

CWLA Data Subcommittee Meeting and Work Summary – June 26, 2007

I. Work Progress

- The Data Subcommittee met on 7/6/07 to complete the following:
 - i. Establish a time-frame for data collection – decided on point-in-time survey; open cases as of June 29, 2007
 - ii. Determine data elements that needed to be collected and complete core data elements spreadsheet
 - iii. Create spreadsheet with required data elements for data collection; distributed to DHS Juvenile Unit, Foster Care Unit, and Protective Services, VIBS, SOS, and YRC.

- The Data Subcommittee met again on 7/24/07 to review data collected from agencies, cross reference cases, review data questions that need to be answered and determine next steps.

II. Initial Findings

- 350 unduplicated youth were reported to have open cases as of 6/29/07.
- 246 youth had a history of maltreatment; 17 unknown
- 119 youth had a juvenile justice history; 9 unknown
- 25 youth had both a history of maltreatment and involved in the juvenile justice system (approximately 7% of cases)
- All St. Croix-based cases at VIBS and YRC should also have a case at DHS. However, cross-referencing these cases determined that 11 cases at VIBS and 12 cases at YRC were not reported by DHS.
- Additional research is needed to complete histories, including mental health and education histories, as well as histories of abuse and offenses. May need to work with Div. of Mental Health and DOE to collect necessary info.
- In duplicated cases (cases reported by two or more agencies/divisions), sometimes the info reported was different. Need to determine which info is accurate/ up-to-date.
- Future data collection – spreadsheet should have choices for each data element to insure consistency (i.e. Income variable could list out “low-income”, “middle-income” and “high-income”).

III. Next Steps

- Continue to cross-reference cases and verify data for all cases. Collect case information from DOJ if possible to cross-reference.
- Resolve/ clarify questions for data collection (see attached). Process data and complete questions with demographic information.
- Look at all cases in juvenile justice system. Document any self-reporting of abuse of these cases as “unsubstantiated” maltreatment.
- Fully document data collection process and make recommendations for future data collection efforts.

Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems Integration Initiative

Required Data Questions – to be completed

- Youth entering the juvenile justice system with previous history of substantiated maltreatment
NOTES: All cases with a history of substantiated maltreatment and in the juvenile justice system as of 6/29/07. Include PINS cases.

- Youth diverted from the juvenile justice system at intake with previous history of substantiated maltreatment
NOTES: Define what “Diverted” means. Will this include all children who enter the child welfare system but do not end up in the juvenile justice system? Or does it only include those youth who are determined pre-delinquent? If pre-delinquent is the criteria, how is pre-delinquency determined at DHS? Need for a screening tool so that pre-delinquency determinations are systematic and applied consistently across units.

- Youth currently residing in foster care homes entering the juvenile justice on a formal petition:
NOTES: On June 29th, where were dual-jurisdiction youth residing. Look at all juvenile justice cases.

- Youth at disposition on a delinquency petition with a current status as a dependent minor (“dual status” or “dual jurisdiction” case)
NOTES: Need to clarify meaning of this question. Is it the same as the 1st question for our purposes?

- Youth on probation with previous history of substantiated maltreatment
NOTES: Look at all cases in JISS and in Juvenile Unit. Youth had to be on probation to violate court order.

- Youth incarcerated in detention facilities with previous history of substantiated maltreatment
NOTES: Youth at YRC

- Youth in secure correctional facilities with previous history of substantiated maltreatment
NOTES: same as above; only one correctional/detention facility

- Youth entering the juvenile justice system with previous history of involvement in child welfare system (unsubstantiated maltreatment, youth or family recipient of services)

NOTES: Dual Jurisdiction youth who self-report maltreatment and/or have an unsubstantiated case at DHS.

- Youth diverted from the juvenile justice system at intake with previous history of involvement in child welfare system (unsubstantiated maltreatment, youth or family recipient of services)

NOTES: Same issue as above; self-reporting youth.

- Youth incarcerated in detention facilities with previous history of involvement in child welfare system (unsubstantiated maltreatment, youth or family recipient of services)

NOTES: YRC data

- Youth in secure correctional facilities with previous history of involvement in child welfare system (unsubstantiated maltreatment, youth or family recipient of services)

NOTES: same as above; only one detention/correctional facility. No difference in USVI.