

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

June 21-22, 2018 • Green River, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, June 21, 2018

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- New Business
- On-Going Business
- Tour-Sweetwater Co. JDC

Friday, June 22, 2018

- Committee Reports
- Community Participation
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Adrienne Freng
Allison Anderson
Damon DeBernardi
Michael Sorenson
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Christina McCabe (Zoom)
Nicole Gilbert
Jo Ann Numoto

ICI:

Brandon Schimelpfenig

Via Proxy:

Chris Jones
Madison Bates
Rene' Kemper
Shad Bates

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Figus
H. Dawnessa Snyder
Korin Schmidt (Zoom)
Karin Kelly

Absent:

Alex Cooley
Baylee McIntyre
Bryan Skoric
Clarence Thomas
Gary Gilmore
Lisa Finkey
Seth Marshall
Shane Johnson
Steffany Stephenson
H. Steven Brown

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 11 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

April 19-20, 2018 meeting in Wheatland, WY; Thomas Rose motioned to approve the Minutes; Nicole Hauser seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes to approve the Minutes.

III. New Business

a) 2017 Neal Madson Award Event Update

The meeting to organize a presentation meeting date has been moved to 06/25/18. It was discussed about inviting Neal Madson's widow however she has since moved to South Dakota. It was stated to still invite her. The presentation meeting date has not been finalized to date.

b) Moving September Meeting Dates

The Executive committee met and discussed the September 2018 SACJJ meeting dates of 9/20 and 9/21 and discussed moving them back by one week to 9/27 and 9/28 due to the fact that the Chair, Allison Anderson, and the Vice-Chair, Nicole Hauser, will not be able to attend the meeting due to schedule conflicts. Nicole Hauser motioned to amend the 2018 meeting location/date schedule that was approved at the January 2018 meeting to reflect the September 2018 date change; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed to change the September 2018 meeting dates from 9/20-/9/21 to 9/27-9/28.

c) SACJJ Group Email Option

Brandon Schimelpfenig presented an option to the Council to create a group email for the Council to use internally when sending out SACJJ news, questions, etc. Brandon stated that DFS would maintain the individuals on the email listserv and keep the list accurate. Narina Nunez motioned to approve the group email address for SACJJ use only; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

d) Open Topic Discussion from Members:

a. Casper's City Ordinance

Nicole Hauser discussed the recent Casper city ordinance about minors in possession of alcohol being placed in detention or probation and if the Council wanted to take a stance on the topic. Allison Anderson stated that the Council already plans on discussing a few topics with the next Governor and that she can put this topic on the list of topics to discuss.

b. Alive at 25 program

Adrienne Freng asked of the Council if anyone knows of a community in the state that uses the Alive at 25 program to please email her and let her know.

IV. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Budget Report/Grant Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig

Title II 2017 has \$16,343.03 remaining. The Title II 2018 application has been submitted to OJJDP for the amount of \$20,000.00.

b) ROM /Data Collection Update – Jeff Lamm

Jeff Lamm was not present but he provided his update to Brandon Schimelpfenig. Brandon stated that the only ROM/Data Collection update is that the contract has been completed to extend ROM for another year and asked the Council when they would like to assume management of ROM. Allison Anderson stated that she spoke with Gary Hartman with the Governor's Office about the topic mainly to gain guidance for the Council on the topic of assuming management of data collection efforts for ROM. The two main topics of concern from the Governor's Office were if the Council can legally enter into an MOU with DFS for this purpose and that Gary felt that as a volunteer board for the Governor that the Council would need to hire someone to manage ROM on behalf of the Council. Brandon stated that he would go back to his administrators, ask

these questions, and obtain answers for the Council before the next meeting in Pinedale. Allison also stated that she can ask Korin Schmidt about the topic during her DFS Update tomorrow at 8:30 AM.

- c) Governor's Office – Gary Hartman
Gary Hartman was not present for a Governor's Office update.
- d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) – Craig Fisgus
Craig stated that VOA is considering making some significant changes, due to various reasons, to the Juvenile Jail Roster that is reported on by certain counties around the state. He stated that a rough estimate of the cost for changes is around \$17,000.00. Craig stated that VOA has been awarded the 2017 supplement to the 2015 Non-Participating State Grant award from OJJDP. He said that in total there was about \$353,000 in requests from counties and they had only budgeted \$161,000.00. Craig stated that each county received about 40% of what they requested. He also stated that Wyoming no longer be required to submit compliance monitoring data annually but rather submit performance measure data on a quarterly basis. He also stated that the JJDPA has passed the U.S. Senate and House and is currently in reconciliation but has not been reauthorized to date.
- e) FACJJ Update – Clarence Thomas
Clarence was not present to present an update.
- f) Strategic Plan Review
Allison Anderson discussed progress on the Council's Strategic Plan. The Council reviewed the strategic plan and determined they were in-progress or had completed all appropriate tasks at this time, and would continue to work towards reaching all specified deadlines.
- g) Membership Renewals/New Member Recruitments
Membership renewals for members are coming up in August 2018 and members whose terms are set to expire are urged to submit their re-applications to the Governor's Office as soon as they can. Membership renewals and membership requirements were discussed with the Governor's Office during a meeting and Gary Hartman said that he would check with the contact responsible for processing applications. It was assigned to the Outreach Committee to put together a recruitment notice to send to the local CJSBs across the state for recruiting purposes. Narina Nunez also stated that it might be a good idea to have each candidate in the upcoming Governor election attend via Zoom at the Pinedale meeting in September and have the Council introduce themselves.

