

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

September 17-18, 2015 • Laramie, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, September 17, 2015

- Call to Order
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- Budget Report/Grant Update
- New Business
- On-Going Business
- Community Participation

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- Adjournment

Present:

Allison Anderson
Baylee McIntyre
Dawnessa Snyder
Donna Sheen
Les Pozsgy
Narina Nunez
Neal Madson
Rene Kemper
Seth Marshall
Shad Bates

Ex-Officio Present

Christina McCabe

ICI

Maureen Clifton

Via Proxy

Adrienne Freng
Chris Jones
Gary Gilmore
James Whiting

Others Present

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Fiskus
Tom Rose
Debby Lynch
Jeff Lamm
Steve Corsi
Chuck Kratz
Clint Hanes
Lawrence Perea

Absent

Bryan Skoric
Clarence Thomas
Clinton Robinson
Dorina Kemper
Judge Steven Brown
Mary Hall
Robert Mayor
Shaina Ute
Shane Johnson
Susan Cahill
Sen. L. Christensen
Steven Gilmore
Holly Meyer

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

a) Roll Call

b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 13 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

June 18-19, 2015 Meeting in Buffalo. Shad Bates motioned to approve the minutes and Allison Anderson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. There was not a need to approve the Minutes from the Data Collection meeting with the Department of Family Services

III. Budget Report/Grant Update - Brandon Schimelpfenig

a) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)
JABG '13 has \$60,751.69 unobligated.

b) Title II State Advisory Group Award

Title II '13 has \$8,112.65 unobligated. Shad Bates proposed training to members of the Council on Fiscal operations concerning budgets. Title II '15 does not have a definite date as to when the funds will be dispersed to the individual entities but Shad Bates and Steve Corsi also asked when the funds for JABG are estimated to run out since the Dept. of Justice is ending this grant. Brandon Schimelpfenig stated he will be checking as to when the JABG grant is scheduled to run out.

IV. New Business

a) Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Shad Bates talked about the Council possibly wanting to become members of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice for a yearly membership fee of \$2,500.00. Allison Anderson motioned to have the Council NOT be a member of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice for the upcoming year and Les Pozsgi seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

b) Strategic Plan

Allison Anderson discussed the Strategic Plan for the Council. She started off by discussing the priority of Community Involvement with the Council. The goal for Community Involvement is by June 2016, SACJJ will improve community stakeholder involvement at the full SACJJ meetings. This will be measured by attendance taken at meetings (number of participants, number of different entities present). Another goal for increasing community involvement is by December 2017, the SACJJ will maintain and increase contact with community stakeholders in juvenile justice; this has been tasked to the Outreach committee. A guideline will be developed for SACJJ members to follow in order to increase contact with community stakeholders through dissemination of information via email. Another objective for this goal is going to be continuing the annual award for "Best Practices in Juvenile Justice" to recognize outstanding communities for their efforts in juvenile justice. The next priority in the strategic plan was Invested and Active Membership. The goal for this priority is by December 2016, the SACJJ will increase overall participation and involvement of all SACJJ members in the meetings and work of the Council. This will be measured by the attendance at full meetings, number of committee meetings between full meetings, attendance at committee meetings, and the number of agenda items presented by different committees. This has been tasked to the Executive and Youth Member committees. These two committees will explore youth involvement alternatives to improve youth member retention and recruitment. Another objective within this goal is to explore alternative methods of participation for SACJJ members who are unable to physically be present at full meetings. January 2016 is going to be the deadline for these options to be explored, (teleconferencing, video conferencing, etc.). Beginning before the December 2015 SACJJ meeting, the Council will gather community participation and agenda items from all members prior to each full meeting. Another objective for this goal is beginning at the April 2016 SACJJ meeting; all committees will be required to present a report at the full meetings. The next goal within this priority is by September 2016, the SACJJ will have an established training program and process for all new members to help them understand their roles, responsibilities and work of the Council. The next priority for the strategic plan is Continued Improvement of the Juvenile Justice System in Wyoming. The goal for this priority is by December 2018, the SACJJ will have worked with communities to reduce the number of court involved youth by assisting communities and making recommendations, where appropriate, for the adoption of effective diversion programs; this has been tasked to the Best Practices committee. The next priority is Data and by June 2017, the Council will, in collaboration with DFS, improve the data reporting of statewide juvenile justice data. The first review of statewide data, collected by the ROM system with DFS, is going to be made by

