

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

September 27-28, 2018 • Pinedale, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, September 27, 2018

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

Friday, September 28, 2018

- DFS Report/Updates
- Committee Reports
- Community Participation
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Adrienne Freng
Damon DeBernardi
Michael Sorenson
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser
Rene' Kemper
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Christina McCabe (Zoom)
Nicole Gilbert

Via Proxy or Zoom:

Allison Anderson
Erin Anderson-Swilling
Jennifer Palser

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Figus
Jeff Lamm
Korin Schmidt (Zoom)
Jennifer Davis
Jacob Weinzierl

Absent:

Alex Cooley
Chris Jones
Clarence Thomas
Gary Gilmore
Lisa Finkey
Madison Bates
Shad Bates
Steffany Stephenson

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 10 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

June 21-22, 2018 meeting in Green River, WY; Thomas Rose stated that there was a typo in the Minutes stating there was an "ion" where it should be "in." Adrienne Freng motioned to approve the Minutes as amended taking out "ion" and inserting "in"; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes to approve the Minutes as amended.

III. New Business

- a) Membership Update/Zoom Account for SACJJ Coordinator – Brandon Schimelpfenig
Brandon Schimelpfenig stated that everyone whose membership terms were expiring that reapplied we reappointed. This included Damon DeBernardi, Gary Gilmore, Lisa Finkey, Michael Sorenson, Narina Nunez, Nicole Hauser, and Thomas Rose. Members who did not reapply were Shane Johnson, Bryan Skoric, H. Steven Brown, Seth Marshall, and Baylee McIntyre. There have been two new members appointed to the Council; Erin Anderson-Swilling and Jennifer Palser. Erin is from District 1 in Cheyenne, WY and Jennifer is out of district 4 in Sheridan, WY. Numerous youth applications have been received by the Governor's Office for the Council from districts 2, 4, and 7. There has also been an application received by a prospective adult from district 7 as well. With certain members not being reappointed, there are currently openings in district 3, 5, and 7. Jeff Lamm with DFS stated that he could email the DFS district manager in district 5 to see if there were any prospective candidates in that area. Nicole Hauser stated that for the next scheduled quarterly meeting in November in Casper that there will be a new member orientation for new members of the Council before the full Council meeting.

Brandon Schimelpfenig proposed the idea of the Council purchasing a Zoom video conference account for the SACJJ Coordinator so that in the instance that Adrienne Freng or Narina Nunez from the University of Wyoming (UW) are not able to attend the meeting and the Council isn't able to access their UW Zoom account that the SACJJ coordinator can access the Council's Zoom account and still be able to utilize video conferencing. Brandon stated that he researched Zoom options and that there is a Zoom Pro option that is \$14.99 per month and that the account can have unlimited meeting durations, up to 100 participants for the video meetings, and that the account user can create usage reports as well. The Council discussed the option and Nicole Gilbert asked Brandon to look into the option of utilizing the Google Connect option that State of Wyoming employees currently have access to for free and that the meetings could be held via Google Connect services. Narina Nunez motioned for Brandon Schimelpfenig to research free-of-charge video conferencing services with the State of Wyoming (Google Connect) and compare those services to the Zoom Pro video conferencing services and if Zoom Pro is the better choice then to purchase a Zoom Pro account; Michael Sorenson seconded the motion; Nicole Hauser, Allison Anderson, and Thomas Rose opposed; discussion was had; motioned passed by majority vote.

- b) 2018 Neal Madson Award Recipient Initial Discussion
Nicole Hauser stated that now is the time for the Council to start discussing who the award recipient for the 2018 Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award.
- c) Annual Report – Discuss Updated Information, Activities/Goals/Etc.
Adrienne Freng and Nicole Hauser stated that in between this meeting and the next scheduled meeting in Casper that a draft of the 2018 Annual Report for the Council needs to be drafted up and then proposed at the meeting in November in Casper. Content to be added to the Report was discussed by members. Content included sites visited by the Council in 2018, Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) updates, the most recent Neal Madsen Award recipient, recruitment of youth members, financial allocation for utilization for the continuum of care, community participation highlights from sites visited by the Council, major themes of wants and needs from communities visited, and notes concerning juvenile justice and Wyoming Legislature.

