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Ad Hoc Juvenile Corrections Redesign Committee Minutes July 16, 2018

Members present: Susanna R. Bradley, Dan F. Drew, Adam Field, James E. Foley, Robert C. McClyman, Barry Pufahl

Also in attendance during all or portions of the meeting: Vern E. Gove, Katie Day, Cathy Karls, Julie Kayartz, Sue Moll, Joe Ruf, Jenny Skadahl, Lyn Jerde (Portage Daily Register)

The meeting of the Ad Hoc Juvenile Corrections Redesign Committee was called to order by Chair Drew at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. The meeting was held at the Administration Building, Meeting Room 115, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage, WI.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Foley to approve the agenda as published. Second by Bradley. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Field to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018. Second by Foley. Motion carried. Pufahl abstained.

Updates Since the Previous Meeting

Health and Human Services Staff reported Dane and Rock Counties are thinking about building separate facilities; LaCrosse and Eau Claire Counties are considering joint facilities, with LaCrosse housing males and Eau Claire housing females; It was reported Sauk County was not considering a facility, however, Gove stated Sauk County may consider a facility in part of the closed jail.

Private agencies are looking to see what they can provide to counties. Rawhide may be interested in a meeting to discuss the County's needs. It currently has a non-secure facility for males only. Lutheran Social Services has also reached out. They currently have non-secure residential care centers.

Drew stated WCA is encouraging counties to work together and he would like to work with other counties and partner with them.

A Non-State Run Facilities Cost Summary and State Run Facilities Cost Summary were reviewed. Copies of the reports were distributed to the committee members by email.

The timeline was reviewed. An advisory committee, which was recently formed, will provide recommendations to the Department of Corrections (DOC) by September. The DOC will provide a final plan for facility guidelines/rules. The deadline for counties to apply for facility grants is March 31, 2019.

Drew stated doing nothing is not an option, the County will need to have a plan by a certain deadline. He handed out a list of County Options, to include:

1. Establish its own SRCCCY
2. Contract with a child welfare agency to establish a SRCCCY
3. Establish a SRCCCY jointly with another county or counties
4. Contract with another county for placement

Pufahl would like to contract with a county close by to keep families involved with the youth. Staff stated determining estimated costs are hard to predict, based on the number of youth assigned to the facility and contract arrangements (i.e. paying as needed or paying an amount to guarantee bed space, whether it's used or not).

The overall direction determined by the committee members was option #4. Members were in agreement it's hard to make plans currently without knowing the guidelines or what counties are doing.

Objectives Moving Forward

Drew asked staff to reach out to other county counterparts to see what their counties are doing. He stated another meeting will not be necessary until the final plan is received from the DOC. In the meantime, Drew asked members and staff to communicate by email to share any information or changes.

Next Meeting Date

A date for the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Juvenile Corrections Redesign Committee was not scheduled. A meeting could held in September or October, following the publication of the rules by the Department of Corrections.

Motion by Foley to adjourn the meeting. Second by McClyman. The meeting adjourned 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert C. McClyman
Ad Hoc Juvenile Corrections Redesign Committee Secretary