



## Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County

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### Interagency Services Report May 2015

#### Highlights this Month

##### Judge Dan H. Michael's Calendar

On May 4, 2015, Judge Michael attended the **Memphis Shelby Crime Commission** Board Meeting.

May 5-9, 2015, Judge Michael attended the **Bench Bar Conference** in Destin, Florida where he served as a panelist on "Solutions to Youth Delinquency and Crime" Plenary Session.

On May 11, 2015, Judge Michael participated in the Shelby County Board of Commissioners tour of the **Evening Reporting Center (ERC)** at Juvenile Intervention and Faith-Based Follow-Up (JIFF).

Judge Michael met with the **University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law**, regarding the Juvenile Justice Clinic on May 11, 2015.

Judge Michael hosted **Shelby County Commissioner David Reeves** on a tour of Juvenile Court on May 12, 2015.

On May 14, 2014, Judge Michael met with **Shelby County Commissioner Steve Basar**.

Judge Michael spoke at **American Way Middle School's Career Day** on May 15, 2015.

Judge Michael attended the **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Conference**, *National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking*, in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 18-20, 2015.

Judge Michael met with **Representative Mark White**, State Representative, TN General Assembly and **Camelot of Tennessee** on May 21, 2015 regarding foster care.

On May 21, 2015, Judge Michael met with Meredith Hennessy, **Consilience Group, LLC** on behalf of the Attendance/Truancy Task Force.

Judge Michael hosted **Shelby County Commissioner Melvin Burgess** on a tour of Juvenile Court on May 22, 2015.

Judge Michael hosted **Shelby County Commissioner Van Turner** on a tour of Juvenile Court on May 26, 2015.

## **Judge Dan H. Michael's Calendar, continued**

Judge Michael met with **Tennessee Commissioners:** Bill Gibbons, Safety & Homeland Security, Derrick Schofield, Commissioner of Corrections and James Henry, Department of Children's Services and **District Attorney Amy Weirich** regarding blended sentencing on May 27, 2015.

On May 28, 2015, Judge Michael met with **Mark Soler and Keri Nash** regarding **JDAI**.

Judge Michael presided at the Memphis Bar Association's **Advisory Committee on Rules of Judicial Practice and Procedure** on May 29, 2015. Judge Michael was appointed Judicial Liaison of the Advisory Committee by Judge Holly Kirby.

## **Juvenile Court Staff Activities**

On May 2, 2015, Demetria Springfield Banks attended the Faith Leadership Luncheon: Women in Ministry sponsored by **Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women**.

**Corrections Professional Week 2015** occurred May 3-9, 2015. Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones, Willie Walton, Larry Weichel and Crystal Norment participated in events which include the Opening Ceremony, Karaoke, Memorial Service, Carnival and Corrections Professionals' Banquet. Other Detention Services staff attending the Corrections Professionals Banquet includes Crystal Norment, Alva Flowers, Jonece Felix, Jeffrey Marshall, Robin Sisson and Dennis Freeman. Congratulations are extended to Mr. Willie Walton for an award recognizing years of service.

On May 5, 2015, Fran Gonzales spoke at the **Northaven Community Association Meeting** on electronic monitoring and answered community questions.

On May 7, 2015, Nancy Roll participated in the **Proclamation and Celebration Day for Children's Mental Health**.

Fran Gonzales participated in the Shelby County Board of Commissioners tour of the **Evening Reporting Center (ERC)** at **JIFF** on May 11, 2015.

Donna Gray and Debbie Holdman made presentations on Juvenile Court at the Career Fair & Career-on-Wheels event at **E.E. Jeter School** on May 12, 2015.

Demetria Springfield Banks attended **American Way Middle School's Career Day** with Judge Michael on May 15, 2015.

On May 15, 2015, Laurie Neale was a presenter at **Maximus for the Non-Custodial Parent Orientation**.

Thomas Coupé and Barry Mitchell participated in the **Countywide Juvenile Justice Consortium (CJJC) Public Forum** on May 16, 2015 at Ed Rice Community Center.

The **JDAI DMC Subcommittee** met on May 18, 2015 with Kimbrell Owens facilitating. Lisa Hill also participated.

## **Juvenile Court Staff Activities, continued**

The **JADI Alternatives to Detention Subcommittee** met on May 19, 2015. Kimbrell Owens facilitated the meeting and Eric Roberts also participated.

On May 20, 2015, **Youth Court's Senior Banquet** was held. Avis Allen and Pamela James participated. Arthur E. Horne, III, Attorney, was the guest speaker.

On May 20, 2015, the **JDAI Executive Committee Meeting** was held. Mark Soler, Keri Nash and Bill Cash participated via conference call. Kimbrell Owens facilitated.

On May 22, 2015, Avis Allen made a presentation at **Ridgeway High School** on the Youth Court Program.

On May 21-22, 2015, the **Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association (TJCSA)** West Tennessee Grand Division Mini Conference was held at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Motel. Jennifer McKissick serves as West Grand Division Coordinator. Twenty two (22) Juvenile Court staff members participated.

On May 21, 2015, Larry Scroggs attended the meeting with Judge Michael and Meredith Hennessy, **Consilience Group, LLC**.

On May 25, 2015, Kimbrell Owens and Lisa Hill were named to the Shelby County/Memphis Juvenile Justice Team on the **Alternatives to Summons or A2S Project** focusing on alternatives to court contact for youth charged with domestic violence. The project was chosen by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) at Georgetown University after the Memphis team attended immersion training on the causes and effects of Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED).

