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MINUTES
Benchmarks Committee
Tuesday, January 26, 2010
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Office of Crime Victim Advocacy
906 Columbia St. SW
Olympia, WA 98504

Committee Members Present

Bev Emery
Kecia Rongen
Anmarie Aylward
Amy Pearson
Peggy Smith
Lindsay Palmer

Staff Present

Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers
Andi May

I. Call to Order

Chair Bev Emery called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

II. Approve Minutes

The December 17, 2009 Committee Minutes were approved.

MOTION# 10-1: APPROVE THE DECEMBER 17, 2009 BENCHMARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Moved: Kecia Rongen

Seconded: Maureen Saylor

Passed: Unanimously

III. Revise and Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted in its original form by consensus of the Committee.

IV. Mapping the Sex Offender Management System Component Parts

The Committee started drafting a map that includes all the component parts of the sex offender management system. Members drafted components applicable to their stakeholder group(s). The Committee reviewed maps drafted by the Department of Corrections and Prosecution. (See handouts.)

The Committee then started piecing together the components into a fluid map of the sex offender management system in Washington State. Ms. Aylward's staff compiled and converted everything into Visio software. The Committee then continued building on this map.

The Committee walked through the map and provided input as to what additional information is necessary, and corrections that need to be made. Some of this information may be included in hidden boxes, so when an individual clicks on particular box, more detailed information will pop up.

The Committee agreed that it is important to differentiate between community based services and systemic based services.

Ms. Rongen and Ms. Saylor will map the juvenile sex offender management system. The Committee decided this map should be separate from the adult sex offender map.

The following revisions were discussed by the Committee:

- Add a box for "investigation phase" between when a referral is made and then actually charged. The Committee will detail this later. CPS will be added as one of the investigative parties.
- Under the "Pre-Sentence Investigation" box, Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative (SSOSA) will be added.
- Attach a separate arrow between the "Sentencing" box and the "SSOSA" box. The arrow will direct the viewer to another box titled "Jail". This box represents the sex offender population that serve jail sentences under 12 months; then attach an arrow to the other side of the "Jail" box and link it to the "Community Supervision" box.
- Need to ask Ms. Aylward to clarify whether the boxes flowing from "ISRB Review" should be combined.

V. Developing Benchmarks for the Board's SHB 2714 proposals to the Legislature

The Committee continued developing benchmarks for the proposals that the Board presented to the Legislature in its December 2009 report, starting with the proposals that were unanimous and then those that were not unanimous,

but had strong support from the Board. Ms. Emery and Ms. Pearson also drafted a chart with all the recommendations and the status of each one, including whether the Legislature acted on it to date. The Legislature so far has not incorporated any “non-unanimous, but strong support” SOPB proposals into any bills.

The Committee decided that it now has benchmarks that match up to the proposals.

VI. 2010 Workplan

When the Committee discussed this year’s proposed workplan, the following points were made:

- Should the Committee look at measurements beyond “before” and “after”, not just straight numbers? Are we missing some pieces we should measure; not just those that are in the system?
- How are we going to measure community safety?
- Need to provide some context to how many victims/perpetrators start at the beginning of the sex offender management system and how many of those victims/perpetrators actually make it all the way through the system. There is a sense by the Committee, that only 5% make it through to supervision.
- The “beginning” can be defined as when the actual incident took place; not just when the report was made.
- Need to evaluate what may be missing in the measurements section, for e.g. assessing benchmarks for the licensing of Sexual Offender Treatment Providers.
- Do we need to have prevention as a benchmark as related to community notification?
- Need to include prevention into the map, so we can see whether there is an imbalance and a need to request policy on prevention.
- Each of the boxes will need a definition and a goal/response.

2010 Workplan Component Assignments:

- Prevention: Ms. Palmer
- Juvenile: Ms. Rongen and Ms. Saylor
- Victim: Ms. Emery and Ms. Pearson
- Sex Offender Treatment: Ms. Saylor
- Supervision and Reentry: Ms. Aylward and Ms. Smith

- 2010 Legislation Committee Goals:
 - Complete Map (goals, definitions)
 - Complete a Gap Analysis
 - Measurement Implementation: consult with agencies across the state about the measurements, because they will need to agree to implement them.
 - The Board will need to adopt this Committee's measurements, and may need to draft some proposed legislation codifying these measurements.
 - The SOPB meeting in March is where Benchmarks will tentatively unveil its map and workplan.

The Committee took a break between 10:51 a.m. and 10:58 a.m.

Meeting Wrap up ~

February 23rd (9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.) Topic: Continue Mapping; bring CSOM book for definitions and prep for full Board meeting in March.

The tentative plan is to present the map and workplan to the Full Board at the March 18th meeting.

VII. New Business

There was no new business.

VIII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

Committee Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.