- d) Open Topic Discussion from Members:
- i. Thomas Rose stated that he would like to discuss the current topic of juveniles being charged as adults and transportation issues related to said juveniles. Thomas asked for clarification on the issue from Volunteers of America's Craig Fiskus and Craig stated that the issue of juveniles being charged as adults for a felony has been ongoing for many years but that he has recently received requests for reimbursement from counties from VOA's Title II Non-Participating State Grant for transportation and detention costs for these juveniles. Craig stated that he wanted input from the Council regarding these costs.

IV. On-Going Business – Updates from:

- a) Budget Report/Grant Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig
Title II 2017 has \$11,874.43 remaining. The Title II 2018 application has been submitted to OJJDP for the amount of \$20,000.00 and is currently being reviewed. Carol Neylan is no longer the State Title II program Manager and since switched to Marisa O. Harris from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). She stated on a phone call with Brandon and Craig Fiskus that OJJDP is a little behind right now on getting notifications out right now to states for Title II but she also stated that WY should receive notification by Friday, 9/28. She also stated that numerous states across the country are having trouble recruiting youth members to their State Advisory Groups (SAGs) and that she recommended on overloading on youth members in case one or two do not come to meetings on a regular basis.

- b) ROM/Data Collection Update – Jeff Lamm
Jeff stated that almost a month ago DFS and the Data and Executive Committees had a conference call regarding ROM and DFS's request to transfer management of ROM to the Council. Jeff handed out a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Council for their review and discussion. Narina Nunez motioned to move forward with the consideration of the MOU; Adrienne Freng motioned with an amendment asking to explore a number of different options regarding both the MOU and the Governor's Office; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion as amended; discussion was had; all in favor; Thomas Rose abstained; motion passes. Craig Fiskus with VOA asked to be copied on discussions concerning the Data Committee and ROM.

Jeff presented a PowerPoint presentation on Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) and the reasoning behind including BARJ concepts in the current biennium's Community Juvenile Service Boards (CJSB) contracts with DFS. He presented history on BARJ from the federal entity for juvenile justice; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). His presentation can be found by clicking on the following link: [Balanced and Restorative Justice Presentation](#).

- c) Governor's Office – Gary Hartman
Gary was not present for an update.
- d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) – Craig Fiskus
Craig provided updates regarding the Non-Participating State Grant from OJJDP. He stated there have been some slight changes to violation standards from OJJDP. He stated Non-Participating States with the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) now includes American Samoa, Connecticut, Nebraska, and Wyoming. He stated that based on conversations that he has had with his OJJDP contacts that the list for Non-Participating States will undoubtedly grow. Craig stated that there have been 24 rescinded guidance documents from U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions concerning

the JJDP. There have been numerous changes to OJJDP's organizational structure including the re-creation of the State Relations and Assistance Division (SRAD). This will hopefully streamline communications between states and OJJDP concerning compliance monitoring, data collection and other areas. He stated that OJJDP will be putting on training in Baltimore, MD in November for compliance monitoring, DMC (Disproportionate Minority Contact), and juvenile justice specialists.

e) **FACJJ Update – Clarence Thomas**

Clarence was not present for an update. Brandon Schimelpfenig previously sent out an email to the Council from the FACJJ. The email stated that the FACJJ is currently recruiting and if any Council member is interested to please apply.

f) **2018-2020 SACJJ Strategic Plan Final Review**

The 2018-2020 Strategic Plan for the Council was approved and finalized in April 2018. The Strategic Plan has been posted on the Council's website; www.wyjuvenilejustice.com. Nicole Hauser stated that all responsible committees need to meet and discuss goals and activities related to sections that their committee is responsible for and provide updates at the next scheduled meeting in November 2018 in Casper, WY.

