget. No increases in staff positions or salary were made and the Administrative position will not be refilled at this time. The budget as presented was unanimously approved.
- ◆ On June 30, Jose Esquibel advised Amy Terry that the 2014-15 MOU and Performance Goals submitted were approved pending receipt of final signature sheets.
- ◆ As of July 1, the Education, Juvenile Justice, and Health Subcommittees have submitted documentation that they obtained their 2013-14 incentive goals. Information from Child Welfare is pending. The State has given a firm submission date of July 9.
- ◆ The next CYLC meeting will take place on Friday, August 8, 2014 in the Lookout Mountain Room at the Courts. The meeting will start at 7:30 a.m. and will include a presentation from Donna Walker with Jefferson County Public Library and Joel Newton with Edgewater Collective, a cradle to career approach. The August meeting is a great setting for members to share information regarding their agencies before the start of the new school year. Please contact Amy Terry if you would like to be placed on the agenda and share agency specifics.

Executive Happenings

- ◆ The next Executive meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2014 at the Jefferson County School Administration building starting at 7:30 a.m. This meeting may be cancelled if there are not items for an agenda. A cancellation email will be sent if this occurs.



Subcommittee Spotlight



⇒ The **Education Subcommittee** cancelled their June and July meeting to accommodate school members on summer break.

* The **Truancy Steering Committee** has started the process of defining procedures and protocol. Crossroads has designated an FTE as part of the collaboration. The job posting should be active the week of July 7 at www.jcmh.org.

⇒ The **Juvenile Justice Subcommittee** determined the 2014-15 performance goal should continue to focus on the development and implementation of the Younger Program. The new goal seeks to offer at least 90% of youth and families that participate in a Younger Family Engagement Meeting (YFEM) through the 1st Judicial District the opportunity to complete and submit feedback forms with or without identifying information. These forms will be gathered and kept by the CYLC Coordinator to ensure neutrality and reduce anxiety among youth and families about who will see the feedback. Data gathered from the forms will be shared in a generalized format with professionals to improve upon future meetings and processes.

⇒ The **Child Welfare Subcommittee** cancelled their June meeting. They will meet next on July 21.

⇒ The **Heading Home Subcommittee** cancelled their June meeting. They will meet next on July 17.

⇒ The **Prevention Subcommittee** cancelled their June meeting. They will meet next on July 24.

⇒ The **Mental Health Subcommittee** reviewed the JeffCo Public School Suicide Risk Assessment and determined that a youth scoring a 4 or 5 on the scale would be deemed high risk for the purposes of their 2014-15 performance goal. The group may include a score of 3 as high risk but will look at possible revision once they begin to receive data in the new school year. The group will not meet in July.

⇒ The **Human Trafficking Subcommittee** cancelled their June meeting. A request was made for members to review material related to Safe Harbor in preparation of discussion at the July 16 meeting.

* The **Training Workgroup** received a big THANK YOU for all of their hard work in putting together a great two day event at the Fairgrounds on June 4 and 5. Over 600 participants attended and feedback gathered thus far has been very positive. The group plans to schedule future meetings to discuss ongoing training and education efforts in the community, including a possible curriculum and training request process.

* The **High Risk Victim Model (HRVM) Workgroup** named specific agencies to pilot the High Risk Victim Identification tool developed by members. A subset of the large group met with Graig Crawford and Daniel Johnson, both from Jefferson County Human Services IT Department, regarding the development of a computer tracking system of high risk youth in the county. The system should be ready for first pilot in late July.

* The **Prevention/Protection/Advocacy/Awareness (PPAA) Workgroup** has not scheduled a day for their first meeting but names are being collected for a future invite. Kelly Zebroski and Shawna Gilbert are awaiting the outcome of identification and assessment tools from the HRVM group as this will lead into the work of the PPAA group. Please email Amy Terry if you would like to receive an invite to the first group.

Community Happenings

- ◆ As part of Governor Hickenlooper's Child Welfare Plan "Keeping Kids Safe and Families Healthy", the Division of Child Welfare has created a **new web-based training for mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect**. While 79% of mandatory reporters recently surveyed knew that they were required by law to report abuse or neglect, **nearly half (43%) reported that they did not recall having received any training from their employer** on the subject. Please visit <http://coloradocwts.com/community-training> to view and take part in the training.