



Jefferson County Child & Youth Leadership Commission

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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

- ◆ The CYLC System of Care Advocate Position has been filled and Toni Miner officially started on May 16. Toni comes to CYLC with a wealth of personal and professional experience that made her the best choice for the position. She is currently raising her two grandchildren and just returned from a trip to Washington, D.C. where she and her grandson shared their experiences working with different systems. We look forward to learning from Toni and having her on our team to ensure that a family voice is present in the work that CYLC and its subcommittees put forth.
- ◆ Rachel Lambert has accepted a position with Jefferson County Justice Services working on the Second Chance Act, a collaborative offender reentry program that reduces recidivism, increases public safety, and promotes self-sufficiency. In this position, she will provide impartial consultation, advocacy, and review of clients needs to support their successful completion and exit of Jefferson County programs. We are very excited for Rachel as she moves into this new role and will miss her passion for collaboration and knowledge of systems. Her last day will be June 13.
- ◆ The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) recognized that many 1451 counties would be unable to meet the revised date of June 1 for MOU submission. CDHS has asked that all MOU's be submitted no later than June 22 to allow time for review and revision, if needed, by the absolute date of June 30, 2014.
- ◆ Registration for the June 4 and 5 Human Trafficking training at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds closed on May 28 and over 600 participants registered.
- ◆ CYLC welcomes its three newest members! Beverly Winters was selected as the new Executive Director for the Developmental Disabilities and Resource Center. Sue Williamson was selected as the new Chief Executive Officer for Signal Behavioral Health. On May 27, Daniel McMinimee was selected by a majority vote of the Jefferson County School Board as the new Superintendent. His official hire is pending final approval of his contract.
- ◆ The next CYLC meeting will take place on Friday, June 13, 2014 in the Lookout Mountain Room at the Courts. The meeting will start at 7:30 a.m. and will include introductions of new staff and CYLC members, a final review and approval of 2014-15 incentive goals, a presentation from The Fatherhood Program (Ray Washington), and 2014-15 budget approval.

Executive Happenings

- ◆ Incentive goals for 2014-15 were thoroughly reviewed by members in anticipation of final approvals at CYLC in June. Members unanimously determined that the Juvenile Justice goal should continue to focus on the process being made in identifying and meeting the needs of the Younger population (10-12 year olds) in the Juvenile Justice and Human Services systems. The goal submitted detailed how youth would be screened at the Jefferson County Juvenile Assessment Center for high risk behaviors associated with trafficking. Members asked that the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee rewrite their 2014-15 incentive goal specific to the Younger population for presentation at the June 13 meeting.
- ◆ 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.



Subcommittee Spotlight



⇒ The **Education Subcommittee** discussed the success of Family Support Teams (FST) at O'Connell Middle School during the 2013-14 school year. Jefferson County Mediation attended an FST in April. They believe they would be able to support this process and asked that their team be advised when facilitator training is available. The school has also asked for information regarding this training and availability over the summer to allow teachers/staff an opportunity to attend. The group believes that by increasing the number of facilitators trained and available, the FST process can be expanded to other schools in the district. The subcommittee will not meet in June or July.

* The **Truancy Workgroup** has officially transitioned into the Truancy Steering Committee as required by the Truancy Court Problem Solving grant. This group will meet twice per month starting in June.

⇒ The **Juvenile Justice Subcommittee** discussed ongoing revisions to the Younger MOU. Amy Terry was asked to be the keeper of the MOU and make revisions as they are received. Several members of the group discussed their confusion with changing the direction of the incentive goal from the Younger population to human trafficking. The final decision included a plan to submit the 2014-15 incentive goal with both directions, but identify human trafficking as the goal that would be measured for incentive funding from CDHS.

⇒ The **Child Welfare Subcommittee** discussed the referral process for those needing a safe sleep environment, specifically for a child aged 1 or younger. Amy Terry will continue to purchase those environments upon receipt of a referral and confirmation that the family resides in Jefferson County. The \$4,383.00 granted for purchases will be split between partner referrals and those families participating in ISST's that meet the criteria. The group will not hold a meeting in June unless there is an item that requires discussion.

⇒ The **Heading Home Subcommittee** did not meet as a large group in May but the various work groups met to discuss their respective work. The subcommittee will meet in June and hear from the work groups.

⇒ The **Prevention Subcommittee** received an end of the year update from Jen Bolcoa regarding her work delivering LifeSkills Training (LST) within the schools. Chief Paletta shared a video clip he received as a thank you from the youth at the Carmody Middle School After School Program (ASP). This group is partially funded by Lakewood Police with the understanding that LST will be made available to all youth attending. The video clip will be shared at CYLC in June.

⇒ The **Mental Health Subcommittee** reviewed the participant welcome packet that will be made available to all new subcommittee members. An upcoming cross-agency training will be provided to both Jeffco Public School and Jefferson Center staff to promote collaboration and facilitate discussion in an effort to implement the new suicide response process seamlessly.

⇒ The **Human Trafficking Subcommittee** received a presentation from Prax(us) regarding outreach services to youth and harm reduction. New legislation was discussed and the high risk victim tool was reviewed.

* The **Training Workgroup** continues to focus their work on all aspects of the June 4 and 5 training.

* The **High Risk Victim Model Workgroup** finalized an identification tool that is currently being piloted in select agencies for a limited time. Feedback from these agencies will guide final revisions to the format. Information regarding how agencies not involved in the pilot can begin to utilize the tool will be coming soon.

Community Happenings

- ◆ SafeCare Colorado is a no cost, preventive, home visiting program through Savio House that works with families that have at least 1 child between the ages of newborn to 5 years. The family cannot have a current open case or assessment with Human Services. Contact Amy Berry at 303-225-4185 for information or to make a referral.
- ◆ May 31, 2014 marked World No Tobacco Day, an annual day of observance that addresses the health risks that are associated with tobacco use and encourages advocacy for policies that can reduce the toll of tobacco. In support of tobacco prevention efforts both globally and locally, Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) is pleased to announce the release of two educational media campaigns – “Jeffco Smoke Free Housing” is a campaign intended to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and “Sweet, Cheap, and Deadly” a campaign to educate youth about deceptive tobacco industry marketing tactics. To learn more about current initiatives and how to get involved, please visit www.tobaccofreejeffco.com, email tobaccofree@jeffco.us, or call 303-275-7555.