

**Lincoln, Nebraska  
April 20, 2006**

**JUSTICE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TEAM  
*MEETING MINUTES***

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The Justice Substance Abuse Team (JSAT) of the Community Corrections Council met Thursday, April 20, 2006, at the Bryan LGH Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Present:**

Scott Adams  
John Atherton  
Jerome Barry, Co-Chair  
Robert Bell  
Shannon Black  
Scott Carlson  
Catherine Cook  
John Dacey  
Jennifer Doné  
Kim Hawekotte  
Nyla Helge  
Linda Krutz  
Rick McNeese  
Deb Minardi  
Mike Overton  
Julie Rogers  
Steve Rowoldt , Co-Chair  
Christine Salvatore  
Linda Wittmuss

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Steve Rowoldt, Co-chair, called the meeting to order. Attendance is indicated above. Each person present introduced him or herself and gave a brief statement about his or her involvement.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mike Overton *made a motion to approve the June 3, 2005, and January 11, 2006, Justice Substance Abuse Team meeting minutes.* The motion was seconded by Scot Adams and with none opposing, the minutes stood as presented.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Steve Rowoldt and Jerome Barry, Co-chairs, discussed membership. JSAT has good representation of various committees and departments. Areas of membership discussed were mental health, substance abuse, community corrections, behavioral health, defense bar consumer, regional representation, Crime Commission, Medicaid, the Governor's office, and HHSS.

Janet Bancroft and Kathleen Dolezal have been removed from the JSAT member list. Christine Salvatore, Cameron White, Rick McNeese, Scott Carlson, and Kim Hawekotte have been added to the JSAT member list. There was discussion about asking Dr. Rick Thomas from CenterPointe to be a JSAT member. Linda Wittmuss stated that subcommittees can be open to more members without adding members to JSAT.

Linda Krutz will ask Raleigh Haas to attend and present for the Work Ethic Camp at the next JSAT meeting. There was discussion about having a representative from the Work Ethic Camp on JSAT. Rick McNeese works with the Work Ethic Camp and is comfortable speaking for the camp.

Deb Minardi *made a motion to take the name change from Justice Substance Abuse Team (JSAT) to Justice Behavioral Health Committee (JBHC) forward to the Community Corrections Council.* Scot Adams seconded the motion.

JSAT meeting processes were addressed. JSAT utilizes open meeting rules. Linda Krutz stated that these are public meetings and a public notice is posted in the Lincoln Journal Star. Krutz also added that JSAT has informal voting processes. Steve Rowoldt stated that prior to the next JSAT meeting, the co-chairs will get together to address processes. Members are to forward their requests and suggestions to the co-chairs. A draft of written guidelines will be presented at the next meeting, including membership, subcommittees, open meetings, mission, vision, charge statement, and processes.

## **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL REPORT**

Linda Krutz gave an update on current Community Corrections Council (Council) work. At the close of the legislative session, the Council was appointed approximately \$4.3 million for Drug Courts, Day and Evening Reporting Centers, and additional funds for treatment. Mike Overton has hired a data person for the Council who will be tracking

data and data modeling. The Council is continuing work on sentencing guidelines for the identified target population of felony drug offenders. Council staff are working with the Vera Institute of Justice.

Julie Rogers gave an update on statutory changes in Council bills. The parole board risk assessment tool needs to be validated. The Council is now responsible for creating a grant program for local entities, but at this time there is not yet grant funding. Two at large members, appointed by the Governor, have been added to the Council.

#### **PROBATION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE**

Deb Minardi and Christine Salvatore presented a PowerPoint on the Standardized Model Initiative, Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision Program (SSAS), and Fee for Service Voucher Treatment Program. Online provider registration is anticipated early summer 2006. Online application process is anticipated in fall 2006. Probation is continuing work and gathering input on these programs.

Regarding the Fee for Service Voucher Treatment Program, Deb Minardi stated the Probation Administrator is trying to solicit participation and cooperation and that Probation will pay for evaluations across the board to get the program up and running. Probation will revisit this practice soon to address the payor source issue. All vouchers have a tracking number and an expiration date. Probation is continuously working on updates so that NPMIS can track all voucher information.

#### **NEWSLETTER REPORT**

Because Probation sent out packets and information about the Standardized Model, no newsletter was distributed. Probation is working to have this information on their website. Linda Krutz stated that the Council is considering having their own website where a link to the Fee for Service Voucher Treatment Program and the JSAT information can be established. A JSAT newsletter will be on next meeting's agenda.

#### **ASAM UPDATE**

Nyla Helge handed out the "ASAM Criteria Trainers for Nebraska Substance Abuse Providers" list and gave a presentation about eligibility and the provider network.

Linda Wittmuss gave out "Mental Health Service Definitions and Utilization Guidelines" and "Adult Substance Abuse ASAM Levels of Care and Placement Criteria" and discussed funding and limitations. The handout is available on the HHS Substance Abuse website.

Nyla Helge stated that training on the ASAM criteria started in December 2005, and continues. Rick McNeese reported that there were 140 people at the training this week conducted by Dr. Mee-Lee, including SSAS officers.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **1. Data -**

Linda Wittmuss stated that there is a charge statement for the Data committee. Dave Wegner, chair of the Data Committee, has that information.

### **2. Curriculum –**

Steve Rowoldt requested that the Curriculum committee meet to prepare a charge statement.

### **3. Strategic Planning –**

Hank Robinson stated that there will be a Strategic Planning meeting the week after the methamphetamine report is finished. They will compose a charge statement at that time.

### **4. Provider Group –**

John Dacey presented a charge statement for the Provider committee. Deb Minardi requested that Christine Salvatore be added to this subcommittee.

Jerome Barry requested that each subcommittee chair send the charge statements to Linda Krutz so that Jennifer Doné can send them out prior to the next JSAT meeting. Subcommittee reports will be a standing agenda item. Each subcommittee will be responsible for reporting to JSAT. If the chair is not able to attend, a designated subcommittee member will need to report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bryan LGH West Classroom in Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer K. Doné