

Douglas/ Sarpy Truancy Initiative  
Pre-Court Intervention Sub-Committee

May 10, 2007; 8:30 am at Concord Center

Members attending:

Mary Lee Brock.... Concord Center  
Debra Blue.....Concord Center  
Shawne Coonfare.....Juvenile Assessment Center  
Wesley Galusha.... Omaha Public Schools  
Brian Anderson.... Capstone Behavioral Health  
Holly Filcheck... Capstone Behavioral Health  
Nicki Connor... Capstone Behavioral Health  
JoAnn Stevens... Douglas County West School District

Talking points for meeting include:

- Review of proposed objectives for sub-committee
- Assessment of what each agency does
- Confirm connection with steering committee
- Set out next meeting place and time

Review of proposed objectives for sub-committee

Current Objectives and Assigned Tasks suggested by Steering committee include:

- Share district and agency practices/ policies/terminology/definitions regarding absences
- Develop a model for uniform reporting process
- Gather community list of family resources and determine access
- Develop strategies and programming options to work with students/families in diversion
- Bring forward dollar requests for strategies that impact student/family truancy patterns

Discussion points related to the proposed objectives included:

- Group did discuss different school policies and procedures – at DC West High (with an enrollment of 200) the Principal handles all truancy referrals and related activities personally; at OPS the SPA Department is responsible for this function at the high school level
- JoAnn presented a uniform reporting form that had been developed and is currently being used – Shawne will give to Justice Group to review (this objective seems more in line with that sub-committee)
- When gathering a community list of resources, it is important to carefully define and narrow the focus to exactly fit with truancy. Current resource books (and many programs) are too broad for our focus
- First step is to begin to gather information from providers – this provider mapping will be the initial focus of our Pre-Court committee
- It will be important to connect and collaborate with the “Building Bright Futures” group

Next meeting will be June 14 at 8:30 am at Concord Center

Shawne will give an update to the Steering Committee in June. A member of this sub-group will report to Steering Committee in August. And a member will present to large group at Douglas/ Sarpy Truancy Initiative meeting in September.