

# WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

## Meeting Minutes

April 21-22, 2016 • Riverton, WY

### Agenda:

#### **Thursday, April 21, 2016**

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Budget Report/Grant Update
- New Business
- On-Going Business
- Committees

#### **Friday, April 22, 2016**

- Committees
- Community Participation
- Announcements
- Adjournment

#### **Present:**

Adrienne Freng  
Allison Anderson  
Baylee McIntyre  
Chris Jones  
Damon DeBernardi  
Dawnessa Snyder  
Donna Sheen  
Gary Gilmore  
Lisa Finkey  
Michael Sorenson  
Narina Nunez  
Nicole Hauser  
Rene Kemper  
Seth Marshall  
Thomas Rose

#### **Ex-Officio Present**

Jo Ann Numoto

#### **ICI**

Rep. Bob Nicholas

#### **Via Proxy**

Les Pozsgi  
Shad Bates

#### **Others Present**

Brandon Schimelpfenig  
Craig Fisgus  
Steve Corsi (via phone)  
Chuck Kratz  
Jen Neely  
Michelle Mayes  
Melinda Cox  
Susan Shipley  
Tom Meidich  
Patti Granlund  
Linda Barton  
Erin Harvey

#### **Absent**

Bryan Skoric  
Clarence Thomas  
H. Steven Brown  
Mary Hall  
Shane Johnson  
Steven Gilmore

### **Call to Order**

#### **I. Call to Order: Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 17 members.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

January 21-22, 2016 Meeting in Cheyenne. Nicole Hauser stated that there was an error on the date and that it was September 18, 2015 instead of the correct date of January 2016. Dawnessa Snyder motioned to approve the Minutes with changing the date to the correct date and Seth Marshall seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

#### **III. Budget Report/Grant Update - Brandon Schimelpfenig**

- a) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)  
JABG '13 has been expended by City of Cheyenne and Natrona County.
- b) Title II State Advisory Group Award

Title II '13/'14 has \$1,839.76 unobligated. Title II '15 has \$12,432.28 unobligated. It was discussed about making policy changes for reimbursement for travelling for the Council. There is currently no policy for reimbursement for the Council but it was discussed to have only Council members, Ex-Officio, and the Council Coordinator only be reimbursed with Title II funds. The Executive committee will look at possibly making a policy for reimbursement to reflect this and come back with a decision for the Lusk meeting.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **a) Bylaw Changes**

It was discussed in the last meeting to have Ex-Officio be non-voting members of the Council and has now been proposed in the new by-laws. It was also discussed to have Ex-Officio be compensated for their time for travelling. Allison Anderson motioned to adopt the by-law changes of having Ex-Officio be non-voting members, Donna Sheen seconded the motion, all those in favor, motion passed.

##### **b) Current Status of CJSB's**

Brandon Schimelpfenig presented a current status update on how CJSBs in Wyoming are fairing. Brandon stated that there are currently 14 CJSBs with one county pending. Current CJSBs are Albany, Big Horn, Campbell, Carbon, Crook, Fremont, Johnson, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Sheridan, Sweetwater, Teton, and Washakie; with Uinta County pending contract approval. Brandon stated that CJSBs essentially look at current services in their community for juveniles and allocate funds received from the State to go to certain services. For instance, if a CJSB assesses its community and feels it needs a tobacco cessation program then it would allocate the funds received to create said program. It was also discussed to draft up some sort of policy regarding extra CJSB funds after the first half of the biennium and dispersing extra funds to the CJSBs. The ROM data collection update was presented to the Council and the Quarterly Report Spreadsheet was also presented.

#### **V. On-Going Business – Updates from:**

##### **a) Governor's Office (Merit Thomas)**

Merit Thomas is not present so there are no updates

##### **b) Data Collection Update (Brandon Schimelpfenig)**

Nothing that wasn't already stated in the CJSB presentation.

##### **c) DFS Update (Director Corsi)**

--DFS Budget Update

Director Corsi was present via telephone to discuss the DFS budget. Tobacco settlement funds were reduced from DFS by 1.67 million dollars. Travel was greatly reduced so that the field services could complete their face to face contacts with their families/juveniles. Tribal funding was reduced by \$626,801. There will be a hiring freeze in effect for 24 months for DFS. The DFS Burial Program has been cut by the Legislature. Dawnessa Snyder asked Dr. Corsi about the un-expended CJSB funds and the possibility of the dispersement of those funds to active CJSBs. Dr. Corsi stated that some of those funds are going to be used to buy ankle monitors for counties since the tobacco funds were cut.

