

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

January 17-18, 2019 • Cheyenne, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, January 17, 2019

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- New Business
- On-Going Business

Friday, January 18, 2019

- Committee Reports
- Community Participation
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Adrienne Freng
Allison Anderson
Dakota Jackson
Damon DeBernardi
Erin Anderson-Swilling
Jennifer Palser
Michael Sorenson
Narina Nunez
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Jo Ann Numoto
Nicole Gilbert

Via Proxy or Zoom:

Chris Jones (Zoom)
Gary Gilmore (Zoom)
Nicole Hauser (proxy)

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Fiskus
Debra Hibbard
Maureen Clifton
Korin Schmidt
Chad Dunlay
Kiersti Willms
Gay Van Horn

Absent:

Alex Cooley
Clarence Thomas
Justice Orum-Eikanger
Lisa Finkey
Madison Bates
Rene' Kemper
Shad Bates
Steffany Stephenson

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call/Introductions
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 12 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

November 15-16, 2018 meeting in Casper, WY; Thomas Rose motioned to approve the Minutes; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes to approve the Minutes.

III. New Business

- a) Membership Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig
Brandon stated that there is a Title II required membership designation that is possibly not being met at the current time. He stated that Title II requires that a locally elected official be represented on the Council. Narina Nunez and Michael Sorenson both stated that Rene' Kemper was recently elected Mayor of Douglas, WY so she fulfills that

requirement. Brandon stated that he would update his roster and notify the WY Title II state program manager with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

b) 2018 Neal Madson Award Recipient Nomination Review and Selection

Allison Anderson stated that there are currently three (3) nominations for the 2018 award; Johnson, Sheridan, and Sweetwater Counties. All three counties were discussed in detail regarding compliance data, status offense violations, etc. Adrienne Freng motioned to nominate Sheridan County for the 2018 award; Thomas Rose seconded the motion; discussion was had; all in favor; motion passed for Sheridan County as the recipient of the 2018 Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award.

c) Annual Report – Update

Allison Anderson stated that she would be sending out a draft of the 2018 Annual Report to the Council for their review before the next meeting in April.

d) 2019 Council Elections

Elections were held for 2019. Nominations included Allison Anderson for Chair; Nicole Hauser for Vice-Chair; Adrienne Freng, Damon DeBernardi, Narina Nunez, and Dakota Jackson for At-Large; and Damon DeBernardi, Thomas Rose, Michael Sorenson, and Adrienne Freng for the Grants Committee. Votes were collected from members and Allison Anderson remains Chair; Nicole Hauser remains Vic-Chair; Damon DeBernardi, Adrienne Freng, and Narina Nunez remain At-Large members; and Damon DeBernardi, Thomas Rose, Michael Sorenson, and Adrienne Freng remained on the Grants Committee. Adrienne Freng motioned to approve the ballot as listed; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes.

e) Big Picture of Data Discussion and ROM Review

Allison Anderson provided an update about where the consideration of a Results Oriented Management (ROM) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is currently at with the Department of Family Services (DFS). At the previous Council meeting in November 2018, it was asked by Jeff Lamm from DFS for the Council to decide on whether or not the Council would like to enter into an MOU with DFS. Narina Nunez also gave a brief presentation on how to use the juvenile justice ROM site. Brandon Schimelpfenig presented the draft of the MOU to the Council for final consideration.

Narina Nunez motioned for the Council to move forward with the willingness to enter into an MOU for ROM with DFS and also to take over specified ownership duties of the data collection process; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; discussion was had; Chris Jones and Thomas Rose abstained; motion passes by majority.

f) Contact with New Governor's Administration

Brandon Schimelpfenig stated that he has not heard any communications from the Governor's Office about who the new Ex-Officio representative will be. Allison Anderson stated that she would like the Executive Committee to discuss inviting Governor Gordon to a meeting in 2019. She also said that once a contact from the Governor's Office has been chosen, to sit down and discuss the Council's Strategic Plan and Annual Report.

g) Open Topic Discussion from Members:

- i. Committee membership for the Council was discussed. Jennifer Palser requested to be added to the Best Practices committee; Lisa Finkey will be

removed due to her resignation; Nicole Hauser will remain the Chair of the committee. Dakota Jackson and Erin Anderson-Swilling requested to be added to the Outreach committee; Lisa Finkey will be removed; Thomas Rose will remain Chair. Michael Sorenson and Jennifer Palser requested to be added to the Data committee; Adrienne Freng will remain Chair. Narina Nunez requested to step down as Chair of the Legislative committee and for Damon DeBernardi to take her place as chair; Damon accepted her request and is now Chair of the Legislative committee; Lisa Finkey will be removed. Dakota Jackson accepted a request from the Council to become chair of the Youth committee.

IV. On-Going Business – Updates from:

- a) Budget Report/Grant Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig
Title II 2017 has \$4,097.62 remaining. Title II 2018 still has a full \$20,000.00. Part 1 of Title II 2019 has been submitted to OJJDP and approved. Part 2 is due in March 14, 2019 with GMS registration due March 1, 2019.