September 2016. The next priority for the Council is SACJJ Authority. The goal for this priority is by December 2016, the Council will clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the Council. By March 2016, the Council's Legislative Committee will conduct a statutory review of SACJJ statutory authority and recommend amendments, if any, to the Joint Judiciary Committee. Narina Nunez motioned that by June 2016, the Outreach and Youth Committees will evaluate the SACJJ website and prepare a proposal of suggested changes and enhancements for discussion and review by the full Council to add as an action item to the Strategic Plan, Seth Marshall seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Donna Sheen then motioned to approve all changes made to the Strategic Plan, Les Pozsgi seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Narina Nunez motioned to accept the Strategic Plan with the changes that were made, Donna Sheen seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

The finalized Strategic Plan will be posted on the SACJJ website outlining, in detail, how each of these priorities and goals will be implemented.

c) Membership

Shad Bates discussed membership with the Council. Damon DeBernardi, Nicole Hauser, Holly Meyer, and Michael Sorenson have all expressed interest and sent applications to the Governor's Office for appointment to the Council. Tom Rose has expressed interest in joining the Council and stated he would be sending his application and letters of reference to the Governor's Office. Clinton Robinson, Dorina Kemper, Robert Mayor have stated they will be resigning. James Pond and Paul Jenkins have already resigned. Narina Nunez, Shane Johnson, Gary Gilmore and Bryan Skoric have expressed interest in reapplying. Neither Shad Bates nor Brandon Schimelpfenig has heard from Judge H. Steven Brown, Susan Cahill, or James Whiting whether they want to reapply or resign.

d) 2015 SACJJ Award – Crook County

Shad Bates stated that the 2015 SACJJ Award will be awarded to Crook County on October 7, 2015. The award presentation will be at the County Commissioner's Courthouse in Sundance. Participation is highly encouraged from the Council.

V. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Governor's Office (Merit Thomas)

No updates since Merit is absent.

b) Data Collection Update (Shad Bates)

Sept. 8 was a meeting on the 3rd floor of the Hathaway Bldg. in Cheyenne, WY with Dept. of Family Services regarding the ROM Data Collection System. It was stated that the contract for ROM is currently at the Attorney General's Office and hoping to have a first report run in December 2015. It was stated that interested Community Juvenile Service Boards (CJSBs) in the ROM system include Albany, Carbon, Fremont, Johnson, Laramie, Natrona, Sheridan, Sweetwater, Teton, and Washakie. Campbell County is currently checking with their Board to see if this is something they would like to contribute to.

c) DFS Update (Director Corsi)

It was stated that the Wyoming Girls School (WGS) recently underwent a PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) audit and passed. There were only six minor violations in terms of policy language that need to be addressed. The next audit will be in 2016. DFS, members of SACJJ, Steve Lindly from the Wyoming Dept. of Corrections, and the Pew Charitable Trust Foundation recently had a tele-conference to share information and see how things are going between agencies in Wyoming and South Dakota. DFS is also using the Teton, Sublette, and Lincoln counties as pilots for its mobile project; utilizing

laptops in the field to spend more time with families instead of meeting with families then going back to the office to type up the data.

VI. Community Participation

- a) Albany County Dept. of Family Services (DFS)
Clint Hanes (District Manager for Albany County) and Lawrence Perea (Social Services Worker) were present to discuss Albany County DFS. Lawrence stated that in the Albany County Community Juvenile Services Board (CJSB) there are two separate committees; the Advisory Committee and the Steering Committee. The Advisory Committee is the main working aspect of the Board and the Steering Committee is the voting part of the Board. It was stated that there are no services for IOP (Intensive Outpatient) for Sexual Offenders or IOP for Substance Abuse in the Albany County area. It was stated that these are gaps in services in Albany County that the local CJSB is attempting to address. Diversion for Albany County is run by the Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Les Pozsgi asked Lawrence what Albany County needs from the Council and Lawrence stated that diversion needs to be expanded.

