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COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING March 16, 2009

The Community Advisory Board convened on Monday, March 16, 2009, at the Stevenson House Detention Center. The following were in attendance:

Members: George Pippin
Betsy Matone

DYRS Staff: John Stevenson, Superintendent
Dawn Garnett, AS III

Board's Role:

Training: CPR/First Aid and PRT refresher training will take place in Jan/Feb 2009. We are currently developing an annual training schedule to include mandatory and additional training that will benefit staff.

Funeral Services: It was reported that the staff person who contacted Pippin's Funeral Home regarding a transport to services was rude. Mr. Pippin stated that we should open the channel of communication with the local funeral directors to eliminate problems/concerns in the future.

Professional Organizations: Mr. Pippin provided information for joining the Partnership for Juvenile Services. He suggested that Mr. Stevenson attend conferences to take advantage of valuable information and associations. CJC is a possible resource for training funds.

CAB Policy: Mr. Pippin feels that the SH CAB policy is too vague and thinks it should be more specific regarding the Board's role. He wants to be an advocate for SH and for the Board to be more involved. Mr. Stevenson will take a look at the policy and begin to solicit for interested members. Mr. Pippin referred to an article in today's State News about a teen program at an area

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Volunteers/Interns: In the past Stevenson House had many volunteers, mentors and foster grandparents come in on a daily basis. Mr. Stevenson will re-open the lines of communication with Del. Tech. for possible interns as well as other local organizations.

Headcount: DYRS is no longer sending our youth to out of state placements which causes a back up at Ferris. This could lead to an increase in our population.

ACA: We have requested an extension for our Nov 09 audit. Mr. Pippin served as an ACA auditor for several years and volunteered his time to assist with our audit preparation. Mr. Stevenson will discuss with Mr. Dawson. Mr. Pippin asked if our emergency policies and procedures were up to date and if we had a potable water policy. We do have a policy that addresses potable water and emergency water management.

Psychological Services: We currently have two mental health positions, Jennifer Showers, Family Crisis Therapist/Substance Abuse Specialist and Terri McCandies, Psychologist.

CBT: Currently making minor adjustments to the program to fit the specific needs of SH.

xc: Darryl Dawson, Deputy Director
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