

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

June 20-21, 2019--Worland, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, June 20, 2019

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

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- DFS Update/Report
- Community Participation
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Adrienne Freng
Dakota Jackson
Damon DeBernardi
Gary Gilmore
Michael Sorenson
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Christina McCabe (Zoom)
Nicole Gilbert

Via Proxy or Zoom:

Chris Jones (Zoom)
Erin Anderson-Swilling (Zoom)
Jennifer Palser (Zoom)

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Fisgus
Dale Weber
Korin Schmidt (Zoom)
Sheri Gunderson
Shari Rogers
Jacquelyn Wasser
Pennie Anderson

Absent:

Alex Cooley
Clarence Thomas
Justice Orum-Eikanger
Madison Bates
Shad Bates
Steffany Stephenson

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call/Introductions
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 10 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

April 18-19, 2019 meeting in Sheridan, WY; Adrienne Freng motioned to approve the Minutes; Thomas Rose and Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes to approve the Minutes.

III. New Business

a) Vice Chair Election

Adrienne Freng nominated Damon DeBernardi; Damon accepted the nomination; Nicole Hauser motioned to approve the ticket of Damon DeBernardi as Vice Chair; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; all in favor; Damon DeBernardi elected as Vice Chair.

As Damon was on the Executive Committee previously as an At-Large member, his position consequently became vacant. To fill this At-Large position, Thomas Rose nominated Dakota Jackson and Damon DeBernardi nominated Michael Sorenson. Both Dakota and Michael accepted the nominations. Narina Nunez and Thomas Rose motioned to approve the ticket with nominations for Dakota Jackson and Michael Sorenson; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes. Votes were communicated by paper ballot from the Council and Michael Sorenson was voted in. The Executive Committee now consists of Nicole Hauser as Chair, Damon DeBernardi as Vice-Chair and, Adrienne Freng, Narina Nunez, and Michael Sorenson as At-Large members.

b) E-Citations

Adrienne Freng brought up the topic of e-citations and the fact that in some counties, the citations are going straight in to the court system and bypassing its respective Single Point of Entry team. Adrienne stated that this is cause for concern as these particular cases bypass the team and don't get screened for other options such as diversion and also creates a formal record for the juvenile. The Council discussed options for communicating with counties concerning this issue. Narina Nunez motioned to approve the drafting of an email to Wyoming counties requesting information on e-citations and their Single Point of Entry; Michael Sorenson seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes. Nicole Hauser stated she would draft up the email and then send it out to the full Council for edits and final approval.

c) CJSB Info. Sharing Meeting

Adrienne Freng stated that she was recently at a juvenile justice conference and was asked for information on Wyoming Community Juvenile Service Boards (CJSB). She stated that she was not sure she was able to divulge certain information regarding counties applications and other information so she brought up the question to the full Council for discussion. A discussion was had on the possibility of bringing representatives from all the CJSBs together for a meeting to share ideas, current programs that are working well in their area, etc. The Council seemed to be in support of a meeting like this and discussed how to go about coordinating this meeting. It was discussed to possibly hold it in October 2020 and in a central location. The Outreach Committee was tasked with researching options.

d) Council Membership

Rene' Kemper has resigned from the Council as well as Allison Anderson. Rene' also filled a certain membership designation required per the grant application; a locally elected official. Nicole Hauser brought up that this designation needs to be filled as soon as possible and for Council members to recruit from districts if they know of any interested individuals. Brandon Schimelpfenig also brought up expiring members and their terms. He stated that Alex Cooley, youth member from District 1 (Laramie County), has a term expiring on 06/30/19 and Madison Bates, youth member from District 8 (Goshen County), also has a term expiring on 06/30/19. Chris Jones (District 4, Wyoming Girl's School) has term expiring on 08/31/19. Steffany Stephenson, youth member from District 3 (Sweetwater County), has a term expiring on 08/31/19. Chris

stated she was interested in applying for another term. Dakota Jackson stated she recently spoke with Madison and Madison said she was interested in reapplying as well.

e) Open Topic Discussion from Members:

Thomas Rose stated he would like to talk with the Council about the possibility of bringing in a speaker to the next scheduled Council meeting in Laramie. He stated that she is a White House adviser on opioid abuse and education regarding opioids. He also stated she is an expert in rural funding for low-population counties. He said that she has created a funding tool that finds funding for rural counties with populations not exceeding 50,000.

