

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

November 19-20, 2020: Via ZOOM due to COVID-19

Agenda:

Thursday, November 19, 2020

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- New Business
- Ongoing Business
- Committee Reports and Committee Work Sessions

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

Present:

Abbey Kercher
Adrienne Freng
Chris Jones
Dakota Jackson
Damon DeBernardi
Erica Wood
Jennifer Palser
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser
Stacy Nelson
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Christina McCabe
Jen Davis
Jo Ann Numoto

Via Proxy:

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Figus
Korin Schmidt
Maureen Clifton
Robert Ricks
Wendy Picard
Rene' Kemper

Absent:

Clarence Thomas
Gary Gilmore
Justice Orum-Eikanger
Melinda Cox
Shad Bates
Steffany Stephenson

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call/Introductions
- b) Declaration of Quorum; a quorum was established with eleven (11) members present.

II. Approval of Minutes:

September 17-18, 2020 meeting via Zoom; Damon DeBernardi motioned to approve the Minutes; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

III. New Business:

- a) 2021 Meeting Dates/Locations

The SACJJ discussed 2021 meeting dates and locations. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the SACJJ decided to conduct all meetings via Zoom but still focus on individual sites during the community participation portion of the meetings. After discussion, January 14-15, April 15-16, June 17-18, September 16-17, and November 18-19 were chosen as meeting dates.

- b) Open Topic Discussion from Members
No open topics from members.
- c) Public Comment Period
No speakers.
- d) Updates from 2020 OJJDP SRAD Conference
Craig Fisgus, Erica Wood, Jennifer Palser and Brandon Schimelpfenig discussed topics that were presented during the 2020 OJJDP SRAD Conference that was held virtually. Jennifer stated that a lot of the funding sources which were discussed during sessions were only for Participating States as opposed to Non-Participating States with the JJDPA so that would make Wyoming ineligible for those sources.
- e) Intern with SACJJ
Adrienne Freng discussed the possibility of looking into the process to have an intern with the SACJJ through the University of Wyoming and the Department of Family Services (DFS). Adrienne stated that most likely it would need to be either Brandon Schimelpfenig with DFS or a specific committee chair that would be supervising the intern. Discussion was held and Brandon stated that he would check with his administration about the process of supervising an intern and the approval process.
- f) Challenge Grant with UW
Narina Nunez and Adrienne Freng discussed the Challenge Grant opportunity with the University of Wyoming to assist CJSB funding. The amount of funding is unknown at this time. Narina requested a letter of support from the SACJJ to apply for the funding. Damon DeBernardi motioned in support for Nicole Hauser to write a letter of support for Narina and Adrienne to apply for the funding; Erica Wood seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carries.

IV. On-Going Business – Updates From:

- a) Governor's Office – Jen Davis
 - (i) Discussion around SACJJ Membership:
Nicole Hauser discussed SACJJ membership and more specifically being involved in the review and selection of new applicants as there have been several applicants that have applied and quite a few are from one area. Narina Nunez also brought up the concern for timely responses from the Governor's Office regarding their application status.
- b) Council Membership – Brandon Schimelpfenig
Numerous applications have been received by the Governor's Office. There are also numerous SACJJ members that are coming up on expiring terms.
- c) Budget Report/Grant Update –
Brandon informed the SACJJ that Title II 2018 has \$448.55 remaining. Title II 2019 has a full \$20,000.00 remaining. Title II 2020 is currently awaiting acceptance from DFS however there have been some technical issues in the new grants management system, JustGrants. These issues are hoped to be resolved soon.
- d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) –
Craig stated he attended virtual sessions with the OJJDP National SRAD Conference and that there will be changes coming in December 2021 regarding the four core protections. Laramie County JSC and Sweetwater County JDC are still not accepting out-

of-county juveniles. Campbell County JDC is accepting juveniles from other counties and the Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Casper is severely restricting the types of juvenile they are accepting. Craig also reviewed the quarterly detention numbers with the SACJJ.

- e) 2020 Annual Report Recommendations – Review, Edit, Approve – Nicole Hauser
Nicole reviewed the 2020 Annual Report with the SACJJ and discussed final recommendations and revisions. Adrienne Freng motioned to approve the 2020 Annual Report with the discussed recommendations from the SACJJ; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion approved.

V. Committee Reports and Committee Work Sessions

- a) Executive Committee – Nicole Hauser
No updates
- b) Grants Committee – Nicole Hauser
No updates
- c) Best Practices – Thomas Rose
No updates
- d) Outreach Committee – Dakota Jackson
 - (i) Summit Training Updates: Adrienne stated that the summits have been going very well and that there has been positive feedback regarding the trainings. The last one was focusing on data and more specifically what each CJSB could do with the JJ ROM data that is submitted each quarter. The next summit will focus on grant writing but a date has not been set yet. Dakota stated that she would like to be taken off as Chair of the Outreach Committee.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
No updates
- f) Legislative Committee – Damon DeBernardi
 - (i) Damon stated that there are no updates at this time but that he will be watching the upcoming session regarding CJSB statute changes and other criminal statutes.
- g) Youth Member Committee – Dakota Jackson
No updates from Dakota. There are several applicants that have applied to the SACJJ that are youth.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton
Maureen stated that historically the SACJJ and ICJ State Council have always been a combined council and that while completing the Wyoming ICJ Annual Report for the National Office, she noted that the report request ICJ membership designations. Currently there are five (5) required designations: Legislative, Judicial, Executive, Victim Services, and a representative from the ICJ State Office. Maureen went on to state that the Legislative and Executive designations are already being filled but that the Judicial, Victim Services, and ICJ State Office positions will need to be filled. Maureen stated that she will work with Brandon Schimelpfenig and the necessary entities to get these spots filled so that Wyoming will not be found to be out-of-compliance with State Council membership requirements.

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VI. DFS Update/Report – Korin Schmidt

Director Korin Schmidt was present to discuss the recent budget reductions for the agency and answer any questions from the SACJJ. Korin stated there is some legislation that is coming up regarding priority populations for community mental health and substance abuse centers and their systems via contracts through Department of Health. Korin then reviewed the proposed Step 3 budget reductions for the agency. One area that Korin focused on was the closure of a dorm at each of the Wyoming Girl's School and the Wyoming Boy's School due to low census populations.

VII. Community Participation

a) Converse County DFS

Robert Ricks and Wendy Picard were present to discuss current trends in Converse County that DFS is seeing. Wendy stated that probation case numbers have remained steady even with COVID-19. She stated that Robert currently has about 15 probation cases. Child protection case reports have decreased slightly.

b) Rene' Kemper – Executive Director of Youth Development Services and Mayor of Douglas: Rene' shared information on Youth Development Services and the group home in her area. She stated that budget cuts have impacted her operations hard. She stated that crisis case numbers have been trending upwards.

VIII. Announcements

Brandon stated that OJJDP is requesting applications to the Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ). The next SACJJ meeting will be January 14 and 15, 2021.

IX. Adjournment

Thomas Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting; Adrienne Freng seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.