

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

September 8-9, 2016 • Cody, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, September 8, 2016

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Budget Report/Grant Update
- New Business
- On-Going Business

Friday, September 9, 2016

- Community Participation
- Committees
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Adrienne Freng
Allison Anderson
Baylee McIntyre
Clarence Thomas
Damon DeBernardi
Donna Sheen
Lisa Finkey
Michael Sorenson
Nicole Hauser
Rene Kemper
Shad Bates
Shane Johnson
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Christina McCabe
Jo Ann Numoto
H. Gary Hartman (phone)

ICJ:

N/A

Via Proxy:

Narina Nunez
Seth Marshall

Via Phone:

Chris Jones
Dawnessa Snyder
Gary Gilmore

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Jeff Lamm
Steve Corsi
Tony Lewis
Chuck Kratz
Craig Figus
Bob James
Ed Heimer

Absent:

Bryan Skoric
Mary Hall
Steffany Stephenson
H. Steven Brown
Steven Gilmore

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 18 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

June 16-17, 2016 meeting in Lusk. Rene Kemper motioned to approve the Minutes and Allison Anderson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

III. Budget Report/Grant Update - Brandon Schimelpfenig

- a) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)
JABG '13 has been expended by City of Cheyenne and Natrona County.
- b) Title II State Advisory Group Award
Title II '13/'14 has been expended. Title II '15 has \$6,887.58 unobligated. Title II '16's application has been submitted for approval and is being reviewed.

IV. New Business

a) PACT Assessment Update

Jeff Lamm and Brandon Schimelpfenig presented an update regarding the PACT assessment. DFS will no longer be using PACT; they will be moving forward with the Washington State Juvenile Court Assessment. PACT was based off of this assessment. It is a paper and pen assessment and the pre-screen version will be used to determine risk levels and the full assessment will be used to guide the case planning.

b) Membership/Committee Assignments

Lisa Finkey stated she would like to be added to the Outreach and Best Practices committees. Steffany Stephenson has been added to the Youth Committee. Since Les Pozsgi did not reapply for membership with the Council there is now an open position within the Executive Committee. Brandon Schimelpfenig listed all the committees and their respective members within said committees. Currently on the Executive Committee is Shad Bates as the Chair, Allison Anderson as the Vice Chair, Dawnessa Snyder, and Narina Nunez. Grants Committee has Shad Bates as the Chair, Dawnessa Snyder, Adrienne Freng, Seth Marshall, Damon DeBernardi, and Thomas Rose. Best Practices Committee has Allison Anderson as the Chair, Nicole Hauser, Michael Sorenson, Rene Kemper, Donna Sheen, Damon DeBernardi, Steve Gilmore, and Thomas Rose. Outreach Committee has Allison Anderson as the Chair, Dawnessa Snyder, Seth Marshall, Baylee McIntyre, and additional assistance from Craig Fiskus with VOA. The Data Committee has Adrienne Freng as the Chair, Allison Anderson, Judge Steven Brown, Narina Nunez, Gary Gilmore, Shad Bates, and additional assistance from Chuck Kratz as Wyoming's DMC Coordinator. The Legislative Committee has Donna Sheen as the Chair, Shane Johnson, Clarence Thomas, Thomas Rose, Judge Steven Brown, Rene Kemper, Dawnessa Snyder, Narina Nunez, Bryan Skoric, and Damon DeBernardi. The Youth Committee has Seth Marshall and Baylee McIntyre as Co-Chairs, and Steffany Stephenson. The Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) Committee has Maureen Clifton as the Vice-Chair, Holly Meyer, and Representative Bob Nicholas.

It was also discussed to possibly move elections for the Executive and Grants committees to the September meetings each year, that way the member that gets elected would have some time to become familiar with the committee and its responsibilities. It was decided to leave the election times for the January meetings.

c) DFS Proposal Regarding Brandon

There had been a proposal regarding Brandon Schimelpfenig as the coordinator for the Council and the possibility of removing him from the position due to him taking on extra duties within DFS and other reasons. The Council discussed the option of removing Brandon from this position and moving the administrative duties within the Council and also keeping him on. Tom Rose made a motion to keep Brandon on and Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

V. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Governor's Office (Judge Gary Hartman)

No updates

b) Data Collection Update

Brandon Schimelpfenig with DFS presented an update on ROM and the next steps for the baseline study. There were numerous “Other” dispositions from counties during the 2nd quarter of data collected. There was a conference call with DFS and the data committee of SACJJ to determine the top three “Other” dispositions and discuss the possibility of adding them to the dropdown menu for dispositions. It was decided to add informal diversion, formal diversion, and community service as official dispositions. Brandon also stated the baseline study is going to be discussed with Adrienne Freng from the data committee and DFS in the coming week. It was also stated that all of the members from the data committee now have logins and passwords to log in to the ROM test site and look up data from counties.