Carlyn Addison attended a meeting on May 26, 2015 at **Maximus** called "**Free Summer 2015**" regarding driver's license revocations.

On May 26, 2015, eleven Juvenile Court staff members attended training by **Victims to Victory**. Presenters were Dr. Katherine Lawson, Executive Director and Mrs. Brenda Alexander.

On May 27-28, 2015, Juvenile Court welcomed Mark Soler and Keri Nash, **Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP)** for a **JDAI Site Visit**. Meetings were conducted with the Georgetown Capstone Project Team, JDAI Governing and Executive Committees, Judge Michael, Court Services Administrators, and Hope Academy. The Site Visit also included training for law enforcement officers. Kimbrell Owens, JDAI Site Coordinator, facilitated the activities.

Fran Gonzales, Daphne Edwards and JIFF staff made a site visit to Cook County, Illinois **Evening Reporting Center (ERC)** from May 27-28, 2015.

On May 27, 2015, Larry Scroggs, Pam Skelton, Magistrate Garland Erguden and Tom Coupé, along with Judge Michael, met with **Tennessee Commissioners**: Bill Gibbons, Safety & Homeland Security; Derrick Schofield, Commissioner of Corrections; James Henry, Department of Children's Services; and **District Attorney General Amy Weirich** regarding blended sentencing.

## **Juvenile Court Staff Activities, continued**

On May 27, 2015, Mark Soler and Keri Nash, CCLP conducted **JDAI training** for **Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO)**. Kimbrell Owens facilitated.

On May 27, 2015, Mark Soler and Keri Nash, CCLP and Dr. Altha Stewart, Just Care Family Network conducted **JDAI training** for **Memphis Police Department (MPD)**, "*Juvenile Justice & Detention Reform*". Kimbrell Owens facilitated.

On May 27, 2015, Laurie Neale attended **Memphis Bar Association's Summer Minority Law Intern Orientation**. Juvenile Court will host a high school intern in June 2015 as a part of this program.

The **JDAI Governing Committee Meeting** was held on May 28, 2015. Juvenile Court staff participating includes Kimbrell Owens, Larry Scroggs, Shannon Caraway, Gary Cummings, Donna Gray, Barry Mitchell, Mamie Jones and Lisa Hill.

On May 28, 2015, **Mark Soler and Keri Nash, CCLP** met with Judge Michael regarding **JDAI**. Juvenile Court staff attending includes Magistrate Garland Erguden, Larry Scroggs, Pam Skelton, Kimbrell Owens, Carlyn Addison, Gary Cummings and Mamie Jones. Guests attending include Dr. Altha Stewart and Debbie Fessenden.

**Mark Soler and Keri Nash, CCLP**, met with the **Georgetown Capstone Project Team** on May 28, 2015. Kimbrell Owens and Lisa Hill participated.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Marquita Evans at 901-405-8518 or the Juvenile Court designee as indicated to the right of each project description. Additional information is available at the following:



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**Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships**

**American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation-** Juvenile Court Detention has undergone accreditation through the ACA. Accreditation is a system of verification that correctional agencies/facilities comply with national standards promulgated by the ACA. Accreditation is achieved through a series of reviews, evaluations, audits and hearings. ACA standards are the national benchmark for the effective operation of correctional systems throughout the U.S. and are necessary to ensure correctional facilities are operated professionally. They address services, programs and operations essential to good correctional management, including administrative and fiscal controls, staff training and development, physical plant, safety and emergency procedures, sanitation, food service, and rules and discipline. Standards reflect practical, up-to-date policies and procedures that safeguard the life, health and safety of staff and offenders. Final audit-October 3-5, 2011 & accreditation recommended. Accreditation Awarded on 1/22/2012. **February 23-27, 2015:** ACA Audit conducted and reaccreditation was successful pending Panel Interview in August 2015. Detention Services scored 100% on mandatory standards. **Contact: Crystal Norment**

**Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF), Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) Site-** Memphis' success in reducing the number of youth in Detention earned the City a coveted partnership with the AECF in June 2011. Memphis is one of the largest urban Courts in the U.S. and the first in Tennessee selected by AECF as a JDAI Site. The AECF has JDAI sites in approximately 200 jurisdictions in 39 states and Washington D.C. focusing on education, counseling, rehabilitation, and therapy. The Foundation's juvenile justice reform agenda is designed to improve the odds that delinquent youth make successful transitions to adulthood. **Contact: Kimbrell Owens, JDAI Site Coordinator**

**Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT) Advisory Coalition** - Coordinated interagency multidisciplinary response to prevent, detect, investigate, treat, and prosecute child sexual abuse & severe physical abuse. **Contact: Michael Blancett**

**Department of Children's Services Community Advisory Board (CAB)** – Mission is to empower families and support community safety and partnerships to insure the safety, permanency and well-being of children. The Board meets monthly and membership is composed of community organizational leaders. **Contact: Barry Mitchell**

**Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI) Grant/Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA)** - U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Initiative addressing children's exposure to violence. Goals are to prevent children's exposure to violence as victims and witnesses, mitigate the negative effects experienced by children exposed to violence, and develop knowledge about and increase awareness. A key component is a multiyear demonstration program whereby eight cities were awarded planning grants. Shelby County's Office of Early Childhood and Youth is coordinating the local Initiative and spearheading the comprehensive, coordinated community response. **Note:** Plan developed in coordination with the Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan & Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016. On 10/10/2012, Memphis' Plan launched under project name of Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA). 5/2/2013 Update: Family Violence Specialist (FVS), housed at Juvenile Court, began employment. **May 2014 Update:** FVS funding ended. Contact: **Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**

**Hope Academy** - Partnership between Juvenile Court and Memphis City (now Shelby County-SCS) Schools to provide full-time academic instruction and programming for detained youth. Classes began in February 2010 as partners recognized the need to insure a quality education to all children and the need to prepare youth to be successful and productive citizens. Hope Academy staff includes a Program Manager, certified teachers, special education services, and support staff. Further, SCS provides a liaison to work with the LEA after the student is no longer detained and transitioning back to the school system.

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued**

### **Hope Academy, continued**

A Recreational Coordinator employed by Juvenile Court enhances Hope Academy with daily activities to improve the child's health, wellness, and physical fitness. **The Hope Academy Advisory Council** meets quarterly to discuss program progress and make recommendations. **Contacts: Larry Scroggs, Gary Cummings, Willie Walton, Mamie Jones, Larry Weichel and Sherry Schedler**

**Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County Evening Reporting Center (ERC) Pilot Program** - The ERC formally launched and received the first youth at JIFF on 2/24/2015. The ERC is a community-based alternative to detention for a target group of youth under supervised probation. Referrals from Juvenile Court are made in response to probation violation for youth who need additional supervision and a structured environment for a brief time. The Reporting Center is designed to help keep youth involved in positive experiences while ensuring they are occupied during times they are most likely to recidivate. **(Fran Gonzales) (New)**

**Juvenile Intervention & Faith Based Follow-up (JIFF)** – Provides youth from the juvenile justice system with the skills support and direction necessary to break the destructive cycle of delinquent behavior. JIFF provides holistic, intensive intervention with a goal of successful reintegration to the community for youth under the supervision of Youth Services Bureau (YSB). Since 2003, JIFF has served over 700 youth under YSB supervision. JIFF is a partner under Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016 and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Memphis Face Forward grant. **Contact: Fran Gonzales**

**Mediation and Restitution/ Reconciliation Services (MARRS)** - MARRS is a program of Memphis Leadership Foundation (MLF). The mission of MARRS is to intervene in the lives of first and second-time juvenile offenders by providing mediation, restitution, character development and positive outreach activities. MARRS' vision is to change lives thereby empowering youth served to become healthy community members and avoid further offenses using a restorative justice approach. MARRS is a partner in the U.S. DOL, Memphis Face Forward grant. **Contact: Yolanda Rumph and Donna Gray**

**Memphis and Shelby County Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and Confinement Task Force** – Sponsored by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY), the mission is to bring together citizens, stakeholders, and families to identify and address issues leading to overrepresentation of minority youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. **Contacts: Gary Cummings, Morrie Noel and Lisa Hill**

**Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board (Juvenile Justice Board)** – The Juvenile Justice Board provides direction in developing and implementing school safety programs and strategies. Further, Board works collaboratively with partners in seeking improvements and policy changes addressing emerging and changing needs of Memphis & Shelby County youth at risk of delinquency. In January 2009, group adopted bylaws, elected executive committee, and adopted Gang Resistance Assistance to Save Society's Youth (**GRASSY**) national model. In June 2009, GRASSY became the GRASSY Steering Committee and Implementation Team separate from the Juvenile Justice Board. **Contacts: Larry Scroggs, Gary Cummings, Kimbrell Owens, Lisa Hill and Sherry Schedler**

**Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI)** – Group of community-based agencies that meet monthly to study and formulate truancy reduction strategies. Meetings are held during the school year. **Contacts: Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler**

**(Memphis City Schools-MCS now Shelby County Schools-SCS) GRASSY Steering Committee & Intervention Team (IT)**: The GRASSY Steering Committee & Intervention Team (IT) participates in the launch of the national gang model, Gang Resistance Assistance to Save Society's Youth (**GRASSY**). Work originally began in the Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board and evolved to separate entities. **\*See Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board. Contact: Steering Committee and IT Member - Steven Allen**

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued**

**Memphis Police Department (MPD) “Real Talk” Program** – “Real Talk” engages high school students in an informal way and provides opportunities for productive dialogue to build relationships among law enforcement, schools and communities. MPD schedules a monthly presentation with a local high school. Officers arrange a basketball scrimmage or drill challenge with students followed by a brief presentation and small group breakout session. Juvenile Court provides staff to assist MPD in “Real Talk” & began participation in January 2014. **Contacts-Barry Mitchell and Lisa Hill**

**Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan Project** – Memphis was selected as one of six cities by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) tasked to develop a comprehensive, community-based plan to prevent gang and youth violence. In 2011, Memphis and other cities presented their plans at a Youth Violence Summit in Washington D.C. Memphis’ project coordination is provided by the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, spearheading Operation: Safe Community. The Initiative is led by Mayor A C Wharton and Mayor Mark Luttrell and participating agency representation is provided by U.S. Attorney’s Office, District Attorney’s Office, Public Health, Public Safety, Children’s Services, both City and County governments and school system, as well as representatives from the non-profit, business and faith-based communities. Project developed in coordination with the *Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI) Grant*. April 2012 Update - 2nd National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Summit in Washington, D.C. Presentation by Memphis on youth violence prevention initiatives. Larry Scroggs attending. **Contacts-Judge Michael and Larry Scroggs - Policy Council; Gary Cummings, Fran Gonzales, Nancy Roll, Sherry Schedler and Mike Smith (Hope Academy)**