##### **d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) (Craig Fisgus)**

--PACT Assessments---Call with Counties

Craig stated that VOA has not received the solicitation for the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP) Non-Participating State Grant for the upcoming

fiscal year. There is a new development of the PACT assessment coming out and it's called the MPACT. It is still in the development stages and is not ready to be utilized yet. It was asked to have Brandon Schimelpfenig ask DFS how much was originally spent on the PACT assessment. Brandon Schimelpfenig stated he would have a follow up answer by the next meeting in June 2016.

## **VI. Committees**

- a) Executive Committee – Allison Anderson  
Allison Anderson discussed what the Executive Committee recently discussed in their meeting. She stated they discussed the agenda planning, PACT updates, and the quarterly budget line items presented from DFS. These updates were already stated in the meeting.
- b) Grants Committee – Shad Bates  
No updates
- c) Best Practices – Les Pozsgi  
There was a call relating to the PACT assessment. It was also discussed to have the representative from the PEW Research Foundation and to have her come out to the Lusk meeting and talk to the Council a little more about their processes and research practices.
- d) Outreach/Youth Committee – Allison Anderson, Seth Marshall, Baylee McIntyre  
Allison Anderson discussed following up strategic plan goals relating to outreach to the counties in Wyoming. It was also discussed as to how the Council can communicate with counties better for upcoming meetings. Seth Marshall discussed his updates on the youth committee's outreach to the local community colleges throughout the state. He has not had much luck in getting communication back from the colleges and Adrienne Freng stated she will assist with the contacting.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng  
No updates that weren't already stated in the ROM report.
- f) Legislative Committee – Donna Sheen  
--Juvenile Bills Update  
The Sex Offender bill was passed by the Legislature. The Council's recommendations were shared with the Legislature also. The amendment of the medium and high risk offender made by the Council was passed in the bill and that there will not be any juveniles posted on the public registry. Another bill was discussed at the recent Legislative session for funding for psychiatric residential treatment centers for youth that were there but not under court order. It was also discussed to form a workgroup to discuss PREA and confinement. Dawnessa Snyder motioned and Thomas Rose seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved to form a workgroup for this purpose. Nichole Hauser, Rene Kemper, Thomas Rose, Chris Jones, and Jo Ann Numoto volunteered to be on this work group.
- g) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton  
Maureen Clifton is not present so there are no updates.

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## **VII. Community Participation**

- a) Fremont County DFS, CJSB/JDAI, Day Reporting Center  
Melinda Cox, Susan Shipley, Jen Neely, and Patti Granlund were present to discuss DFS and juvenile justice in Fremont County. Patti Granlund started off the presentation by discussing restorative justice. It involves a more involved approach for punishment and is not punitive. Victims take a more hands on role and, if the victim is willing, the offender comes face to face with the victim in an arranged conference and the victim discusses how this crime has affected them. Community service is also involved. The offender comes to realize that the crime that they committed has affected more than just the victim. Tom Meidich, Deputy County Attorney for Fremont County, discussed juvenile justice in Fremont County. He stated that there are very strong partnerships amongst the County Attorney's office and DFS and law enforcement. He discussed the single point of entry process for Fremont County and stated that it is very helpful from a prosecutor's standpoint. Melinda Cox discussed the CJSB, JDAI, and WYO 10 Day Reporting Center in Fremont County. The Day Reporting Center works alongside all nine school districts. It is a huge asset to Fremont County to keep kids out of juvenile detention. It was stated that for the kids that complete the Center's program, 82% of them graduate on time with their classmates.
- b) Wyoming After School Alliance  
Linda Barton and Erin Harvey from the Wyoming After School Alliance were present to discuss the program. She stated that the After School Alliance has two main goals; prevention and early intervention. She also stated that having something positive for children to do is very key to keeping kids from crime in the after school hours.

#### **VIII. Announcements**

- a) It was decided and voted on amongst the Council that the SACJJ Best Practices Award is going to be named after Neal Madson with his passing and all the work that he did with juveniles for Sheridan County and the State of Wyoming. Nicole Hauser motioned to name the award after him and Seth Marshall seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. The award will now be called the "Neal Madson Excellence In Juvenile Justice Award".
- b) Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be held in Lusk, WY on June 16-17.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dawnessa Snyder, seconded by Damon DeBernardi, motioned passed, meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Next Meeting: June 16-17, 2016, Lusk