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To: BISHOP, ARTHUR D; Irving, Toni; McEwen, Erwin; Slaughter, Justin
Subject: RE: Aftercare and Neighborhood Recovery Plan
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I also agree with the targeted population. Existing data should be used to drive the development of resources and distribution to achieve the greatest bang for the buck. I believe that placing a heavier emphasis on youth and family interaction, job skills development and employment training for parents and youth will get us closer to Neighborhood Recovery and have been proven to significantly reduce the recidivism rate. Intensive mentoring models to support the introduction of new ways to live and become productive contributors to their communities could go a long way in producing sustainable outcomes.

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When you're up to bat and you hit a home run....
You still have to run the bases to score!

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I agree that the NRP may present an opportunity for us to intervene on behalf of the youth already paroled. We have been working with Jesse Montgomery to get as much information as we can regarding the status of these youth(living arrangement, employment, education, services, etc.) I share the following thoughts:
1) because these youth are already out of the facilities, we don't have the luxury to wait on the hiring and training of the ARRA funded Aftercare Specialists. This was identified as a potential concern for the FIT team process. I suggest that we look into using some of the NRP funds to contract with CCBYS agencies that have existing expertise in working with this population and their families. They can develop social histories and service linkage with their current cadre of staff. This was an idea discussed in earlier meetings, not related to NRP.
2) an assessment would be done to determine where each youth was in their parole status. This would impact the level and duration of intervention for them as some would be at the end of their parole.
3) we would continue to prepare the ARRA funded Aftercare Specialists to provide casemanagement/discharge planning for new admissions and those 30-60 of their ARD. We hope to have these workers hired, trained and in the field by January, 2011.
Thanks

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Sorry I had to leave the meeting before it ended but my question to you all is: If our ARRA aftercare funding AND our Second Chance Grant funding are both focused on continuity of care for young people exiting DJJ do these NRP funds then prevent an ideal opportunity to address our gap in coverage and focus on the 700+ youth in Cook County on parole.

So, in short, am I missing a compelling argument to not just focus the NRP on youth currently on the street? I am very interested in each of your perspectives.

Thanks,

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