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AGENDA

Welcome 1:00 – 1:10 Robert Maccarone State Director, Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives

Interview 1:10 - 2:08 Wansley Walters, Director, Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department interviewed by David Guistina, WAMC/Northeast Public Radio

2:08 - 2:20

Wansley Walters2:20 - 2:35(Follow-up Power Point Presentation)

Intermission/Break

Terri Odom 2:35 – 3:10 "Developing Effective Models of Community Supervision"

Larry Busching 3:10 – 3:45 "The New York City Experience: Expanding Prosecutorial Use of Community-Based Alternatives while Maintaining Public Safety"

Q&A 3:45 – 4:00

Biographies

Laurence Busching

Laurence E. Busching is Chief of the Family Court Division of the New York City Law Department. The Division is responsible for the prosecution of juveniles throughout New York City as well as for the enforcement of interstate child support orders. Some of the major juvenile justice initiatives established by Mr. Busching include a victims' services initiative, a major revamping of the Division's approach to case disposition and the establishment of a Major Case Unit.

From 1990-2004, Mr. Busching served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. The last 4 years of his time in that office were spent as Chief of the Family Violence and Child Abuse Bureau. He has investigated and prosecuted thousands of domestic violence and child abuse cases and also handled other types of homicides and major cases. He also served as Chair of the District Attorneys Association's committee on sex crimes and family violence legislation.

Mr. Busching is a member of a large number of committees and task forces and serves on the Board of Directors for the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault. Mr. Busching is a graduate of Boston College and St. John's Law School and is an adjunct professor at Cardozo Law School.

Terri Odom

Terri Odom is the Director of Court Social Services (CSS), an agency within the District of Columbia Superior Court/Family Court charged with serving as the juvenile probation department for the entire nation's capitol. As the leader of juvenile probation, she has led CSS in the development and implementation of an array of measures, many of which have been nationally recognized, including: citywide curfew monitoring, delinquency prevention efforts, gender specific programming, comprehensive probation supervision, and the nation's first Balanced and Restorative Justice Drop-In Center. Prior to joining CSS in 2005, Ms. Odom served as deputy administrator for the Youth Services Administration, now the Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services (DYRS). She has also served as chair of the District's Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (DC SAG), as well as being a longstanding member. On the national front, Ms. Odom served as director of state policy and programs at the National Mental Health Association (NMHA).

Biographies (con't.)

Wansley Walters

Wansley Walters has been actively involved in child advocacy for over 25 years. She is the Director of the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department whose mission is to serve arrested juveniles, those at-risk of being arrested, and the families of these youth. Formerly known as the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC), the facility has served over 130,000 juvenile arrests in Miami-Dade County since opening in 1997.

Ms. Walters developed and heads a National Demonstration Project with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and national researchers in the field of juvenile justice. Her Department also partners with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and serves as a national juvenile justice model. This model was highlighted in May 2008 at the Juvenile Justice Summit hosted by the White House ONDCP and the U.S. Department of Justice OJJDP in Miami. She is a frequent presenter on juvenile justice at both national and international conferences.

In 2004, Ms. Walters was honored at the "In the Company of Women" ceremony and presented with the *Mayor's Pioneer Award* for her leadership and work in juvenile justice. She currently serves on the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Justice Board and the Miami-Dade Youth Crime Task Force. She is a Member of the Florida Juvenile Justice Association and Chair of the Children's Mental Health Committee for the District 11 Florida Department of Children and Families. Previously, she served as the Chairperson of the Dade Health and Human Services Board and Chairperson of the Dade-Monroe Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Planning Council for the State of Florida.

Before serving as JSD Director, Ms. Walters was a Senior Police Bureau Commander for the Miami-Dade Police Department, responsible for the Bureau which would later emerge as an independent County department, now known as the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department.