

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

November 14-15, 2019: Casper, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, November 14, 2019

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

Friday, November 15, 2019

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

Present:

Adrienne Freng
Dakota Jackson
Damon DeBernardi
Jennifer Palser
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Christina McCabe (Zoom)
Dani Sullivan (Zoom)

Via Proxy or Zoom:

Michael Sorenson
Shad Bates

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Fiskus
Lindsey Schilling (Zoom)
Korin Schmidt (Zoom)
Wayne Beatty
Amanda Lewallen
Paul Fritzler

Absent:

Clarence Thomas
Erin Anderson-Swilling
Gary Gilmore
Justice Orum-Eikanger

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call/Introductions
- b) Declaration of Quorum; a quorum was established with nine (9) members present.

II. Approval of Minutes

June 20-21, 2019 meeting in Worland, WY; Narina Nunez motioned to approve the Minutes; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. September 12-13, 2019 meeting in Laramie, WY; Damon DeBernardi motioned to approve the Minutes; Jennifer Palser seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

III. New Business

a) Minimum Council Member Age

It was discussed at the September 2019 meeting in Laramie by Dakota Jackson the pros and cons of proposing that a minimum Council member age be implemented and having that age be set at 18. Dakota motioned to approve the age requirement; Adrienne Freng seconded the motion; Thomas Rose opposed the motion; motion passes by majority.

b) CJJ Membership Letter

Brandon Schimelpfenig recently received a letter from the Coalition of Juvenile Justice (CJJ) requesting the Council consider membership in the CJJ. Discussion was had and it was decided to table the decision until the January 2020 meeting in Cheyenne, WY after some questions can be answered regarding membership requirements and benefits. Questions included the annual cost for the SACJJ as well as if the SACJJ were to become members would those benefits be afforded to each individual SACJJ member or would it be as a whole considering online trainings, conferences, etc. Nicole Hauser also brought up the question of wanting to ask the Governor's Office if this is something the Council can sign up for or if they would have to request approval from Governor's Office. Brandon stated that he would check with Marisa O'Harris to see if Title II funds could be used to pay dues.

c) OJJDP Conference Update

Brandon Schimelpfenig, Damon DeBernardi, Thomas Rose, and Craig Fiskus recently attended the OJJDP Conference in Kansas City and shared their experiences with the rest of the Council. Craig stated that he did not find the conference very helpful in terms of what he does specifically. Damon stated that he thought it was interesting based on seeing the federal and national perspective on the JJDPAs as opposed to the non-participating states. Brandon stated that he did not find the conference very helpful however one piece that was informational was attending the breakout session with Nebraska and exchanging information. Thomas echoed Craig statements.

d) 2020 SACJJ Locations/Dates

Locations and dates for the 2020 SACJJ meetings were discussed by members. For dates in 2020, January 16-17 was agreed upon for the first meeting followed by April 16-17, June 18-19, September 17-18 and lastly November 19-20. Locations were then discussed by members and Cheyenne was a unanimous location for the January 2020 meeting due to Legislature meeting. Newcastle was then proposed by Thomas Rose and seconded by Damon DeBernardi for the April 2020 meeting, all were in favor, motion passed. Evanston was proposed for June 2020 by Narina Nunez and seconded by Michael Sorenson, all were in favor, motion passed. Lander was proposed for September 2020 by Adrienne Freng and seconded by Narina Nunez, all were in favor, motion passed. Douglas was then proposed for November 2020 by Narina Nunez and Jennifer Palser, all were in favor, motion passed.

The 2020 SACJJ locations and dates are as follows: January 16-17 in Cheyenne, April 16-17 in Newcastle, June 18-19 in Evanston, September 17-18 in Lander, and November 19-20 in Douglas.

e) Open Topic Discussion from Members:

Members did not have any open discussion topics.

IV. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Recommendations for Annual Report

Nicole Hauser read current recommendations from the Council which included Council membership to be more representative statewide and to match federal requirements and state statute; prevent contact with juvenile justice system (pre-diversion); optimize Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) prevention funds for juvenile justice and define prevention programs and to also be included in those discussions; assisting communities with using their data to make informed decisions and; universal definitions for dispositions to improve data collection. Thomas Rose asked for defining pre-diversion more accurately added to the recommendations. Adrienne Freng motioned to support the addition of the new recommendations on the Annual Report as well as previous recommendations into the 2019 Annual Report; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

b) Council Membership – Brandon Schimelpfenig

Brandon stated that two youth member's terms expired in June 2019 which included Alex Cooley from Cheyenne and Madison Bates from Torrington. Brandon also stated that two member's terms also expired in August 2019 whom were Chris Jones from the Wyoming Girl's School in Sheridan and also Steffany Stephenson from Rock Springs. Brandon did state that Chris Jones communicated with him about re-applying for another term. Brandon stated that there have been multiple individuals that have applied to the Governor's Office for membership. Justice Orum-Eikanger did reach out to Brandon asking for her Letter and Oath from the Governor's Office and Brandon directed her to Pamela Perea with Boards and Commissions from the Governor's Office.

c) ROM MOU Draft – Brandon Schimelpfenig

Brandon stated that DFS has made revisions to the draft of the ROM MOU. The MOU was then submitted to the Data Committee for review. Adrienne Freng stated that the Data Committee reviewed the draft and decided they could move forward with the draft. Adrienne Freng with the Data Committee motioned for the Council to move forward with the MOU; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Thomas Rose then motioned for the Council to review the MOU and its processes at least once every six (6) months; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

d) Budget Report/Grant Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig

Title II 2018 has \$8,733.71 remaining. Title II 2019 has been received by DFS and has been accepted for a total amount of \$20,000.00.

