

JRAC Meeting – November 20, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

No Quorum to approve minutes, no changes are needed.

Nate discussed the grant that was applied for a Juvenile Divisional program that will be partnered with Lifeline's mentor program. It will be used for Juveniles with an informal adjustment. Employees of Lifeline will meet with the Juveniles for a certain amount of time hoping to promote positive bonds that they will want to continue until graduation and reduce future delinquent acts.

This could be used as an alternative to detention, it could be referred to on a new arrest like a day reporting program, while they are waiting for their hearings. Lifeline would be right after school during the hours that delinquency is at its worse. Work together with the GPS Monitoring program. Lifeline would create a case plan including what programs they will take part in and how long it will be for 6 to 8 months for a couple times a week. Focus will be on Job Skills, mentoring programs, and athletic activities.

Tom inquired as to the location. A new building was built at the corner of Hively and Prairie Street, the building has Basketball Courts and Volleyball Courts. Lifeline does provide some transportation. Priemer Arts also runs a Charter School outside of the building.

Lifeline will not accept Sex Offenders, Extremely Violent offenders, or actively emotionally unstable that are a risk to themselves or others.

Lifeline is willing to go to the detention center to access the juveniles.

Tom asked who was behind Lifeline. It is a not for profit, that was created in 1963. Daryl Peterson is the one who is currently running it. Lifeline is like the Boys & Girls club; however, they are a local facility similar to Tolson Center.

Lifeline would like to get these kids early, so they can stay involved in their lives for a long time.

The grant is \$37,500 per grant per year for two years, there is a \$5,000.00 bonus based on population size. \$80,000.00 for the two years the funds come from the State. Grant award period begins January 1, and there is a 60 day period from the date of the award to get the programming going.

Vicki thinks Lifeline will be the best partner, because of the new building they have already added more employees, and new interns. They are probably ahead of the curve right now.

Tolson Center will be opening next week.

Laurie Updates

Crisis Center drawings were sent down State, it will take 4 or 5 months, looking at April or May. Working on funding in January or February. MRT is no longer offered in Goshen, strictly due to a staffing issue. Is there an estimated time that Oaklawn will offer those services again, Laurie will look into it. Is there another service provider? The program is for people that are not wired correctly, Not having MRT classes available is affecting criminal Court. MRT is helpful for covering Peer Groups, Mental Health, and

Substance abuse issues, based on the social learning theory. Helps teach the Difference between one wrong choice and another, and another. It is a 12 to 15 step program with tasks you need to accomplish, if you don't do what is right, you move down.

Safe Space – A program at ECCC for them to have mental health services. They were quoted a million a year for a contract. Laurie nor Vicki has heard about it. It would be for a counselor onsite at ECCC. This cannot cost 1 million a year.

4:58 p.m. - Ended