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### TRANSFER OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES AND FUNDING WORK GROUP — JULY 2019

**Meeting.** The Transfer of Juvenile Justice Services and Funding Work Group met at Polk County River Place in Des Moines on July 19, 2019 ([agenda](#)). This work group was created by [HF 766](#), division VII (FY 2020 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act), to review and develop a plan for transferring the administration, funding, and oversight of juvenile court graduated sanction services, court-ordered services, group foster care services, the Juvenile Detention Home Fund, and other related juvenile services and funding streams from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to the Office of the State Court Administrator in the Judicial Branch or another appropriate State entity. The Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) of the Department of Human Rights was tasked with convening and providing administrative support to the work group.

Following introductions, the work group reviewed its charge, a timeline, and several documents providing background on current juvenile services, funding, and management. The background materials included a document delineating DHS tasks and staff time for graduated sanctions services and funding and a document providing recommendations of the two-year [Juvenile Justice System Improvement](#) (SMART) Project. The background information document provided the following information:

- Graduated Sanctions and Court-Ordered Services. The annual budget of approximately \$15.0 million from the General Fund appropriation for [Child and Family Services](#) is used to pay for community-based interventions, school-based supervision, and supportive enhancements for youth who are adjudicated (or are at risk of being adjudicated) delinquent, but is not used for youth in the child welfare system.
- Group Foster Care Services. The annual budget of approximately \$22.0 to \$26.0 million from the General Fund appropriation for [Child and Family Services](#) is used to support children in both the juvenile justice system and the child welfare system by paying for protective structured living environments.
- Juvenile Detention Home Fund. The annual budget of approximately \$4.2 million consists of funds generated from the deposit of driver's license reinstatement civil penalty collections. Funds provide State assistance to juvenile detention homes for reimbursement of between 10.0% to 50.0% of the total costs related to the establishment, improvement, operation, and maintenance of county and multicounty detention homes.

**Subcommittees.** The work group discussed the formation and expected deliverables of three subcommittees to allow more in-depth review of the work group's charge. Staff requested that interested work group members volunteer to participate in any of the subcommittees, which are:

- Graduated Sanctions and Court Ordered Services. Chaired by Doug Wolfe, Transition Program Planner, Department of Human Services.
- Group Foster Care Services. Chaired by Scott Hobart, Chief Juvenile Court Officer, 7th Judicial District.
- Juvenile Detention Home Fund. Chaired by Dawn Schott, Director, Linn County Juvenile Detention.

The afternoon discussion focused on input from the work group members to further develop the expected deliverables for each subcommittee. The subcommittees will meet prior to the next work group meeting and will report results to the work group at its next meeting.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2019, in Des Moines. Additional information and work group materials are available from the LSA upon request.

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