

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

September 19-20, 2013 • Casper, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, September 19, 2013

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Award Presentation
- Budget Report
- New Business
- Community Participation
- On-going Business
- Adjourn for the day

Friday, September 20, 2013

- Call to Order
- Committee Meetings
- Committee Reports
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Allison Anderson
Shad Bates
Rene' Kemper
Dawnessa Snyder
Dorina Kemper
Neal Madson
Narnia Nunez
Gary Gilmore
Mark Russler
James Pond
Sunny Goggles
Clarence Thomas
Paul Jenkins

James Whalen
Robert Mayor

Via Proxy
Charlene Edwards
Beth Evans
Les Pozsgo
Kristina Smith
Adrienne Freng

Ex-Officio Present
Sen. Christensen
Alice Russler

Others Present
Chuck Kratz
Kelly Smario
Debbye Lynch
Rachel Campbell
Craig Fiskus

Absent
Susan Cahill
Debra Dugan-Doty
JoAnn Numoto
Christina McCabe
Judge Steve Brown

Moriah Flores
Kim Sherman
Merit Thomas
Donald Rardin
Clint Robinson
Bryan Skoric
Shania Ute
James Whiting
Donna Sheen
Charlene Edwards

I. Call to Order: Thursday, September 19, 2013, 12:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call
- b) Declaration of Quorum: 16

II. Approval of Minutes – June 6-7, 2013

Motion to approve minutes by Rene' Kemper, 2nd by Shad Bates, motion passed.

III. Award Presentation

Hot Springs County, Craig Fiskus presented award to Alan Rossler for Outstanding Work for Juvenile Offenders.

IV. Budget Report

- a. Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)
2012 funding was just awarded to WY and allocated out to Natrona, Campbell and Sweetwater. Also just approved for 2013, for \$105,703, this is lower than the past. Previously it was about \$200,000. Title V is closed out and complete. SACJJ award, 2013 is \$23,414, increased a little due to left over grant money.
- b. Title V Community Prevention Grant – ends 9/2013
- c. Title II State Advisory Group Award

V. New Business

a. New Member Training

We didn't have one last year, membership was not appointed until late. Beth Evans held a new member training before a meeting last year and had mentoring. Do new members want training? We can schedule it for Rawlins meeting.

There were expiring terms, 3 applied for reappointment and will be awarded that request. We are very low on youth members and need more. Clint Robinson is still a member. Age to be a youth member is under 25. Have to be appointed while under 25. Criminal Justice, Psychology students with University of Wyoming we might be able to solicit. Would be nice to have someone that has gone through the system successfully and have them become a Board Member. Would like to request Tony Young and Merit Thomas to leave the vacancies for the SACCJ to allow for youth committee members.

b. Current Membership

c. Joint Judiciary Meeting in May

Draft legislation being put together with regards to the data. The proposal from HANDLE was circulated. Keep legislation around steering committee, etc. General public shouldn't have access to the draft bill. We, the SACJJ should be trusted to look at it. Most likely will be a committee bill.

d. Meeting with Director Corsi

DFS will pay for HANDLE to go in and set the data system. Might need legislation to read; if this is in your county then you need to use it.

e. Annual Report

Generally written by vision and policy committee, the chair for that committee is vacant. Should be fairly easy to write. Shad Bates was elected to start this process.

f. Future Direction of the Council

Being on the Council last year was fortunate for us because the Governor provided us with direction. The Council needs to map out in the annual report the future direction, what we would like to explore, analyze and focus on. The Governor is more apt to listen to us now. Follow up and document on the data if the legislation goes through with benefits and downfalls of the package. Data piece has to be a constant in this Council. Need the data system to look at the juveniles in Wyoming to better answer the questions surrounding them. Try to keep the ideas moving forward. Recidivism and Resourcing Committees will not go away, they will be ongoing. Primary prevention of juvenile justice is to look at how the community can prevent it in the first place; occurrence of abuse of the kids in the system, either previous or while in the system. CHINS age cut off is another suggestion. Rep. Keith Gingery was drafting legislation to move CHINS age to 18. Discuss supporting other counties for alternative placement ideas. Evaluations, another proposal, uniformity of the system. Future direction of Tribes, more understanding of policies and procedures and how they might fit. Maybe have a Press Release about the positive moves and the status of the Council. Changing the stats, will it give us a positive or negative outcome? Keep same broad definition over time. Need to be consistent.

Leveraging Resources – Are we accurate with the 4 core definitions? Good place to start. Reasonable access defined, looking at counties. Should we send recommendations to Governor first? If you are okay with this definition this is how we are going to move forward with this. Who funds those 4 core and in what community? On the Reservation there is not a secure/non-secure facility. Add in secure detention, add crisis shelters and secure detention. Narina Nunez motioned to add “secure detention”, Allison Anderson seconded, motioned passed. (secure detention to leveraging resource definition.) We are not promoting the use of secure detention. Motion passed, 4 opposed. Should day staff secure detention versus institutional secure detention? Narnina Nunez motions to add (e) staff-secure and secure detention. Rene Kemper seconds, motion passed, those opposed 4.

VI. Community Participation

Chuck Kratz – Fremont County, Handouts provided.

Also presenting was: Kathleen Tilton, Melinda Cox, Shelly Wolfe, Patty Granland/Matt Jacobson, Clarence Thomas, Curtis Inman, Alice Kitchin and Jennifer Neely.

VII. On-Going Business

a. Governor’s Office – Merit Thomas - absent

b. Non-Participation State Grant (VOA)

Craig passed handout around with updates.

c. Ex-Officio Members

d. Committee Assignments

Shad passed around the list of committee members.

Alice Russler, Dept of Health, Title XXV - Update

1. Judiciary said examiner will become the evaluator
2. Involuntary outpatient treatment

Rules will help clarify the details.

VIII. Adjournment for the day

Friday, September 20, 2013

IX. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.

X. Committee Meetings

Would like to wrap up the ad hock committees. Motion to change the agenda by Shad Bates, Paul Jenkins 2nd the motion, motion passed. Committees meetings will now take place in a large group instead of breaking out.

XI. Committee Reports

OJJDP – Supporting the 4 corners of the OJJDP through a proclamation, the Governor. If he will and when he will do that.

Recidivism – haven't met in a while. Once a data collection system is in place we could expand further. Use the definition, look at community based programs, tie into leveraging and be able to shift money to community based diversion, prevention programs. They all tie together in the end. Start at ground level of definitions and build up. What is going to be acceptable by the state and applied? The definition needs to fit all aspects. 14-6-235. Neal Madson motioned to take piece of "at a same or higher level" in the definition of recidivism out. James Whalen seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion takes place. Dawnessa Snyder can make an amendment to motion to strike the "1st juvenile in the second paragraph to two years" Allison Anderson seconded the motion, motion passed, 2 opposed. "Recidivism," change motion to say "juvenile recidivism" from Neal Madson. Would like to change the motion that was changed to read "Juvenile recidivism as any subsequent adjudication of a delinquent act or a conviction of a criminal charge which results in the re-entry into the juvenile justice system before obtaining the age of majority, at the same or a higher level, after having completed a diversion program, sentence or disposition in a prior juvenile or criminal case.

Recidivism data will be collected for a two year period following release from a program or the juvenile justice system.

This definition will be utilized to capture recidivism rates at various points along the continuum of care. James Whalen 2nd motion, all in favor, motion passed.

XII. Announcements

Alumni panel that DFS helps coordinate though the communities that might be interested in serving on the Council. Law school students might also be an option.

XIII. Adjournment

Bob Mayor motioned to adjourn the meeting and Paul Jenkins 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 am.