

CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL

JUVENILE DATA SHARING WORK GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 6, 1999

The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m., in the Division of Criminal Justice Information Systems conference room, 2331 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

Participants:

Chairperson Jan Wright, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr. Coleman Zuber, Department of Children and Families
Ms. Kathy Peck, Department of Education
Mr. Kenneth Palmer, Office of the State Courts Administrator
Ms. Tricia Knox, Office of the State Courts Administrator
Mr. Dave Kallenborn, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms. Jackie Suttle, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr. Tim Center, Juvenile Justice Advisory Board
Mr. Keith Carr, Juvenile Justice Advisory Board
Ms. Denna Duggar, Senate Criminal Justice
Ms. Kristina White, Senate Criminal Justice
Mr. Craig Chown, Office of Planning and Budget
Mr. Floyd Adams, Department of Law Enforcement

The meeting began with a discussion of the status of the effort to revise the Criminal Justice Data Element Dictionary. The multi agency work group representing affected constituencies has conducted work shops to analyze and recommend needed changes in the dictionary. It is anticipated their recommendations will be formulated by mid May and ready for submission to the CJJIS Council this Summer.

Mr. Kallenborn led a discussion regarding the need for a single common unique identifier that could be used by all agencies dealing with juveniles to track them from agency to agency as they go through the juvenile justice system. Lack of such an identifier is the most important barrier we face in our attempts to share juvenile data.

All agencies that work with juveniles have different systems and different methods for identifying juveniles, and it was agreed that establishing a common identifier and getting everyone to use it would be an expensive and long term task. Mr. Palmer suggested the place to begin would be to establish an inventory of the different identifier systems in use. Once we know what is out there, we will be in a position to analyze issue and recommend a solution. The work group will recommend to the Council that a survey be conducted to determine what ID systems are in use and by whom.

Next, it was reported that 1.26 million dollars in spending authority has been requested of the 1999 Legislature to permit the use of National Criminal History Improvement Program funds for the purpose of supporting the non-consortium counties in their efforts to submit automated juvenile dispositions.

Mr. Kallenborn briefly discussed recent enhancements to the Juvenile Justice Information System such as: dial-up access to certain users; development of Performance Based Budget outcome measures; and efforts to utilize the CJNet to share juvenile information.

Ms. Wright led a discussion on the need for common data elements that would mean the same thing to all criminal justice agencies. Mr. Palmer suggested the work group recommend to the Council that this issue be addressed.

Finally, Mr. Palmer said, with the expanded scope and workload of the Council, there has developed a need for additional staff assistance to support Council and Work Group activities. Therefore, he will be asking DJJ to provide staff support for this work group.

Meeting adjourned.