## **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Initiatives:**

- **Juvenile Justice Model Court**-Juvenile Justice Model Courts Project of the Juvenile and Family Law Department of the NCJFCJ; Short Title: NCJFCJ Juvenile Justice Model Courts Project – On 7/1/2011, Juvenile Court became one of only a dozen courts nationwide designated a Juvenile Justice Model Court. A Juvenile Justice Model Court is one that makes the commitment of human and fiscal resources to follow key principles and recommendations set forth in the *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines*. In this context, the term means that a court seeks to improve practice by implementing the *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines* and assessing its progress serving as a “model” for broad systems change. The Project sets forth essential elements to help courts achieve improved delinquency case processing and outcomes for youth, families and communities while aspiring to excellence. Project is underway. **Contacts: Larry Scroggs and Dini Malone**
- **School Pathways to Juvenile Justice System Project** - On November 25, 2013, the NCJFCJ selected Juvenile Court as one of 16 courts in the nation to participate in the School Pathways to Juvenile Justice System Project. The NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to help judicial leaders develop efforts to reduce referrals of youth to juvenile courts for school-based misbehaviors and to expand the use of positive disciplinary practices in schools. The NCJFCJ’s goal for this project is to support student engagement and reduce students’ school exclusion. The work is based largely on the successes of Judge Steven Teske (Clayton Co., GA) and former judge Brian Huff (Jefferson Co., AL) that have addressed school-to-juvenile justice system issues in their jurisdictions and have assisted other courts to address the issue as well. Selected sites are assigned a Site Visit Facilitator recruited by the NCJFCJ due to their knowledge of school-court issues and/or experience with team facilitation and strategic planning. The first Technical Assistance Site Visit occurred on December 16-17, 2014. Judge Steven Teske of Clayton County, Georgia, Judge John Romero of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Cheri Ely are NCJFCJ Facilitators.
- **National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect** - On July 7, 2014, the NCJFCJ chose Juvenile Court as one of only eight sites in the country as a National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect. This is a nationwide child welfare program to

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued**

### **National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect, continued**

"implement best practices and to improve court systems for the benefit of the children and families in the respective jurisdiction". Juvenile Court was chosen, in part because of "the court's commitment and motivation to implement system reform efforts; the court's willingness to organize and form a strong collaborative team; and the court's desire to improve current court practice." The NCJFCJ has been partnering with courts across the country since 1992 to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families. The selected sites receive individualized assessments, training and technical assistance as they work toward improving practices and outcomes. NCJFCJ staff works closely with lead judges and their court teams. In addition, the NCJFCJ provides training on the Enhanced Resource Guidelines and fosters important connections to the network of the NCJFCJ Model Courts. On November 12-14, 2014, the first Technical Assistance Site Visit was conducted by Franz Braun and Sarah Ray, NCJFCJ Project Leaders. **Update:** On March 18-20, 2015, Judge Michael and key Court staff attended the All-Sites Conference in Reno, NV.

**Operation Hope** – Founded in 2001, Operation Hope is a faith-based program designed to provide intervention for high-risk juveniles and empower them toward a healthy productive future. Operation Hope provides intensive intervention for those at highest risk of custody and is under the administration of Memphis Leadership Foundation. **Contact: Yolanda Rumph/Donna Gray**

**Operation: Safe Community (OSC)** - Partnership of government leaders, faith-based community, neighborhood groups, business leaders, and citizens across Memphis and Shelby County in an unprecedented joint effort to reduce crime. Goal is to make Memphis & Shelby County one of the safest communities in the U.S. Key local and federal agencies and partners originally convened to develop the strategic plan presented at the Crime Summit. 2012 Key Updates: OSC 2012-2016 launched incorporating the Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan and Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI). (NOTE: DCI Grant Project Name: Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA)).

**Contacts: Judge Michael and Larry Scroggs -Executive Committee**

**\*See Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Project and Defending Childhood Initiative**

**School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE)** – Memphis City Schools (MCS) originally awarded grant funds in 2007 by TCCY for a DMC Pilot to develop & implement an informal adjustment program. Grant funds ended in 2011 and program sustained by MCS (now Shelby County Schools). Community partners created guidelines & strategies through a Project Implementation Board (PIB). SHAPE provides immediate intervention with students who commit minor offenses & provides alternatives from transporting to Juvenile Court. Coordinators at 21 target schools assign dispositional alternatives such as community service, restitution, and/or counseling. On 8/24/11, MCS was notified that SHAPE was selected as a DMC Best Practice by OJJDP and added to the OJJDP Model Programs Guide. **Contacts: Morrie Noel, Gary Cummings and Sherry Schedler**

**University of Tennessee, Center of Excellence-Community-Based Learning Collaborative (CBLC)** - The Evaluation and Referral (E&R) Bureau participated in a CBLC on Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) in July 2013. E&R completed "train the trainer" sessions to serve as community "brokers" to identify, connect & refer children who may have experienced trauma. The goal of the project is to develop a community-wide approach for professionals and agencies to learn, implement and sustain the use of Evidence Supported Treatments (EST) over time. Further, to insure children receive appropriate trauma-focused treatment and planning. E&R participated in TF-CBT specialized training, participates in conference calls, data collection and senior leadership meetings. **Contact: Nancy Roll**



## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued**

**Youth Court** - Juvenile Court and project partners, Tennessee Bar Association, Memphis Bar Association, Memphis Area Legal Services, and (Memphis City-MCS now Shelby County Schools- SCS) Schools implemented a Youth Court in 2010 pursuant to state statute. The first cases were heard on 2/24/11. Students from Cordova, Hillcrest, Overton, and Middle College High Schools comprised the inaugural student volunteer panelists and perform the roles of prosecutors, defense counsel, and jurors. Participation provides a rich learning experience and mentoring by volunteer attorneys. Teen/Youth Court is a model program of the OJJDP and incorporates elements of restorative justice to hold youth accountable for offenses and prevent future delinquency. Youth courts, also known as teen or peer courts, are an alternative sentencing mechanism for first time, non-violent juvenile offenders who appear before and are sentenced by a jury of their peers. 2014 Update: Youth Court added 2 new schools for a total of 12 participating schools. 175 students underwent training. **March 2015 Update:** Youth Court has 15 schools currently participating with roughly 50 volunteer attorneys. **Contacts: Avis Lamar Allen, Thomas Coupé and Pamela James**

## **Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement**

- **Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT) Advisory Coalition-** Michael Blancett
- **Commission on Missing and Exploited Children (COMEC) Board of Directors-** Pamela Taylor
- **Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI)/ Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA), Steering Committee Member & Grant Management Team** – Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett
- **DCS Community Advisory Board (CAB)-** Barry Mitchell, Vice-Chair
- **DMC Taskforce of Memphis & Shelby County** –Morrie Noel, Gary Cummings and Lisa Hill
- **DMC State Taskforce-** Gary Cummings and Lisa Hill
- **Early Success Coalition Steering Committee** – Michael Blancett and Erica Glynn
- **Hope Academy Advisory Council** –Larry Scroggs, Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones, Willie Walton, Larry Weichel and Sherry Schedler
- **In Home Tennessee Committee on Domestic Violence** – Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett
- **In Home Tennessee Committee on Intensive Family Preservation** - Barbara Jackson
- **In Home Tennessee Implementation Team-** Thomas Coupé and Nancy Roll
- **In Home Tennessee Mental Health Assessment Workgroup-** Nancy Roll
- **International Association For Truancy and Dropout Prevention (IATDP) Planning Committee** - Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler **(New)**
- **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Governing Committee** - Kimbrell Owens
- **Just Care Family Network Coordinating Council** - Nancy Roll, Co-Chair
- **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Advisory Committee** - Sherry Schedler

## **Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement, continued**

- **Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Local State Advisory Membership Board (SAMB)** - Larry Scroggs - Chairman; Trisha Monteil, Fran Gonzales and Sherry Schedler
- **Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board** –Larry Scroggs, Gary Cummings, Thomas Coupé, Kimbrell Owens, Lisa Hill, and Sherry Schedler
- **Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI)** –Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler
- **(Memphis City Schools-MCS now Shelby County Schools-SCS) GRASSY - Committees** -Member: **Steering Committee & Intervention Team** - Steven Allen
- **Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council**- Fran Gonzales, **President**; Michael Blancett and Fran Gonzales, **Executive Committee**; *Other Members*-Barry Mitchell, Gary Cummings, Pam Taylor, Avis Lamar Allen, Belynda Dwyer, Erica Glynn and Sherry Schedler
- **Shelby County Interagency Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team**- Michael Blancett
- **Shelby County Relative Caregiver Advisory Board**- Faye Howard and Stacey Smith
- **Southwest Tennessee Community College (STCC) , Business, Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies Advisory Committee** - Sherry Schedler
- **Tennessee (Shelby County) Integrated Policy Academy Action Network** – Barry Mitchell

## **Active Interagency Memoranda of Understanding and/or Agreement**

- **April 25, 2002:** User agreement between **TBI** and Juvenile Court for administration of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), telecommunications equipment, and/or interfaces for transmission and retrieval of information.
- **June 11, 2003:** Interagency MOU with **COMEC** for use of computer network system.
- **October 13, 2006:** MOU with **Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Jail Division**, to establish policies and practices for communication & information for juveniles transferred to Criminal Court.
- **April 30, 2008:** MOA between Juvenile Court and Memphis City Schools (MCS), Division of Alternative Schools and Programs, to implement a **Transitional Center**. The Center serves delinquent youth in YSB and those leaving secure residential programs. The Center provides academic assessment, instruction and comprehensive services with the aim of returning the youth to the appropriate school setting. Center opened on 8/12/08 with a capacity of 60.
- **July 17, 2008:** Updated 2nd Revision Multi-agency MOU signed with The Memphis Child Advocacy Center, Child Protection Investigation Team (**CPIT**) and project partners. Purpose is to work through interagency approach to insure best outcomes for child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse. Protocol is culmination of teamwork of law enforcement, child protection, medical, victims' services, mental health, and prosecution per TCA 37-1-607.
- **August 8, 2008:** Multi-agency MOU signed between Memphis City Schools, City of Memphis, Memphis Police Department, Shelby County Government, Shelby County Public Defender's Office, and Juvenile Court for the School House Adjustment Program (**SHAPE**). August 27, 2010: Updated Revision to Multi-agency MOU signed for (**SHAPE**). Revision updates original MOUs of 8/8/08 and 1<sup>st</sup> revision of 6/3/09 extending partnership for additional year. November 22, 2013: Updated MOU signed. 11-30-2014: Updated MOU executed with expanded project partners, charges and schools.

