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AGENDA
Benchmarks Committee
Wednesday, February 25, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Criminal Justice Center

I. Call to Order

Chair Russ Hauge will call the meeting to order.

II. Introductions

III. Revise and Adopt Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

December 30, 2008

V. Create Committees and Stakeholder Involvement Plans

SOPB Board Members Anmarie Alyward and Sheriff Mark Brown were invited to assist the Committee.

Reentry and Supervision for adult male SO are the two areas politically sensitive areas that the legisl will want to review.

Anmarie and Mark will either attend future meetings or send a representative.

May be some latitude with respect to contracts.

Citizens' Guide needs to slow down. Everything will be a rush until session is over. However, this Committee may need to amp it up.

In across the board sentence reductions to assist with budget cuts, sex offenders should not fall into that category, esp in light of the recent

murder. A compromise may be determinate plus. ISPB website has a lot of information on determinate plus. Lucy Berliner also has research.

Supervision is being eliminated for misd. However, many cases plead out to misdemeanors. This may need to be an entirely different system for sex offense misdemeanors.

If we exempt the sex offenders out of the cuts, how much is saved.

Purpose of this committee: Mapping out sexually deviant behavior once it comes to light and then make recommendations.

There is a growing population are supervising former sex offenders under non-sex offense supervision. This may be fine, but may not be. There is a long potential for sex offender recidivism.

Dysfunction DOC has nothing in their actuary risk assessment tools

VI. Social Science Research Related to the Supervision and Reentry Systems

Dave Pavelchek from WSU will be present to discuss research resources, surveying, and appropriate methods.

Dave's presentation

Background on his program.

Some of the benchmarks are going to be data based.

Can do literature review

How do we do assessment f information not in organized formats. This data will come out of the professional communities /stakeholders.

Explained some of the pitfalls of using the CSOM survey on professional communities.

Proposal – Who are the right professional groups and what should the survey questions/topics be.

We haven't yet mapped out who the key informants are.

Dave recommends that we see what we can get from administrative data and then figure out who the key informants are.

This committee has discussed the following key informants: law enforcement, offenders, DOC, victims' reps., judges, treatment providers, ISRB (have connection with the offenders and treatment providers)

Anmarie will provide list of positions within DOC.

Offenders will be the most difficult base to survey. Maybe look at treatment providers and DOC (CCOs).

Minimum of 4 months to design the survey system.

Considerations: telephone surveys probably too costly; focus on professionals row; timing is design and 1 pilot within this fiscal year.

VII. Complete Tasks One and Two of SOPB Benchmarks Committee Workplan

Task 1

Review definitions related to scope and process (Sex Offender Response System, Areas of Practice, Reentry, Stakeholders, etc.).

New Definitions/Proposed Committee Rule –

Take out FTR when discussing recidivism rates. We can speak about it separately, but not include the FTR numbers into the other recidivism rates b/c it is scaring the public. No formal motion. Take it to the full Board eventually.

Motion by Bev to adopt above definition. Seconded by Kecia. Passed.

At the first meeting – new definition - SO response system starts at the onset of the reporting.

Victim services may come into play before the official report. The report doesn't have to be to law enforcement.

We are not going to look at status crimes. Recidivism is not exclusively sex offenses recidivism. Need to make sure we are differentiating when we are discussing recidivism, b/c public may think a so committing a new crime as automatically a sex offense.

There is a concern that even if a recidivate crime is a non-sex offense, doesn't mean that the so is not at risk to sexually reoffend.

There is a concern that a non sex offense re-offense within the first 3 yrs may predict something in the future. In the future, could distinguish drug crimes from trespass/property crimes, but not now.

Next Need to define Reentry and how long. – Put on next month's agenda??

Task 2

Detail initial map component parts (areas of practice). Detail areas of practice selected for initial assessment and reporting (supervision and reentry).

Reaffirmed supervision and reentry. Brad's map is part of this.

Committee will revisit this; maybe by teleconference.

If Jean finds out that there is an opening for \$, we need to move fast. We will need a list, map from members .

Maybe want some more invitees, sheriffs, from other counties in committees and workgroups. Members encouraged to bring on a few other people from their practice area to the board.

Next Steps:

1. Jean will speak with OFM about funding (Remind Jean)
2. Design – 1 yr. pilot – Dave needs more detailed discussion about the design. He needs another discussion about what SOPB priorities are in this design. Maybe an emergency Benchmarks mtg in Olympia with some members.
 - a. Emergency mtg. – Russ, Brad and others can attend. Mark can phone in.

Members will report back about WAATSA Conference

Andi will circulate Brad's Chart regarding reentry to the Committee members.

There was some discussion that prevention needs to be part of the reentry discussion.

Russ would like any agencies, people involved in the processes written down.

Leave it on the calendar as the 4th Tuesday, but may not happen.

VIII. Public Comments

No one from the public present.

IX. Adjournment