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VII. Community Participation

- a) Peggy Trent – Albany County Attorney
Peggy Trent along with the Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters, (GW BBBS), CEO, Steve Hamaker, were present to discuss the Albany County CJSB and Diversion. Peggy stated the Albany County CJSB is comprised of two groups, an Advisory Board and a Steering Committee. Also the CJSB is considered a Joint Powers Agreement instead of the typical Joint Powers Board. One area that she is trying to push for is getting diversion set up for 18 year olds since they are typically still in high school. Steve Hamaker described diversion services offered at GW BBBS. He stated there is three levels of diversion; Diversion Lite, Regular Diversion, and Intensive Supervised Diversion. It was stated that Peggy is also opening diversion services to juvenile sex offenders. This seemed like a controversial topic to some but Peggy described why it is a positive experience for the perpetrator and victim. Steve H. stated that based on a research perspective, there are two types of mentors; prescriptive and developmental. Prescriptive are the types of mentors that try to correct a child's negative behavior and actions by telling them what to do. Developmental are the types of mentors that work with the child and frame their lesson plans around what the child wants and needs in order to change for the better. Steve H. stated that his company only hires developmental type mentors. Peggy stated that marijuana and self-harm are two major factors in Albany County.
- b) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) (Craig Fisgus)
OJJDP has not held states responsible for being in non-compliance however there is a change now that they will be starting to hold states responsible. Craig stated that he does not know how exactly it will affect Wyoming, since Wyoming is a non-participatory state. Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) violations increased in 2014 for Wyoming by approximately 108%. Jail Removal violations rose from 19.67 in 2013 to 55.31 in 2014. Craig stated that Laramie County is still working on opening their Crisis Shelter. Rates of Compliance violations increased for DSO and Jail Removal but decreased for Sight and Sound Separation. Craig also discussed diversion programs around the State. It was stated diversion services vary from county to county. Most diversion programs are pre-court rather than post-court. Big Horn and Niobrara counties do not have any diversion services. Most diversion services are

provided for six months. Applications for 2015 have been finalized and scored for OJJDP's non-participatory state grant awards and 14 counties applied from Wyoming.

c) Ex-Officio Members
No updates

d) New Member Training
In June of 2014, it was recommended that there needs to be a specified training for new members to the Council. The responsibility will fall mainly on the Executive Committee of the Council for implementing this training. One thing that Les asked of DFS is seeing if the Resource Guide for Youth and Families on the DFS webpage can be updated since the last one was completed in February 2013. Steve Corsi and Jeff Lamm stated that is one thing that DFS needs to look at. It was also discussed that there should be a Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) training for the Council. This will be scheduled at a later date.

VIII. Committees

a) Executive Committee – Shad Bates
The Committee is working on the new member training and developing a list of invitees.

b) Grants Committee – Shad Bates
The Committee met with Craig Fiskus and went over 2014 applications for OJJDP's non-participatory state grant. Elections are coming up in January 2016.

c) Best Practices – Les Pozsgi
No updates

d) Outreach Committee – Allison Anderson
The SACJJ award presentation will be on October 7th in Sundance, WY at 2:30 PM.

e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
No updates that weren't reported yesterday.

f) Legislative Committee – Donna Sheen
Juvenile Bills Update – The Committee has "homework" to do.

g) Youth Member Committee – Seth Marshall/Baylee McIntyre
It was stated that there needs to be more representation of youth on the Council and Baylee stated that they looked at possibly reaching out to certain clubs in each community. Baylee also stated that there needs to be more efforts on the Council to have the Council's image and presence in the community through social media or flyers at the local colleges. This effort will be a joint effort from the Youth Committee and Outreach Committee. The next effort that Seth highlighted was trying to retain youth members since some members graduate move away. He stated that it would be a good idea to possibly stream meetings through Skype or some other video streaming option so that the member doesn't have to have a physical presence at the meeting. It was also stated that Seth Marshall and Baylee McIntyre want to join the Outreach Committee.

h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton
There will be an LGBTQ training coming up for ICJ members.

IX. Announcements

a) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in Casper, WY on November 19, 20. The new member training will also be on these dates.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Allison Anderson, seconded by Neal Madson, motioned passed, meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Next Meeting: November 19-20, 2015, Casper