

# WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

## Meeting Minutes

November 15-16, 2018 • Casper, WY

### Agenda:

#### **Thursday, November 15, 2018**

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

#### **Friday, November 16, 2018**

- Committee Reports
- Community Participation
- Announcements
- Adjournment

#### **Present:**

Clarence Thomas  
Dakota Jackson  
Damon DeBernardi  
Jennifer Palser  
Narina Nunez  
Nicole Hauser  
Shad Bates  
Thomas Rose

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

Christina McCabe (Zoom)  
Nicole Gilbert

#### **Via Proxy or Zoom:**

Adrienne Freng (proxy)  
Allison Anderson (Zoom)  
Chris Jones (Zoom)  
Erin Anderson-Swilling (proxy)  
Gary Gilmore (Zoom)  
Madison Bates (proxy)  
Rene' Kemper (proxy)

#### **Others Present:**

Brandon Schimelpfenig  
Craig Fiskus  
Wayne Beatty  
Donna Sheen (Zoom)  
Carol Byer  
Whitney Lamb  
Traci Blevins

#### **Absent:**

Alex Cooley  
Justice Orum-Eikanger  
Lisa Finkey  
Michael Sorenson  
Steffany Stephenson

### **Call to Order**

#### **I. Call to Order: Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 15 members.

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

September 27-28, 2018 meeting in Pinedale, WY; Narina Nunez motioned to approve the Minutes; Nicole Hauser seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes to approve the Minutes.

### III. New Business

- a) Membership Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig
  - i. New Member Orientation training was held this morning at 10:00 AM for new members on the Council. Dakota Jackson (youth member), Erin Anderson-Swilling, Jennifer Palser, and Justice Orum-Eikanger (youth member) were all appointed by the Governor to the Council. Brandon Schimelpfenig stated that there are a few vacancies on the Council pertaining to designated districts around the state. Possible replacements were discussed to fill these district vacancies.
  
- b) 2018 Neal Madson Award Recipient Nominations

Craig Fiskus with Volunteers of America (VOA) discussed nominations for and options for the 2018 Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award. Craig stated that even though possible recipients should be discussed, 2018 is not over yet and that he would like to present possible recipient counties at the January 2019 meeting in Cheyenne, WY. Selection criteria were also discussed briefly.
  
- c) Annual Report – Review Draft Content, Full Council Input

Allison Anderson discussed the 2018 Annual Report being drafted by the Executive Committee and its contents. Data from ROM, the Children’s Justice Project, and Donna Sheen’s data project were discussed about possible being included on the Annual Report. Other key pieces were also discussed about being included such as 2018 locations visited, key topics discussed at meetings, a letter from the Chair, recurring themes and needs from communities, and photos from meetings. Council members gave their input on other topics to include in the Report.
  
- d) 2019 Meeting Dates & Locations

Dates and locations were proposed by Allison Anderson and the Executive Committee. Both were discussed in depth by the Council. The 2019 dates and locations are as follows: 1/17/19-1/18/19 in Cheyenne, WY; 4/18/19-4/19/19 in Sheridan, WY; 6/20/19-6/21/19 in Worland; 9/12/19-9/13/19 in Laramie, WY and; 11/14/19-11/15/19 in Casper, WY. Damon DeBernardi motioned to approve the 2019 dates and locations; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes.
  
- e) 2019 Council Elections Reminder

Allison wanted to remind the Council that elections for Chair, Vice-Chair, At-Large Members of the Executive Committee, and the Grants Committee are coming up in January 2019 in Cheyenne. Nominations can be given to Allison or Brandon Schimelpfenig either at the meeting or prior to the meeting.
  
- f) Final ROM Vote – Review & Amend MOU, as needed

Final ROM vote has been postponed until the January 2019 meeting so that ROM can be shown to the entire Council.
  
- g) Open Topic Discussion from Members:
  - i. Brandon Schimelpfenig wanted to put forth to the Council an enquiry to post links on the Council’s website from an individual. The details of the enquiry were discussed with the Council and the additions were put to a vote. Narina Nunez and Nicole Hauser thanked Brandon for bringing the enquiry to the Council. Narina stated that it would be good to add resource links to the website however these resources did not seem to be juvenile justice related. Narina

Nunez motioned to add the links to the site; there was not a second to the motion; motion failed to carry.

**IV. On-Going Business – Updates from:**

- a) Budget Report/Grant Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig  
Title II 2017 has \$9,270.11 remaining. The Title II 2018 application has been approved and funds have been awarded to the Department of Family Services in the amount of \$20,000.00. Part 1 of Title II 2019 has been submitted to OJJDP as well. Part 2 is due in February 28, 2019. Brandon also stated that he will be traveling to Baltimore, MD for an OJJDP juvenile justice specialist training in a couple weeks.
- b) ROM/Data Collection Update – Jeff Lamm  
Jeff was not present for an update however Brandon stated that Jeff told him that there were no other ROM updates other than to see what the Council’s decision would be for the MOU on ROM.
- c) Governor’s Office – Gary Hartman  
Gary was not present for an update however Brandon Schimelpfenig stated that he had talked to him prior to the meeting and he stated that Gary asked the Council to review Interstate Commission for Juvenile (ICJ) rules and if they had any rule change recommendations to send them to him and the ICJ Rules Committee prior to mid-January 2019. The Legislative Committee stated that they would take a look at current ICJ rules and provide any recommendations.
- d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) – Craig Fisgus  
Craig stated that he and Adrienne Freng had previously discussed the consolidation of the ROM reporting toll with the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) reporting tool utilized by VOA and were questioning whether or not continue as there was some uncertainty surrounding ROM and whether or not the Council would want to take on management of ROM. He stated that OJJDP might be revamping the way that states collect DMC data. He said that OJJDP most likely will scale back data collection points from nine areas to five. He also stated that Title II funds, which cover the SAG travel costs and Non-Participating State Grant with VOA, were going to be increasing.
- e) FACJJ Update – Clarence Thomas  
Clarence stated that the current members of the FACJJ recently received an email notice from OJJDP releasing them from their membership on the FACJJ but that if they would like to reapply for consideration, they was welcome to do so. He said that after researching the matter in detail he found out that new members for the FACJJ were already picked by the Trump Administration and that there was no representation from the Rocky Mountain area; mostly east and west coast representation.
- f) 2018-2020 SACJJ Strategic Plan Final Review  
Allison Anderson briefly went discussed the priority areas and action items from the current strategic plan and stated updates on each topic.