Nicole Hauser wanted to state that the 2019 State Relations and Assistance Division (SRAD) National Conference will be held in Kansas City, MO on 09/24/19-09/26/19 and that Damon DeBernardi, Thomas Rose and Brandon Schimelpfenig will be attending to represent WY's State Advisory Group (SAG). Craig Fiskus from VOA will also be attending the conference for the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) sessions.

IV. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Annual Report Update – Nicole Hauser

Nicole wanted to state to the Council that the 2018 Annual Report has been submitted to the Governor's Office in April. She also wanted to state that the annual reports moving forward will be compiled on an ongoing basis during the year as opposed to just at the end of the year in order to expedite the submission of the report.

b) Neal Madson Award Presentation – Nicole Hauser/Craig Fiskus

Nicole stated that the Neal Madson Award presentation will take place on 08/05/19 at 12pm in Sheridan, WY.

c) ROM MOU Language Review – Adrienne Freng

Adrienne stated that the Data Committee met and discussed the ROM MOU with DFS language. She said that they would also be meeting this evening to discuss more language.

d) Budget Report/Grant Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig

Title II 2017 has been fully expended. Title II 2018 has \$18,147.36 remaining. Part 1 and Part 2 Title II 2019 have been submitted and are awaiting final approval from OJJDP.

e) ROM/Data Collection Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig/Debra Hibbard

Brandon Schimelpfenig stated there were no updates. Adrienne Freng stated that she, Craig Fiskus from VOA, and Melissa Irvine from Albany County met recently to discuss the merging of two data collection sheets being used by counties; the CJSB ROM data collection sheet submitted to DFS and the DMC data sheet submitted to Craig Fiskus. Adrienne stated that more discussions will be held soon.

f) Governor's Office – Erin Johnson

Nicole Hauser stated that she had a call with Erin Johnson recently and asked her what the Governor's vision for juvenile justice will be and the direction for the Council to move in order to align with the Governor's ideas and vision for juvenile justice in Wyoming. Nicole stated that Erin asked for the Council to really focus on educating the Governor about the Council and issues facing juveniles in Wyoming. Erin also stated

that the Governor's Office received the 2018 SACJJ Annual Report and suggested that Nicole put together a one page summary as she feels that the Governor would be more apt to read a one page summary of the report rather than the current version. Nicole also said that she would talk with the Governor's scheduler to see if Governor Gordon can attend the September 2019 meeting in Laramie.

- g) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) – Craig Fisgus
Craig reiterated that he and Adrienne Freng met with Melissa Irvine from Albany County and discussed the merging of the two data collection sheets from VOA and DFS. He also stated that the sub-grants from the Non-Participating State Grant from OJJDP have essentially been in “limbo” as OJJDP has not released budgets to states yet. That consequently delays the solicitations from Craig at VOA as he does not know how much each applying county will be eligible for in the upcoming fiscal cycle. He stated he is unsure when the budget will be sent from OJJDP but that he would most likely send out the solicitation for applications to the counties soon.
- h) 2018-2020 SACJJ Strategic Plan: Review and Updates
Nicole Hauser discussed the current strategic plan and whether certain goals and activities have been achieved or are in-progress.

V. Committee Reports

- a) Executive Committee – Nicole Hauser
Nicole stated the committee had a call and that all updates had already been shared earlier in the meeting.
- b) Grants Committee – Nicole Hauser/Craig Fisgus
VOA Grant Review: Craig stated he would like to set up a time and date for the data committee to come together and score the Non-Participating State Grant applications from counties before when they are due to OJJDP on September 9. It was discussed amongst the committee and it was decided to meet on 08/23/19 at 11a. The scoring meeting will take place in Cheyenne at the State Office for DFS.
- c) Best Practices – Thomas Rose
Thomas stated that the committee has not met since the last meeting in April but would like to get the group together and meet today. He stated that restorative justice will be the topic of discussion.
- d) Outreach Committee – Thomas Rose
Thomas stated that the committee had not met since the last meeting in April but would like to meet tonight after the meeting concludes for the day. He stated the topic of discussion will be the proposed conference for CJSB representatives across the state.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
Adrienne stated they will be meeting tonight to discuss the ROM MOU language.
- f) Legislative Committee – Damon DeBernardi
Damon stated that there are three things he would like to discuss with the committee. The first being an alleged e-citations statute; the second being the e-citation topic discussed by Adrienne; and third being the Single Point of Entry statute. He stated that by 07/23/19 for the legislative committee to please read through the state statute for

juvenile records expungement and also the Single Point of Entry statute and be ready to discuss them at a follow-up meeting set by Damon.