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

Adrienne Freng stated that now that the MOU has been agreed upon she will now start working with Brandon Schimelpfenig, Jeff Lamm with DFS and Craig Fisgus to look at implementing some revisions to the ROM data collection sheet to make it more user-friendly for counties.

f) Governor's Office – Erin Johnson

Erin Johnson is no longer representing the Governor's Office as an Ex-Officio. Her replacement has been chosen and starts in December 2019. Her replacement will be Jen Davis previously a consultant with the Wyoming Children's Trust Fund.

- g) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) – Craig Fiskus
Craig stated that he is currently awaiting clarification from OJJDP on some revised regulations that are due to go into effect in 2021. Craig then went into detail of the regulations. Craig also stated that he had not yet received the solicitation for the 2020 Non-Participating State Grant.
- h) 2018-2020 SACJJ Strategic Plan: Review and Updates
Nicole briefly went over her notes regarding the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. She also went over updates on goals and activities with the Council.

V. **Committee Reports**

- a) Executive Committee – Nicole Hauser
Nicole stated that Brandon had received information at the recent Kansas City, MO OJJDP conference that the Vice-Chair could no longer be full-time government as that any time the Vice Chair would have to step in and act as the Chair they would not be able to do so as the Chair cannot be full-time government as well.
- b) Grants Committee – Nicole Hauser/Craig Fiskus
VOA Grant Review: Craig stated there are no updates that weren't already stated in the Non-Participating State Grant update.
- c) Best Practices – Thomas Rose
Thomas stated the committee did not meet but will meet before the January 2020 meeting.
- d) Outreach Committee – Thomas Rose
-CJSB event update: Thomas stated that he has requested the Executive Committee for funding and budget parameters for the proposed meeting but other than that there are no updates. Nicole stated the Council had zero funding to give towards this event so Thomas will research alternative funding methods; businesses possibly sponsoring food for the event as well as CJSBs using travel funding for attending the event.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
Adrienne stated that they have approved the MOU with DFS for ROM and that they will begin working with Jeff Lamm and Brandon Schimelpfenig on the ROM data sheet. Narina Nunez stated she will begin training the CJSBs with ROM once the MOU is signed and finalized.
- f) Legislative Committee – Damon DeBernardi
Damon stated they met and have been reviewing a couple proposed bills from Legislature. The first bill under review is HB0017-Parent counsel and family preservation. The second being a bill that would separate the Guardian Ad Litem's (GAL) office from the Public Defender's office; making them their own entity. Damon also stated there has been a recent bill drafted stating details regarding qualifications for residential treatment programs that the committee is reviewing; HB0011-Qualified residential treatment programs.
- g) Youth Member Committee – Dakota Jackson
-Flyer approval: Dakota stated that she is planning on putting the approved flyer on her college's bulletin board for viewing. She also stated that she would be speaking with the criminal justice contact there on campus to draw interest as well. Adrienne suggested to Dakota to add the Zoom video conferencing option in the flyer as well for

attending meetings. Dakota stated she would make those and other edits to the flyer and then forward it to Nicole Hauser for review.

- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Brandon Schimelpfenig
Brandon stated that the new ICJ system (U.N.I.T.Y) has been going through some testing and forms are being edited to fit within the new system. Brandon also stated that the National Office asked the Technology Committee for recommendations on the location for the 2020 Annual Business Meeting for ICJ and Brandon suggested Jackson, WY as a location. The Executive Director for ICJ stated she would include Jackson when they send out the Request for Proposal (RFP) for site locations.
- i) FACJJ – Thomas Rose
Thomas stated there were no updates from the FACJJ.

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VI. DFS Update/Report – Korin Schmidt

Korin Schmidt and Lindsey Schilling were present to discuss updates with the Department of Family Services. Korin provided a brief summary regarding bills being drafted for the upcoming Legislative session one of which is SF0015-Absenteeism and truancy. She stated that DFS does not have any concerns regarding the bill. She also briefly spoke regarding HB0011-Qualified residential treatment programs. Nicole Hauser asked Korin if the Wyoming Boy's School (WBS) and Wyoming Girl's School (WGS) would be classified as qualified residential treatment programs. Korin stated that the WBS and WGS are not IV-E eligible and that HB0011 would not apply to those institutions.

VII. Community Participation

- a) Regional Juvenile Detention Center (RJDC)
A representative from the RJDC was not available for a presentation.
- b) Natrona County School Resource Officers
A representative from the Natrona County School Resource Officers was not available for a presentation.
- c) CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
A representative from CASA was not available for a presentation.
- d) Natrona County DFS
Paul Fritzlner, District Manager for DFS in Natrona County, briefly went over what trends they are seeing in Natrona County. Paul stated he currently has six (6) staff that work juvenile probation cases and one of those is dedicated to Circuit Court cases. He stated that the other juvenile probation workers carry a caseload that varies from 14-23 cases. He stated there are currently 20 out-of-home placements for juvenile justice cases. Paul then briefly detailed Natrona County DEC (Drug Endangered Children) efforts.
- e) Natrona County CJSB
Wayne Beatty, Natrona County CJSB Administrator, and Amanda Lewallen, Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters-Natrona County Coordinator, were present to discuss what the Natrona County CJSB is currently working on. The Natrona County Single Point of Entry (SPOE) has switched from Handel to JustWare for their data reporting

system. Wayne then went over recent SPOE data in Natrona County. Nicole Hauser mentioned the CJSB symposium coming up in October 2020. Wayne and Amanda then mentioned Restorative Justice efforts in Natrona County.

VIII. Announcements

a) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on January 16-17, 2020 in Cheyenne, WY.

IX. Adjournment

Thomas Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM