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JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM Creating a Fair and Effective Justice System for Youth

Thursday, May 21, 2009

AGENDA

Welcome 1:00 - 1:05

Gladys Carrión, Esq. Commissioner,

Office of Children and Family Services

Interview 1:05 – 2:03

Barry Krisberg, National Council on Crime and Delinquency and Laura John Ridolfi, W. Haywood

Burns Institute interviewed by

Dr. Alan Chartock, WAMC/Northeast Public Radio

Intermission/Break 2:03 - 2:15

Gladys Carrión 2:15-2:25

DMC in New York

Barry Krisberg 2:25 - 2:55

To What Extent and Why are Minority Children Overrepresented in the Juvenile Justice System

Laura John Ridolfi 2:55- 3:25

Promising Strategies to Reduce Disproportionality

Q&A 3:25 - 3:50

Closing Remarks 3:50 - 4:00

Senator Velmanette Montgomery

Biographies

Barry Krisberg, Ph.D.

Barry A. Krisberg has been the president of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) since 1983. He is known nationally for his research and expertise on juvenile justice issues and is called upon as a resource for professionals and the media.

Dr. Krisberg received his master's degree in criminology and a doctorate in sociology, both from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Krisberg has held several educational posts. He was a faculty member in the School of Criminology at the University of California at Berkeley. He was also an adjunct professor with the Hubert Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. He was a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Hawaii and is currently a lecturer in the Law School of the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Krisberg was appointed by the legislature to serve on the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Inmate Population Management. His memberships include the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Association of Juvenile Correctional Administrators, and the Association of Criminal Justice Researchers. He is past president and fellow of the Western Society of Criminology and was the Chair of the California Attorney General's Research Advisory Committee. In 1993 he was the recipient of the August Vollmer Award, the American Society of Criminology's most prestigious award. The Jessie Ball duPont Fund named him the 1999 Grantee of the Year for his outstanding commitment and expertise in the area of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. Dr. Krisberg was appointed to chair an Expert Panel to investigate the conditions in the California Youth Authority. He has recently been named in a consent decree to help develop remedial plans and to monitor many of the mandated reforms in the Youth Authority. He was asked by the Special Litigation Unit of the United States Justice Department to assist in investigations under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation recently appointed him to an Expert Panel on Improving Rehabilitation Programs.

Biographies (con't.)

Laura John Ridolfi

Laura John Ridolfi is the Law and Policy Analyst for the W. Haywood Burns Institute (BI). She provides technical assistance to BI sites in analyzing whether and to what extent policies and practices contribute to racial and ethnic disparities in local juvenile justice systems. She then assists BI sites in developing strategies to reduce disparities.

Prior to the BI, Ridolfi worked for several juvenile and criminal justice organizations across the nation and was a Fulbright Fellow in Kenya, where she conducted original research on the juvenile justice system. Ridolfi is a recent graduate of the University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law. There, she coordinated the Boalt Hall Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and the Youth and Education Law Society, where she created and implemented a street law program for youth in San Francisco and Alameda County juvenile detention facilities.

Ridolfi also sits on the Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee for the State of California's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. She recently coauthored "Adoration of the Question: Reflections on the Failure to Reduce Racial & Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System" with BI Executive Director, James Bell.