c) DFS Update (Director Corsi)

Director Corsi was present via telephone to present an update regarding DFS. He stated that the Governor is not going to do any budget reductions at the present time until the Legislature convenes in January 2017. Director Corsi stated that the Governor is going to let the Legislature make the decision about the possibility of moving forward with more budget reductions to state agencies. There are currently 13 of 14 CJSB contracts signed and executed for the 2016-2018 biennium. It was discussed to have a Drug Endangered Children (DEC) presentation at the next meeting in November at Casper. Wyoming just underwent a Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) in July. It was discussed to obtain the results of the review. It was asked of the Director about the decision to start sending CHINS juveniles to the Wyoming Boys School (WBS) and the Wyoming Girls School (WGS). A ROM update was presented by Brandon Schimelpfenig. Logins and passwords have been created and sent to all members of the Data committee. New dispositions are going to be added to the spreadsheet due to an excessive amount of “Other” dispositions being entered. A call between the Data committee and DFs was held recently to discuss these changes and gather their input on the idea. A call with the CJSBs across the state is going to be held in the near future to discuss these upcoming changes as well.

d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) (Craig Figus)

It is currently undetermined if Wyoming has obtained the Non-Participating State grant or not. OJJDP released on 8/8 some proposed changes on certain regulations and has asked for feedback from states. These proposed changes do not necessarily impact facilities in Wyoming other than ones that receive federal funding. Wyoming will also be required to monitor and report on 100% of their facilities. Another new regulation from OJJDP was discussed that any juvenile that feels that he/she is not free to leave a law enforcement facility shall be deemed “detained” and “confined” whether the facility is secure or non-secure.

e) Award Nominations

Nominations for the Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award were decided to be tabled until the next meeting in Casper.

f) PREA (Donna Sheen)

No updates on PREA.

Friday, September 9, 2016

VI. Community Participation

a) Park County Department of Family Services

District Manager Ed Heimer, Supervisor Bob James, and Adult Protective Services worker Theresa Clark were present to discuss DFS in the District 5 area (Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, and Washakie counties). Ed stated that there is an amazing diversion program in the area and that each juvenile has a program that's really tailored to him/her. He stated that with the recent budget reductions across the state they have had to cut back in some areas including UA's. One problem that has arisen in District 5 is transportation for juveniles for appointments and also the WBS/WGS. Also getting all the people involved in each case to communicate with each other and cooperate in the best interest of the juvenile.

VII. Committees (Strategic Plan)

- a) Executive Committee – Shad Bates
Dates for the 2017 meetings for SACJJ will be discussed at the next meeting in Casper.
- b) Grants Committee – Shad Bates
No updates.
- c) Best Practices – Alli Anderson
No updates
- d) Outreach Committee – Alli Anderson
Thank you notes have been drafted up for Juvenile Detention Center contacts as well as the local sheriffs around the state, county attorneys, CJSB contacts, and WYSA (Wyoming Youth Services Association). Letters also will be going to local DFS supervisors and managers. New members are also currently being recruited. It was also discussed about the possibility of setting up a SACJJ booth at the Children's Justice Conference to increase the public awareness of the Council.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
No updates that weren't stated in the ROM update.
- f) Legislative Committee – Donna Sheen
--Juvenile Bills Update
No updates.
- g) Youth Member Committee – Seth Marshall/Baylee McIntyre
Baylee stated that there has been a new youth member appointed to the Council; Steffany Stephenson.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)
No updates

VIII. Announcements

- a) CHINS Recommendation Letter to Governor
It was discussed to draft a letter to the Governor voicing the Council's disapproval of CHINS juveniles being sent to the WGS and WBS. Donna Sheen made the motion to draft the letter, Nichole Hauser seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. A friendly amendment was discussed regarding the content of the letter in more detail. Detail shall include, but is not limited to, that research shows this an inappropriate use of placement for CHINS juveniles, that this is not cost effective in the long run, and ask how they are going to separate the populations. Nicole Hauser, Thomas Rose, Rene Kemper, Allison Anderson, Shane Johnson, and Lisa Finkey all volunteered as well to

help Donna with coming up with a rough draft of the recommendation letter to the Governor.

b) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Casper, WY on November 17-18.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Nicole Hauser, seconded by Donna Sheen, motioned passed, meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Next Meeting: November 17-18, 2016, Casper