## **Active Interagency Memoranda of Understanding and/or Agreement, continued**

- **November 26, 2008:** MOU with **Tennessee Career Center Memphis (TCCM)** to establish policies and practices for referrals and outcome reporting for individuals referred by the Court for job training and employment services.
- **December 21, 2009:** MOU signed and approved by MCS Board of Education to develop and implement educational services in Juvenile Court Detention. **NOTE: Hope Academy** opened in February 2010. **NOTE:** February 8, 2011: MOU Extension approved for 1 year. MCS Attorney, Andrea Hood. October 5, 2012: Extension approved. **October 15, 2014:** MOU Extension approved. SCS Attorney - Sybille S. Noble
- **June 22, 2010:** MOA signed with local law enforcement, Memphis City Schools (MCS), District Attorney General, University of Memphis, DCS, and community agencies for the Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Societies Youth (**GRASSY**). GRASSY, in partnership with community stakeholders, is a school-based intervention working with identified gang members to reduce gang involvement, criminal behavior, and school disruption by providing targeted services to gang-involved youth.
- **November 8, 2011:** MOU with Memphis City Schools (now Shelby County Schools) to establish policies and practices for Memphis and Shelby County Youth Court (**Youth Court**).
- **December 14, 2011:** MOA with **Shelby County Health Department** for nursing services, screenings and coordination of indicated support services for youth in Detention.
- **August 3, 2012:** MOU with **CASA** to define the working relationship and policies and practices for CASA's daily operations in accordance with the Juvenile Court Administrative Manual and facility usage.
- **December 7, 2012:** MOU with **JEFF, Inc.** in support of Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016, Action Item 18e, & to increase the number of youth referred for intervention services.
- **February 15, 2013:** Letter of Agreement between The Annie E. Casey Foundation (**AECF**) and Shelby County Government on behalf of Juvenile Court (and Shelby County) for grant funds and to support replication of the JDAI. **NOTE:** Updated MOU executed on 10-14-2014.
- **April 22, 2013:** MOU with MCS (now Shelby County Schools) to implement a School-Based Probation Liaison (**SBPL**) Initiative.
- **May 6, 2013:** MOU with Memphis Leadership Foundation (**MLF**) & community partners for program expansion for Dept. of Labor (DOL) grant application. Note: Memphis Fast Forward grant funds awarded.
- **September 4, 2013:** MOU with Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) for the Law Enforcement Assessment Phone-In Pilot Program (**LEAP**). October 31, 2014: MOU signed to expand LEAP with the addition of Memphis Police Department as project partner.
- **January 29, 2014:** MOU with Shelby County Office of Early Childhood and Youth and project partners for grant application to U.S. DOJ, Office on Violence against Women (OVW). If funded, grant will expand services of **DCI/NOVA** for children and youth exposed to violence.
- **June 2, 2014:** MOA with **Shelby County Early Success Coalition (ESC)** for participation as Endorsing Partner.
- **July 22, 2014:** MOA between Shelby County Government on behalf of Juvenile Court and **Christ Community Health Services, Inc.** for dental exams, treatment and services for detained children.
- **April 2, 2015:** MOU with **Memphis Leadership Foundation (MLF)** & community partners for continuation of Fast Forward Memphis via U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), if funded.  
**(New)**
- **April 21, 2015:** Letter of Commitment signed in support of **Seedco** and the Training to Work 3 Initiative. **(New)**

## **Juvenile Court Grant Initiatives & Activity**

- ❖ **Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)**

## **Juvenile Court Grant Initiatives & Activity, continued**

### **Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), continued**

The Tennessee AOC awards grant funds through the Access and Visitation Grant for development of or continuation of initiatives that aid self-represented litigants in accessing the Tennessee court system regarding child support issues. Juvenile Court utilizes funds for a part-time law student assistant in the Office of the Advocate of Non-Custodial Parents.

- August 8, 2014: Application submitted for FY 2014-2015.
- August 22, 2014: Funds awarded for FY 2014-2015.

#### **❖ Child and Family Intervention Grant**

Grant award by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS) directly to Juvenile Court for work with children and families at risk of entering State custody.

- September 2014: Received notice of new proposals due & change from 1 to 3-year grant term.
- October 7, 2014: Grant proposal submitted to DCS for FY 2016-2018.
- January 28, 2015: Program Accountability Review (PAR) conducted by Jamillah Norrells and Minnie Butts, DCS. **(Sherry Schedler)**
- January 29, 2015: Fiscal Review conducted by Russell Todd, DCS Internal Audit Staff **(Tinny Bryson)**
- **May 2015:** Grant proposal approved for FY 2016-2018. Contract pending. **(Dini Malone)**  
**(New)**

#### **❖ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) / YSO - TCCY State Supplement**

Grant award from TCCY to Juvenile Court and redirected to CASA for services of Youth Services Officer (YSO). Administrative support provided by Juvenile Court Administrative Services.

- June 30, 2013: Merger with the Exchange Club Child and Family Center.
- April 1, 2014: DCS Program Audit conducted on State Supplement grant.
- April 22, 2014: DCS Fiscal Audit conducted.