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V. DFS Update/Report – Korin Schmidt

Korin was present via Zoom video conference to provide an update on DFS. Korin stated that the Trump administration is really focusing on work requirements for benefits and education/training; this is for self-sufficiency purposes. Korin spoke on the topic of the Department's usage of the Wyoming Boy's School (WBS) and the Wyoming Girl's School (WGS). She stated that if it is considered programmatically appropriate and in support for the juvenile's Pre-Dispositional Report (PDR) for a juvenile to be placed at the WBS or WGS then the juvenile will be placed there. Craig Fisgus then had a few budgetary concerns he wanted to ask of Korin. Korin then wanted to reiterate that DFS is simply one voice at the MDT that chooses where to place the juvenile in situations like these and that the choice is ultimately not that of DFS but rather the courts. Allison then brought up the topic of the Council assuming management for the juvenile justice side of ROM. Korin stated the data is only accurate if there is someone to manage and police the data to make sure it is accurate. Allison then asked Korin why the Restorative Justice language was inserted into the CJSB contract. Korin stated that she could not speak to that and that it should be discussed with Jeff Lamm or Marty Nelson with DFS.

VI. Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee – Allison Anderson

Allison stated that the Executive Committee has been keeping track of Strategic Plan progress. She stated that she met with Gary Hartman with the Governor's Office regarding recruitment efforts and also ROM management questions. She stated that she will try and get Eydie Trautwein from the Children's Justice Project (CJP) to a SACJJ meeting before the end of the year to present. No other updates that weren't already stated in the Membership Renewals/New Member Recruitments portion.

b) Grants Committee – Allison Anderson/Craig Fisgus

- VOA Grant Review

Allison stated that Craig would be changing language on the scoring sheet for the Non-Participating State Grant awards from language concerning sustainability to recidivism and outcomes.

c) Best Practices – Nicole Hauser

It was discussed to look into the effectiveness of Restorative Justice.

d) Outreach Committee – Thomas Rose

It was stated that Thomas and the Outreach committee will be drafting a recruitment document to send out to all for the CJSB contacts for recruiting purposes and that this documents should be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng

Adrienne was not present for an update but Narina Nunez stated that a meeting will be scheduled with DFS to discuss ROM.

f) Legislative Committee – Narina Nunez

No updates from Narina Nunez however Christina McCabe from the Attorney General's office stated that Joint Judiciary Interim Committee with the Wyoming Legislature will be looking at a draft of a bill for the expungement of juvenile records.

- g) Youth Member Committee – Baylee McIntyre
Baylee was not present for an update.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton
Maureen was not present however an update was provided by Brandon Schimelpfenig for ICJ. There is no news from the National Office for ICJ. Annual dues have been paid for WY's Compact membership in the amount of \$12,000.00. Brandon Schimelpfenig recently received a staff recognition award from the National Office for ICJ for his efforts with juveniles. Brandon Schimelpfenig, Maureen Clifton, and Christina McCabe will be presenting an ICJ/ICPC/ICWA breakout session at the Joint Symposium with Children's Justice Project and Victim's Services.

VII. Community Participation

- a) Sweetwater County Attorney's Office/Sweetwater County Juvenile Probation (Damon DeBernardi/Karin Kelly)
Damon DeBernardi and Karin Kelly, director for Sweetwater County juvenile probation, presented single point of entry numbers from Sweetwater County. He stated that Sweetwater County is quite privileged in that they have county probation in addition to DFS probation. He stated that Sweetwater County has three levels of diversion available to juveniles. He said that currently there is a high level of CHINS (Child in Need of Supervision) cases. It was also stated that detention numbers have gone down every year for the past few years. One thing that Damon stated that he thinks that Sweetwater County needs is a higher level of substance abuse care for juveniles. He stated that there is no level 3.5 care available in the county and he stated that Sweetwater County needs that level of care as more and more juveniles are coming into the system with that recommended level of substance abuse treatment. Damon stated that the two school districts are very different as far as referring juveniles to the School Resource Officer (SRO). Damon said that Rock Springs tends to refer all juveniles who break the rules at school to the SRO and that Green River only refers juveniles as a last resort when all other options have failed to correct the juvenile's behavior.

VIII. Announcements

- a) Next Meeting
The next meeting will be on September 27-28 in Pinedale, WY.
- b) Dept. of Health Ex-Officio (Nicole Gilbert)
Nicole stated that starting July 1, 2018 Albany County will have their new Juvenile Court up and running and have been allotted four slots to start with.
- c) Dept. of Education Ex-Officio (Jo Ann Numoto)
Jo Ann said that some Council members might be contacted by the Wyoming Dept. of Corrections for information regarding expertise on public safety.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Thomas Rose, Narina Nunez seconded the motion, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Next Meeting: September 27-28, 2018, Pinedale, WY.