The Council's website host, WyomingNetwork.com, has sold hosting rights to a company in California. The Council's website is now hosted by Jub Jub Inc.

- b) ROM/Data Collection Update –
No updates that weren't already stated in the ROM Review.
- c) Governor's Office –
No updates as the Council does not currently have an ex-officio assigned from the Governor's Office.
- d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) – Craig Fisgus
Craig recently attended a compliance monitoring training in Baltimore, MD with OJJDP. He stated that OJJDP has recently changed the number of collection points from nine to five. He also stated that they said if states wanted to collect on nine they may do so but are not required to. The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) was recently reauthorized by Congress. Details on new Title II SAG membership requirements should be released soon.

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V. DFS Update/Report – Korin Schmidt

Korin was present to provide an update on DFS. She stated that the agency is still under the Department of Health (DOH) for the time being but that Thomas Forslund has announced his resignation effective at the end of the Wyoming Legislative session. His replacement has been selected; Mike Ceballos. For the Department of Family Services (DFS), there has been no change and the agency is currently in a holding place until Governor Gordon appoints a director. The agency is also undergoing a Program Improvement Plan (PIP). The Family First Act from Congress has been passed and is being looked at by the agency to come into compliance with the Act by October 2021. The Federal Government gave permission for DFS to issue Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits early for the month of February 2019. The Social Services division recently underwent reorganization with staff and their specific job duties. The department is also keeping a close eye on Senate File 0060; Protection of children-child endangerment amendments.

VI. 2018-2020 SACJJ Strategic Plan Final Review

Allison Anderson gave a brief update on the strategic plan. Allison also stated that it would be worth looking into to have discussions with the counties that have county probation as well as DFS probation and see how the Council can assist these counties in any way.

VII. Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee – Allison Anderson

Allison stated that the primary focus will be getting a meeting set up with the Governor's Office around March 2019 to discuss Council priorities and other topics with the Governor.

b) Grants Committee – Allison Anderson/Craig Figus

i. VOA Grant Review: Allison and Craig both stated they did not have any updates.

c) Best Practices – Nicole Hauser

Nicole was not present however Thomas Rose stated that the committee had not met between last meeting and this meeting.

d) Outreach Committee – Thomas Rose

Thomas stated that the committee had not met recently however Erin Anderson-Swilling has been added to the committee.

e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng

Adrienne was not present today however Narina Nunez stated that there were no updates that weren't already stated in the ROM update.

f) Legislative Committee – Narina Nunez/Damon DeBernardi

The position of committee Chair has been passed over to Damon DeBernardi from Narina Nunez. Damon stated that he looked at proposed ICJ rules from the national office and he stated that any proposed rules needed to be submitted to the national ICJ office by 01/15/19 however he stated that he did not see any rules that looked they needed to be reviewed in-depth and commented on by the Council. He also stated that the new rules would be officially proposed at the annual ICJ business meeting in

September 2019 and he said prior to that meeting that the Legislative committee would look at the proposed rules then and discuss them.

Damon also said the only juvenile justice related bill currently in Wyoming Legislature being looked at is the juvenile records expungement bill; HB0044.

- g) Youth Member Committee – Dakota Jackson
Dakota Jackson has been named Chair of the Youth committee. Dakota stated that she has four potential youth members that will be applying for membership.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton
Maureen stated that she is the new Commissioner for Wyoming replacing Gary Hartman. She also stated that DFS is currently training another backup person for ICJ, Brian DeTavernier, so that he may serve as a backup as Lauri Lamm is no longer in the Social Services division. She said that the national office will be conducting an audit on the compact states soon but that an official list of specific states has not been sent out yet nor has a specific date been set. One thing that has been coming up as an issue is the concern of using detention for runaways and that some counties don't necessarily want to place runaways in detention however it was explained that if they are a danger to themselves or others or if they are a run-risk, they can be placed in detention.

VIII. Community Participation

- a) Laramie County Community Juvenile Services Joint Powers Board
Gay Van Horn was present to discuss updates in Laramie County for the Board. She stated that as of right now there no juveniles in the crisis shelter. Michael Sorenson also explained the importance of the crisis shelter and the juvenile services center in the community.
- b) Laramie County DFS
Chad Dunlay, district manager for Laramie County DFS, and Kiersti Willms, probation supervisory for Laramie County DFS, were present to speak to the current state of DFS in the Laramie County area. Chad stated that there are currently 112 open probation cases in Laramie County and that includes CHINS petitions and delinquency petitions. He stated this number has been steadily declining over the years. Placement numbers have also been declining as he stated that Laramie County currently has 40 juveniles in out-of-home placements including residential treatment, Wyoming Boy's/Girl's School, and also psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF). Kiersti stated that one thing that has increased lately is fighting citations in the local schools. Chad stated that Laramie County has also seen a steady number of ICJ cases from CO.
- c) Meadowlark
Meadowlark Academy was not present.

IX. Announcements

- a) Next Meeting
The next meeting will be on April 18-19, 2019 in Sheridan, WY.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Thomas Rose; Michael Sorenson seconded the motion; motion carried; meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Next Meeting: April 18-19, 2019 in Sheridan, WY.