#### **❖ Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)**

Grant funded by OJJDP, administered by TCCY, & passed through to Shelby County Government. Program Purpose Areas promote greater accountability within the juvenile justice system. Grant requires State Advisory Membership Boards (SAMB) to make funding decisions.

- **NOTE: All JABG funds end on 6/30/2015.**

#### **❖ Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**

JAG replaces Byrne Formula & Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) with a single funding mechanism for specific purpose areas including programs for law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment, and planning, evaluation and technology improvement. Funds provided by the U.S. BJA passed through to Shelby County Government.

- March 24, 2015: Audits conducted by BJA via Shelby County Government. **(Trisha Monteil-Facilitator; Avis Allen and Sherry Schedler)**
- **May 19, 2015:** FY2015 Proposal submitted to Shelby County Government. **(New)**
- **May 21, 2015:** JAG Advisory Committee Meeting to vote on proposals. Juvenile Court's application was approved with revisions. **(New)**

### **Interagency Activity Detail**

**May 2, 2015:** Faith Leadership Luncheon: Women in Ministry sponsored by Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women **(Demetria Springfield Banks)**

## Interagency Activity Detail, continued

- May 4, 2015:** Memphis Shelby Crime Commission Board of Directors Meeting  
**(Judge Michael)**
- May 4, 2015:** Corrections Professional Week 2015 Event - Opening Ceremony **(Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones, Willie Walton and Larry Weichel)**
- May 4, 2015:** DCI Steering Committee (NOVA) & Grants Management Team Meetings  
**(Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**
- May 5, 2015:** Corrections Professional Week 2015 Event- Lunch/Karaoke hosted by Counselors **(Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings Mamie Jones, Willie Walton, Larry Weichel)**
- May 5-9, 2015** Bench Bar Conference in Destin, Florida with Plenary Session  
Presentation on "Solutions to Youth Delinquency and Crime" **(Judge Michael, Panelist/Presenter)**
- May 5, 2015:** GRASSY Intervention Team Meeting **(Steven Allen)**
- May 5, 2015:** Presentation to Northaven Community Association **(Fran Gonzales)**
- May 6, 2015:** Corrections Professional Week 2015 Event, Memorial Services, Lunch, Ice Cream Social **(Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings Mamie Jones, Willie Walton, Larry Weichel)**
- May 7, 2015:** Proclamation and Celebration Day for Children's Mental Health  
**(Nancy Roll)**
- May 7, 2015:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting **(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**
- May 7, 2015:** Corrections Professional Week 2015 Event, Carnival hosted by Maintenance Department **(Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones, Willie Walton, Larry Weichel)**
- May 8, 2015:** Corrections Professional Week 2015, Corrections Professionals' Banquet  
**(Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones, Willie Walton, Larry Weichel, Crystal Norment, Alva Flowers, Jonece Felix, Jeffrey Marshall, Robin Sisson and Dennis Freeman)**
- May 11, 2015:** In Home Tennessee Intensive Family Preservation Committee Meeting  
**(Barbara Jackson)**
- May 11, 2015:** DCI Steering Committee (NOVA) & Grants Management Team Meetings  
**(Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**
- May 11, 2015:** Shelby County Board of Commissioners Tour of ERC at JIFF **(Judge Michael and Fran Gonzales)**
- May 11, 2015:** Meeting with the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law **(Judge Michael)**
- May 12, 2015:** Career Fair & Career-on-Wheels at E.E. Jeter School **(Donna Gray and Debbie Holdman, presenters)**
- May 12, 2015:** Shelby County Commissioner David Reaves Tour of Juvenile Court  
**(Judge Michael)**
- May 12, 2015:** GRASSY Intervention Team Meeting **(Steven Allen)**
- May 14, 2015:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting **(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**
- May 14, 2015:** COMEC Board of Directors Meeting **(Pam Taylor)**
- May 14, 2015:** Meeting with Shelby County Commissioner Steve Basar  
**(Judge Michael)**
- May 15, 2015:** Non-Custodial Parent Orientation at Maximus **(Laurie Neale, Presenter)**
- May 15, 2015:** American Way Middle School Career Day Presentation, "Think Before You Act" **(Judge Michael, Presenter and Demetria Springfield Banks)**
- May 16, 2015:** Countywide Juvenile Justice Consortium (CJJC) Public Forum  
**(Thomas Coupé and Barry Mitchell)**

## Interagency Activity Detail, continued

**May 18-20, 2015:** National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference, *National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking (Judge Michael)*

**May 18, 2015:** DCI Steering Committee (NOVA) & Grants Management Team Meetings **(Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

**May 18, 2015:** In Home Tennessee Committee on Domestic Violence **(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

**May 18, 2015:** JDAI DMC Subcommittee Meeting **(Kimbrell Owens and Lisa Hill)**

**May 19, 2015:** GRASSY Intervention Team Meeting **(Steven Allen)**

**May 19, 2015:** JDAI Alternatives to Detention (ATD) Subcommittee Meeting **(Kimbrell Owens and Eric Roberts)**

**May 19, 2015:** Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting **(Sherry Schedler)**

**May 19, 2015:** DCS Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting **(Barry Mitchell)**

**May 19, 2015:** Just Care Family Network Coordinating Council **(Nancy Roll)**

**May 19, 2015:** Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network Meeting **(Rita Hall)**

**May 20, 2015:** JDAI Executive Committee Meeting & Conference Call with Mark Soler, Keri Nash and Bill Cash **(Kimbrell Owens)**

