

Legal Analysis Subcommittee Minutes **8/08/05**

IN ATTENDANCE: Noella Rawlings, Oma Lamonthe, Russ
Goedde, Jessica Heldman (by phone)

NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2005, 2:00pm-4:30pm
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
King County Courthouse

The meeting began with discussion of new members who we anticipate will be joining the group in September. Agreeing to participate are Patrick Noonan and Rob Wyman (who made a great effort at attending this meeting). Both Jana Heyd and Alex McKay will participate when their schedules permit. Noella will follow up with Paige Ulrey to determine if Paige will attend or appoint someone to attend. Russ will continue to follow up with the “offender defenders” previously identified. Additionally, Russ kindly agreed to step in as co-chair of the subcommittee.

Russ informed the group that he attended a Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan (JJOMP) meeting, where there was discussion about the fact that numerous groups are currently working on JJ reform in King County. There was discussion about coordination between such groups and proposing some realignment. Bruce was there, and supported the idea of forming a subcommittee of JJOMP to begin mapping and proposing a new coordination of the various JJ reform efforts and committees. Michael Gedeon will be the one heading up this effort. Russ requested to Bruce that he be on the subcommittee. Everyone is well aware of the Strategic Planning Initiative, and it would make sense for it to be represented at the meeting. Jessica will be following up with John Tuell and John George regarding this development.

Regarding the group’s strategies:

Working Agreement for Multi-System Collaboration

Noella reported that the MOU crafted by the Subcommittee was well-received by the Executive Committee (EC). It was renamed, and a few suggestions were made. Noella will follow up by making the minor changes/additions suggested by the EC, and forward this to Russ for presentation at the August 30th EC meeting. Jessica will review the several other agreements forwarded by Russ to ensure that there is no conflict between such documents. It was agreed by the EC that the members of the EC shall be the signatories.

Field Guide

Noella reported that the EC liked the format presented and gave the go ahead to execution of the idea. The intended audience will be JPCs, SWs, and school personnel. The EC would like it to be called a user guide and have it presented as a resource guide accompanying the working agreement. The goal is to have it done by the end of the year.

Noella and Oma agreed to comprise the initial workgroup tackling this strategy. A rough timeline was set: Noella and Oma will write the first draft, to be completed by the October Subcommittee meeting; defender attorneys will review the work in October and report by the November meeting; a focus group will be formed and will review the work during November; revisions to be made in December, and a final draft to be complete by January. Throughout this time, efforts will be made to find funding for printing and publishing.

Supporting the Work of the Other Subcommittees

Noella reported on the Interlink presentation given to the EC in July. It outlined the plan for developing the King County Data Integration System (KIDS), a system which will provide access to information about children at risk maintained by various county and state agencies. The literature distributed by Interlink includes a grid of possible data elements, and asked that the Legal Subcommittee review the grid to determine which information can be shared.

Noella is following up on the specific questions regarding education information, and Jessica will determine when the Data Subcommittee needs the grid information from us.

Legislation and Legislators

The group convened the annual meeting to determine whether there was any proposed legislative action necessary to support the goals of the strategic plan. It was determined that this was not necessary at the current time.

The Subcommittee is also charged with updating legislators on the progress of the strategic plan (KC-SII). To this end, Noella is going to draft a summary of the work of the KC-SII to the EC to determine whether this should be presented to Representative Kagi, whose presence is anticipated at the August 30th meeting.