

**State Advisory Council On Juvenile Justice
Lander, Best Western Inn May 17th-18th**

Present: Ric Paul, Charley Whiton, Steve Aaron, Bill Runner, Lori Hutchinson, April Dittman, Raine Lowry, Gary Gilmore, Cheryl Jolley, Judge Hartman, Heather Babbitt, Melinda Dennington

Ex Officio and Guests: Sue Chatfield, Beth Evans, Senator Sessions, Jeffrey Holsinger, Heath Steel

Members Not Present: Steve Kozisek, Ed Miller, Ronn Jeffrey, Sharon Bates, Judge Waters, Brandon Snyder, Don Fuller, James Pond

Council Coordinator: Deb Dugan-Doty

Meeting called to order: Ric Paul 1:10pm

Approval of the minutes: Motion made by Raine to approve, motion seconded, motion carried

Update on meeting with the Governor – Ric

- Meeting with the Governor went really well was able to speak regarding initiatives and the Governor will be speaking at the training in November.
- Spoke with John Rivera at LSO and the SACJJ will be on the agenda for Judiciary on June 7th at the Capitol in room 307 and have the opportunity to present the three priorities of the Council.
- Any members are welcome to come to be present. Kathryn Sessions suggest that all members come who can to show support and presence.
- Had a conversation with Tony Lewis regarding the Council and general thoughts about the Council and he seemed more than willing to lend a hand to help accomplish our goals and tasks that need to be accomplish. Ric will ask him to come speak at an upcoming meeting.
- Asked the Governor for a position and the Governor referred him back to DFS for a position and stated the Department should have someone they could dedicate to a fulltime position for the SACJJ. Discussion will take place later during the judiciary regarding a full time position.
- Once we come into compliance it is required that the Department will have a full time position.

Update on the Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) – Raine

- First evening was about lobbying and what you can and cannot do.

- Conversation regarding law just recently passed through legislation Adam Walsh Child Protection and Services Act.
- Prostitution is a problem area in a lot of states and we were able to come up with a recommendation that can be inserted into the JJDP Act. It was passed and moved on to congress and the President.
- Compliance does not include the reservations as they are their own entity, but the kids are put into facilities outside the reservations that can put us out of compliance.
- Raine will give all the internet websites that she or Deb will send out to the group.
- Discussed model programs and best practices throughout the different states OJJDP website has a list of programs that one can take a look at.
- Spoke about having one assessment that would be given to youths that is universal and it would be good to have in this state. Need to collaborate regarding places where youths can go.
- Associated Press has been doing a story regarding the State and Compliance and Raine has done both an interview and photos with them and the story should be coming shortly through the AP.
- The AP is going to follow the Council and will be attending meetings and receiving minutes in order to cover our initiatives.

Overview of how compliance monitoring has been going – Beth Evans

- Funds are now unfrozen, but still have not received funding
- Funds that are frozen are Laramie and Natrona
- Some movement of getting money into the counties as of now
- Compliance monitoring is taking place and has been done in some counties and will be completed by the end of June as the report is due
- Put together a notebook for the folks to have regarding compliance so that may have it to view so that questions may be answered
- Carbon and Uinta would be in compliance if they had rural exception as they would have no violations
- We cannot get rural exception because Wyoming has no law stating detention officers have to be trained in juvenile issues to work with them
- Working with the law enforcement academy to get the training so that we may have the rural exception and have up to 48 hours to detain a youth
- Juvenile Jail roster information is not accurate enough to get what is needed so you have to go through each file. Because of the frozen funds information has not been updated through assessments.com. Many counties have not been trained in utilizing data or entering it in so we are working on training issues
- Due to the above we are hoping that the violations rates are inflated

- SACJJ members who are in the community where I am going are setting up meetings with juvenile justice community folks and it has been going very well. A great experience to have folks come together to see what is going on throughout the county
- Getting some great input during these meetings regarding the counties, square mileage, where they are, and where they need to be
- Hopefully by November's SACJJ meeting this report of information will be put together
- Open discussion regarding assessment and the importance or not of having a universal assessment of youths
- Need to have a plan about DMC. We need the data in order to establish a plan

