

Clarifying Questions from the meeting:

1. Is there a psychologist at the camp, or a contract for those services with Dr. Skidmore's departure? When did she leave the camp? How are referral cases being handled if there is no new psychologist or contract for those services?
2. Some have heard of a new 3 track system for programming at the camp, but not all, so if there is a proposal what is it and when will that information be shared with all JPO's?

We had a couple of questions that we asked the group of the camp going forward, these represent the feedback received from all but 2 of the jurisdictions:

1. There is a belief that the mission statement needs to be updated and better focus on the population being served and the goal of the camp.
2. What population should the camp be serving?
 - a. There are concerns that the camp has moved away from it's original goal of being an interim step to help defer the youth from state commitment, however there has been a shift to the Medicaid model, which is understood to have occurred to help with funding, however this has opened the camp to take a different type of juvenile, more focused on mental health and not behavioral help. The jurisdictions noted that they have resources for those requiring more mental health attention and that what they are needing is a better focus on behavioral modification. They also noted that such a shift would require additional counseling staff to help meet those needs of the youth.
3. Desired outcomes and how they should be measured.
 - a. Need for regular communication between the JPO and the camp, on the daily operations and shared understanding for ALL jurisdictions as well as a need to comply with NRS 62E.507 for a transition plan. One issue seems to be that different JPO's have different information and that all users of the camp are not on the same page as to what is occurring in the camp, with the youths that they send or assistance to ensure better outcomes through transition. There was discussion that at one time the camp worked with the JPO's to follow up on the youths so that the outcomes between the camp and the jurisdictions matched, what was described as a more holistic approach to outcomes . Part of the success of the camp should be the consideration of if the skills learned in the camp are able to be transitioned into real life. There was a note that there can be extenuating circumstances, but if the basic lessons taught at the camp cannot be transitioned into real life is the graduation from the camp a true success?
4. Camp Operations.
 - a. There is a need for more training for the staff as well as the camp complying with the same juvenile justice reforms that counties have to comply with. This can help outcome, but also address potential disconnects, so things like evidence based programming and best practices should be reviewed frequently and adjusted as needed. They would also like more say in the budget, what was described was a report of the camp expenses without input, such as a recent decision to require all new uniforms which come at a cost, a cost that the counties are often asked to supplement without consideration of the county budgets and abilities to comply with these changes. There is

a need for clearer defined roles of leadership for the camp which to some is confusing as to who is making what decisions for the camp and the youth at the camp.

5. What should the advisory committee look like?
 - a. Strong belief that JPO's must be at the table, currently primarily appointed by their judges to the committee, they are on the front lines and have the ability to see the real time impacts. Judges from some of the jurisdictions have stated they prefer the JPO be the representatives as they are "in the trenches" not the judges and so they should be the representatives who report back to the judges. There was also discussion for the need of more data from the camp, things such as occupancy of the camp, the types of occupants, staffing levels, etc
 - b. There was more discussion of looking at WNRYS, how the oversight committee is the JPO who make the bulk of the decisions, not the executive team, feel this allows for better communication between the counties and the courts
6. Role of the chiefs
 - a. Again the need to play a serious role in the advisory committee, a role of working with the camp and reporting back to the judges and county officials, a say and some oversight of the budget