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**V. Committee Reports**

- a) Executive Committee – Allison Anderson  
Allison stated that they are working on the 2018 Annual Report and should get a draft out in the next few weeks for the Council to view and make any recommendations. She stated that they will be reaching out to Governor-Elect Mark Gordon to communicate about the Council.
- b) Grants Committee – Allison Anderson/Craig Figus
  - i. VOA Grant Review  
Craig stated he did not have any updates.
- c) Best Practices – Nicole Hauser  
Nicole was not present today for an update.
- d) Outreach Committee – Thomas Rose  
Thomas stated there were no updates. Allison Anderson stated that there was the new member training that took place yesterday morning. She also asked Thomas if he could have the Outreach Committee meet before the end of the year. Allison asked the Council if there were any other last minute suggestions for county recipients of the Neal Madson award for 2018. Currently there are four suggested counties; Johnson, Sheridan, Sweetwater, and Uinta.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng  
Adrienne was not present for an update however Narina Nunez stated there were no updates that weren't already stated in the ROM update yesterday.
- f) Legislative Committee – Narina Nunez  
Narina stated that the committee has not recently met and they will need to before the next meeting in Cheyenne. She stated they will need to discuss any recommendations to ICJ rules as prompted by WY ICJ Commissioner Gary Hartman; the "De-Facto Custodian" bill; and the Juvenile Record Expungement bill that are looking at being discussed during the upcoming Legislative session.
- g) Youth Member Committee – OPEN  
Recent youth applications were discussed by Allison Anderson and that some of the current youth members should be able to attend the January 2019 meeting in Cheyenne.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton  
Maureen was not present for an update however Brandon Schimelpfenig stated that the current ICJ system JIDS (Juvenile Interstate Data System) is looking at being replaced and that the executive committee has sent out an RFP (Request for Proposals) to gauge potential vendor interest.

**VI. Community Participation**

- a) Wyoming Children's Law Center – Donna Sheen  
Donna Sheen from the Wyoming Children's Law Center (WCLC) was present via Zoom to present on her work and projects with the WCLC. She stated she has been working with certain counties that aren't able to afford big name databases for reporting requirements. She said that the WCLC has taken the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet

currently provided by DFS for ROM reporting and has added pivot tables for in-depth reporting (charts, graphs, etc.). Donna presented the revised Excel ROM sheet to the Council.

b) Updates from the Wyoming Boy's School & Wyoming Girl's School

Chris Jones, superintendent for the WGS, and Gary Gilmore, superintendent for the WBS, were present via Zoom to provide updates to the Council. Chris Jones started by stating that they currently have 41 juvenile females right now on campus which is pretty typical. She stated that there has been a steady rise in Native American tribal placements at the WGS. She stated that the WGS is really focusing on becoming trauma based and trauma focused. The WGS has recently been awarded a grant to send teachers to a trauma informed training.

Gary Gilmore stated that the WBS student population has remained steady lately ranging between 65 and 75 juvenile males. He stated that there have been no major increases in population demographics.

c) Natrona County Community Participation

i. Natrona County DFS/CJSB – Carol Byer/Wayne Beatty

Carol Byer presented on trends Natrona County DFS is currently seeing in the area. She stated they have five probation officers on staff. She stated that Mercer House is utilized as a provider for corrective thinking courses and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Wyoming is utilized for mentoring and positive activities/community service. The Youth Crisis Center, Park Ridge Behavioral Health, and High Fidelity Wraparound are also utilized by Natrona County DFS. She said that the median age for district court cases for juveniles is 16.

Wayne Beatty presented on the Natrona County Community Juvenile Services Board (CJSB). He stated there are currently 16 active members on the board. They have started working a lot more with the Laramie County Community Juveniles Services Joint Powers Board (LCCJSJPB) due to similarities in county size and juvenile demographics. He stated they are very transparent and work very well with each other's respective agencies.

ii. Youth Crisis Center – Traci Blevins

Traci Blevins, director of the Youth Crisis Center, presented on the YCC. She stated they have served 178 youth from July 1, 2018 to current between both the crisis center and group home; 93 males and 85 females. She stated that there have also been more females in the crisis center lately. Average age of crisis center juvenile has been 14.5 years old and the average age for group home juveniles is 15-16 years old. She stated that the biggest reason juvenile come to YCC is due to the child's out of control behavior or a family disturbance in the home. Running away from home, probation violations, and placement difficulties are also major reasons for coming to YCC.

iii. Mercer House – Whitney Lamb

Whitney Lamb presented information on the Mercer Family Resource Center. She handed out information pamphlets and handouts to the Council. She stated that they tend to focus on prevention and intervention classes for youth and families. She stated they also serve pre-CHINS (Child In Need of Supervision) with a goal of preventing them from becoming a full CHINS case.

**VII. Announcements**

a) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on January 17-18, 2019 in Cheyenne, WY.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Thomas Rose; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; motion carried; meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Next Meeting: January 17-18, 2019 in Cheyenne, WY.