Break at 2:30 meeting called to order 2:45

Overview of the Juvenile Justice Program in Fremont County – Chuck Kratz

Matt Myers – Coordinator for the Detention Center

Rebecca Alexander – Educational Coordinator

Melinda Cox – Runs both offices in Lander and Riverton

- Juvenile Justice program has been an incremental process. Chuck began in 1983 and over the past 25 years has developed a continuum of service. Youth will go through a screening or intake interview in which you will be able to determine what the youth is fit for. Want to ensure the court get a good background.
- The police can't compel them to come do an intake, but if they are going to court they can come in for an intake
- Options for those who have been ticketed for municipal or circuit court
- Funded through the county 2 general positions and a 1/3 of what the costs are and then use grant money through the JABG and WCCA
- Data from the diversion program 91% are still in or have successfully completed the program
- Pre Court numbers 56% are referred to the program and of that 91% are still in or have successfully completed the program
- At some point became involved with the school district and that was the corner stone for building the JDC through technical assistance with the Council's and OJJDP's help
- The educational program was the cornerstone and the program was built around it
- School credits transferring is an issue, but the detention center is able to work with the schools when the youth is in good standing and if not they will use a pathfinder curriculum
- Detention Center is looking at short term stay

- We are looking at becoming a stand alone instead of a co-located facility to benefit the future of the State of Wyoming

Overview of the Washington Assessment in which the Department of Family Services would like to use – Bob Quick, Administrator of Juvenile Services and Bob James, Supervisor

- The Division of Juvenile Services would like to request funding
- Power point presentation and handout given regarding the Washington Assessment

Open the floor to discussion

- The Council is looking at bringing a Judge from Washington State to speak at the conference regarding the assessment and the success of the instrument to the training in November
- Ric posed the question of how much money the Council has to offer
- Approximately \$150,000 is available to allocate

Questions regarding the assessment

- We are looking at having the instrument web-based
- State Institute for Public Policy website has the information regarding the assessment as well as more information regarding other programs

Motion made by Charley that the council will give money in the amount of \$125,000 only if DFS gets other sources of funding from themselves, Department of Health, and others, motion seconded by Ric, motion carried.

Meeting Concluded 5:45pm

May 18, 2007

Meeting called to order 8:15am

Motion to re-amend the motion made yesterday regarding funding for the juvenile assessment by Bill, motion seconded by Raine, motion carried

Conversation regarding a new motion for the assessment tool and funding

- DFS will invite any entity to be trained on the tool that will possible might be utilizing it
- DFS should have to present a plan for training in order and have it submitted and approved before any money is released

- Motion made that before funds are expended to the Department of Family Services a training plan will be submitted and only if it is approved by the Council funds will be released

Motion by Bill that DFS submit a training plan that will have a marketing and training schedule that will include all entities across the state that service youth and families, Raine seconded, motion carries

Discussion regarding three priorities of the SACJJ that will be presented to Judiciary on June 7th

- In looking at the strategic plan we need to have performance measures, measurable outcomes, see Governor's annual report 2006 for goals of what the SACJJ is looking to accomplish
- What are the issues the Council would like to focus on for the next year that will be submitted to the joint judiciary
- We have talked about data collection and accountability whether or not are money is working for us
- With data collection and assessments.com what is progressing along with Beth's work towards compliance
- Talk about assessment tool and find some way to access services
- Talk about assessment tool and how we are looking at funding it

Three Priorities that the SACJJ with speak with Judiciary are:

- Compliance is one of our goal
- Assessment tools and juvenile policy
 - Under policy touch upon getting to youth early and have a way to access services
- We are making some headway in media coverage in Cheyenne with the AP. Mead with the AP is going to follow us and will be releasing stories. In addition, he will be attending the conference and having media packets developed
 - Our year end report was sent to the media and received good coverage

**Report on the upcoming training/conference in November – Jeff Holsinger
VOA**

- Handouts given
- Recommending charging 50.00 fee for registration
- Recommending having sponsorship and charging to receive funds
- Tony Ross and Ed Buchannan to be invited
- Really promote prosecutors to attend
- Generate participation and keep people engaged

Overview on the Conference November 7-9, 2007 Holiday Inn in Sheridan

- Having Tom B. from OJJDP MC the conference
- Ric will introduce the Governor and speak about the Council
- Keynote speaker Governor
- Hoping that Pat Crank will be in attendance and speak
- Elissa and Beth will then speak regarding the 4 Core Requirements
- Concurrent sessions having three sessions Legislative, Law enforcement, Judicial
- Youth panel discussion and getting first hand experience with folks in the system
- Open sessions profile successful programs throughout the state that have been in compliance
- Subcommittee of the Council for the Awards Banquets, overall assistance, and for general invites
 - Conference subcommittee Gary, April, Raine, Steve, Senator Sessions, Ric
 - Recognize the county commissioners office and their work over the last 10 years

First Lady closing and bringing districts together to state what they are going to do in their area

Youth panel use youth from Wyoming and not from other states

Wyoming youth for advocates can make up the panel

Have SACJJ Members or guest speakers for each breakout lead or moderate

Our next meeting will be the day before the conference any other meeting that comes up will be through the teleconference or video conference

Meeting adjourned 10:07am to visit Fremont County Detention Facility