**May 20, 2015:** Youth Court Senior Banquet **(Avis Allen and Pamela James)**

**May 21-22, 2015:** Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association (TJCSA) West Tennessee Grand Division Mini Conference **(Jennifer McKissick, West Grand Division Coordinator and 22 Court staff participants)**

**May 21, 2015:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting **(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

**May 21, 2015:** Hope Academy Advisory Council Meeting **(Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones, Willie Walton and Larry Weichel)**

**May 21, 2015:** Meeting with Rep. Mark White and Camelot of Tennessee **(Judge Michael)**

**May 21, 2015:** Meeting with Meredith Hennessy, Consilience Group, LLC **(Judge Michael and Larry Scroggs)**

**May 21, 2015:** JAG Advisory Committee Meeting **(Sherry Schedler)**

**May 22, 2015:** Youth Court Presentation at Ridgeway High School with Principal and School Administrators **(Avis Allen)**

**May 22, 2015:** Shelby County Commissioner Melvin Burgess' Tour of Juvenile Court **(Judge Michael)**

**May 25, 2015:** Press Conference announcing the Shelby County/Memphis Team named to the *Alternatives to Summons* or *A2S* project. **(Juvenile Justice Team members - Kimbrell Owens and Lisa Hill)**

**May 26, 2015:** "Free Summer 2015" Meeting at Maximus regarding driver's license revocations **(Carlyn Addison)**

**May 26, 2015:** GRASSY Intervention Team Meeting **(Steven Allen)**

**May 26, 2015:** Shelby County Relative Caregiver Advisory Board Meeting **(Faye Howard and Stacey Smith)**

**May 26, 2015:** Shelby County Interagency Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team **(Michael Blancett)**

**May 26, 2015:** Shelby County Commissioner Van Turner- Tour of Juvenile Court **(Judge Michael)**

**May 26, 2015:** *Victims to Victory* Training Event; Presenters-Dr. Katherine Lawson, Executive Director and Mrs. Brenda Alexander **(Juvenile Court participants - Shirley Armstrong, Michael Blancett, Emily Boone, Candice Brown, Ginger Comstock, Tabitha Dowell, Debbie Holdman, Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett, Jacqueline Miller, Brian Patterson and Stacey Smith)**

**May 27-28, 2015:** Site visit to Cook County, Illinois Evening Reporting Center (ERC) **(Fran Gonzales, Daphne Edwards and JIFF staff)**

## Interagency Activity Detail, continued

- May 27-28, 2015:** JDAI Site Visit by Mark Soler and Keri Nash, Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP). Meetings were conducted with Georgetown Capstone Project Team, JDAI Governing Committee, Judge Michael, Juvenile Court Staff and Hope Academy. Training was conducted for both Shelby County Sherriff's Office (SCSO) and Memphis Police Department (MPD). **(Kimbrell Owens)**
- May 27, 2015:** MBA Summer Minority Law Intern Program Orientation **(Laurie Neale)**
- May 27, 2015:** GRASSY Steering Committee Meeting **(Steven Allen)**
- May 27, 2015:** JDAI SCSO Training by Mark Soler and Keri Nash, **CCLP (Kimbrell Owens)**
- May 27, 2015:** JDAI MPD Training, "Juvenile Justice & Detention Reform", with Mark Soler and Keri Nash, CCLP, and Dr. Altha Stewart, Just Care Family Network **(Kimbrell Owens)**
- May 27, 2015:** Meeting with Tennessee Commissioners: Bill Gibbons, Safety & Homeland Security; Derrick Schofield, Commissioner of Corrections; James Henry, Department of Children's Services; and District Attorney General Amy Weirich **(Judge Michael, Magistrate Garland Erguden, Larry Scroggs, Pam Skelton, Tom Coupé)**
- May 27, 2015:** Reception honoring Susan Adams, Site Director- Memphis Office, Tennessee Community Services Agency (TNCSA) upon her retirement **(Sherry Schedler)**
- May 28, 2015:** JDAI Meeting with Mark Soler and Keri Nash with Court Services, Detention Administrators and Hope Academy **(Kimbrell Owens, Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones & Michael Smith, Hope Academy)**
- May 28, 2015:** JDAI Governing Committee Meeting **(Juvenile Court staff participating-Kimbrell Owens, Larry Scroggs, Shannon Caraway, Gary Cummings, Donna Gray, Barry Mitchell, Mamie Jones and Lisa Hill)**
- May 28, 2015:** JDAI Meeting- Mark Soler and Keri Nash with Judge Michael **(Magistrate Garland Erguden, Larry Scroggs, Pam Skelton, Kimbrell Owens, Carlyn Addison, Gary Cummings and Mamie Jones. Other guests include Dr. Altha Stewart and Debbie Fessenden)**
- May 28, 2015:** JDAI Meeting - Mark Soler and Keri Nash with Georgetown Capstone Project Team **(Kimbrell Owens and Lisa Hill)**
- May 28, 2015:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting **(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**
- May 28, 2015:** GunSTAT Meeting **(Sherry Schedler)**
- May 29, 2015:** Advisory Committee Meeting of the MBA's Rules of Judicial Practice and Procedure Meeting **(Judge Michael, Judicial Liaison)**
- May 29, 2015:** Debriefing on National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Summit **(Sherry Schedler)**

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