g) Youth Member Committee – Dakota Jackson

Dakota stated that she will be reaching out to prospective youth members about applying for the Council. She also stated she would reach out to the current youth members to see if they are interested in re-applying for another term.

h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton

Maureen was not present however Brandon Schimelpfenig stated for agenda purposes to please use his name for ICJ updates. He also stated that Wyoming ICJ recently underwent an audit by the national office for ICJ and passed with 100% compliance. During this audit they reviewed online data in the ICJ data system, Juvenile Interstate Data System (JIDS), such as making sure quarterly reports and home evaluations were submitted in a timely manner, making sure runaways were returned in a timely manner, and also making sure all necessary documents were in order.

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VI. DFS Update/Report – Korin Schmidt

Korin was present via Zoom video conferencing to present on DFS. She stated that Pat Arp, current Chief of Staff in the Governor's Office, is retiring soon and that there will be some transition in staff at the Governor's Office. Korin asked Nicole if she had a chance to meet with Erin Johnson in the Governor's Office. Nicole stated yes but that she just briefly outline the purpose of the Council. Korin also stated that she did not have any updates regarding the Governor's vision towards juvenile justice and that after the transition in staff would be a good time to bring up the question of the Governor's vision in juvenile justice. Korin briefly described the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) pertaining to the Department of Family Services. She stated that Wyoming has until October 1, 2021 to come into compliance with the requirements of the FFPSA.

VII. Community Participation

a) Washakie County Dept. of Family Services

Jacquelyn Wasser, district manager for district 5, Pennie Anderson, social services supervisor for Hot Springs and Washakie counties, and Shari Rogers, caseworker for Washakie County DFS were present to discuss DFS in the area. Jacquelyn stated that district 5 recently had some staff reorganization due to the former district 5 manager being promoted to field services administrator so there was some shuffling of supervisors and caseworkers assigned to areas. Shari stated that typical charges for probation cases in Worland are for substance abuse such as marijuana and methamphetamine. She also stated burglary, larceny, destruction of property and MIP (minor in possession) are some of the other charges that are on the rise in the area. Jacquelyn stated that some of the strengths in the area are collaboration efforts with different agencies. Shari also stated that some of the areas weaknesses are funding sources and prevention services before a child goes into placement. She also stated that one thing that was recently incorporated was the Activity Pass program with the Washakie Prevention Coalition. This program is for at-risk youth and is a voucher that can be presented for sports programs such as local soccer or football clubs or CrossFit gyms and is used to pay for application fees if the juvenile was otherwise unable to pay for these activities.

- b) Washakie County CJSB
Sheri Gunderson stated that she was filling in for Sarah Garcia who was traveling for work however she stated that she is not knowledgeable enough on the Washakie County diversion program to speak on it.
- c) Washakie County Youth Alternatives
Sheri Gunderson was present to discuss Washakie County Youth Alternatives. She presented a handout to the Council.
- d) Wyoming Boy's School (followed by a tour)
Gary Gilmore presented on the history and current status of the Wyoming Boy's School (WBS). He stated that the capacity for the WBS is 100 and currently are at 72. He stated that the average length of stay is about 7.6 months. Gary said that the WBS opened in 1911. He stated the WBS also recently underwent a scheduled Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit and unofficially passed; the auditor has 45 days to submit the final report to the state DFS PREA coordinator.

VIII. Announcements

- a) Nicole Hauser stated that she would be putting together a one-page summary on the Council's purpose and will send it out to the full Council for suggestions and edits with a quick turnaround timeframe before submitting to the Governor's Office. She also stated that she would be drafting an email to send out district attorney's across the state regarding Single Point of Entry and the issues regarding e-citations. She stated she would send out the draft email to the full Council for suggestions and edits before final submission. She reminded members to please reach out and recruit prospective individuals to the Council.
- b) Next Meeting
The next meeting will be on September 12-13, 2019 in Laramie, WY.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Adrienne Freng; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried; meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.