

# Monroe County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

## Alternatives to Detention

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2017

**In Attendance: Ashley Barnett, Cailin Adams, Christine McAfee, David Weil, Debra Wray, Jennifer True, Louis Malone, Nancy Hughes, Pam Cain, Rob Moore, Stacy Skomp, Tom Rhodes, Troy Hatfield, Dave Witcher**

### WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS.

#### **I. ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION UPDATES:**

A. Pam Cain provided and discussed a handout showing quarterly data from 2016 and the first two quarters from 2017. Every meeting we plan to compare and contrast quarterly data. The first page shows the total amount of juveniles that participated in all programs. The following pages have data for the specific programs. Those programs are: Day Reporting, Day Treatment, Youth Shelter and Electronic Monitoring. The handout shows the number of admissions and exits during each quarter. If requested, we are able to break down the data further than quarterly.

B. Nancy Hughes spoke about the Day Reporting and Day Treatment programs at Family Solutions. A reporter from the Herald Times recently came into Family Solutions to observe a graduation for one of our clients. The reporter hopes to have an article in the paper by this weekend that follows the journey of the client that graduated. The juveniles in the program have been doing a lot of volunteering on the weekends. Since February they have completed over 100 volunteer hours. The average number of juveniles in the Day Reporting program is 3 and 9 for the Day Treatment program. There are all boys right now in the programs. Overall, it's been going well. The only negative aspect is the facility that Family Solutions is currently located in. They are continually looking for something better.

#### **II. FUTURE PROGRAMMING**

A. The first day of GED/TASC programming will be August 9, 2017. The program will run Tuesday through Friday from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Family Solutions. Juveniles must be at least 16 years old and unlikely to achieve a typical high school diploma. Rob Moore spoke about the program. He stated that most employers require more than a high school diploma. Because of this, he hopes to utilize the WorkKeys test with Work One, offer career training, and help in achieving career certifications. Cook, Baxter, Old National are some examples of companies that require the WorkKeys test for entry level jobs. Rob introduced the new teacher for the GED/TASC, Dave Witcher. One of our goals for this program is for it to feel different for kids than their past experiences. Christine McAfee said that there is one juvenile that will be attending when programming begins, possibly two. We want to start small and potentially grow as the school year continues. This is a unique program that does not currently exist. Ashley Barnett asked how we are identifying what juveniles would qualify for this program. We are referring juveniles to the program that are currently on probation. It has not been opened up to the local schools as of yet. There is a potential for the Youth Service Bureau to access this program in the future.

#### **III. COMMUNITY UPDATES**

A. A Teen Volunteer Network handout was provided per Bet Savich.

B. Family Solutions needs a new location and are looking for a large house or a warehouse. Please let Nancy Hughes know if you have any suggestions.

C. Big Brothers Big Sisters has a new location at 501 N. Walnut St.

D. Louis Malone shared that the Youth Services Bureau has a new day program. They will have a booth at the Monroe County fair July 27<sup>th</sup>-August 5<sup>th</sup>. They are preparing for the Youth Summit which will take place this coming December. They are revamping their NET program that helps prevent child abuse.

**IV. NEXT MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

**Thursday October 26, 2017 @ 9:00am to 10:00am**

**Community Corrections**

**405 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2**

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Respectfully submitted,

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