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V. DFS Update/Report – Korin Schmidt

Korin Schmidt, interim Senior Administrator for DFS, was present via Zoom video conferencing to present an update from DFS. Korin stated that DFS administration met with the Governor's Office and presented the supplemental budget for the upcoming year. She said that that it will go through the process of being reviewed with the Governor's Office as well as the Wyoming State Legislature Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC). She said that there is nothing in the supplemental budget that pertains to the Council. Nicole Hauser asked Korin if DFS has any information or is taking a stance on any bills in committees that the Council should know about. Korin stated that there is one bill that was presented by the Wyoming Supreme Court at Joint Judiciary last week that concerns the expungement of juvenile records. Narina Nunez stated that the SACJJ Legislative Committee will also be looking at that bill more in depth.

VI. Committee Reports

a) **Executive Committee – Allison Anderson**

Allison was not present but Nicole Hauser provided an update for the Executive Committee. She stated that they are going to continue to work on the Council's Annual Report and provide an update at the next meeting in November 2018.

b) **Grants Committee – Allison Anderson/Craig Fisgus**

i. **VOA Grant Review**

Allison was not present however Craig from Volunteers of America stated that there were no updates.

c) **Best Practices – Nicole Hauser**

Nicole stated that there are no updates however that they will be working on their sections of the strategic plan and provide an update for the next scheduled meeting.

- d) Outreach Committee – Thomas Rose
Thomas stated that they recently had a committee meeting and that the committee has created a Council recruiting flyer. This flyer was sent Brandon Schimelpfenig with DFS and distributed amongst all of Wyoming’s Community Juvenile Service Boards (CJSB) and DFS offices. He said in between now and the next meeting in Casper that they will meet and discuss their strategic plan activities that they are responsible for then provide an update at the next meeting. The Neal Madsen Award for 2018 was discussed and potential recipients were discussed. Laramie County and Sweetwater County were suggested. Criteria was discussed and reviewed as well.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
No updates that weren’t already stated in the ROM update from Jeff Lamm.
- f) Legislative Committee – Narina Nunez
Narina stated that the committee has not met recently but that they will in between now and the next meeting. She stated that a formal criteria has been created by the committee for commenting on Legislative bills. She stated that they will be meeting to discuss the juvenile record expungement bill, the de-facto custody bill, and the guardianship termination bill and provide an update on recommendations at the next meeting.
- g) Youth Member Committee – OPEN
No updates as no committee members were present.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton
Maureen was not present for an update however Brandon Schimelpfenig gave an update on her behalf and he stated there were no updates from the national ICJ office however from the Governor’s Office Brandon stated that there was an update. He stated that Kathy Coon, Boards and Commissioners coordinator told him that the Governor’s Office will be eliminating the ICJ sub-committee for SACJJ as the entire SACJJ is considered the ICJ State Council.

VII. Community Participation

- a) Wyoming Children’s Trust Fund – Jennifer Davis
Jennifer Davis, Executive Director for the Wyoming Children’s Trust Fund (WCTF), and Jacob Weinzierl, social services intern with the WCTF from the University of Wyoming, were in attendance to present on the WCTF. Jennifer passed a handout to the Council detailing what the WCTF is working on. She stated that they have sent people to a train-the-trainer training for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and that they currently have 70 trainers that can now train on ACEs. She also said that the WCTF is partnering with the Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to do a prevention conference in November 2018 in Riverton, WY. Jennifer then went on to explain where the WCTF’s funding comes from and what exactly the WCTF does.
- b) Sublette County Dept. of Family Services (DFS)
Dayna LaTorre, supervisor for Sublette County DFS, was present via Zoom to present on current trends DFS is seeing in Sublette County. Dayana stated that the main drug of choice in the area is methamphetamine and that DFS in Sublette County handles a lot of these cases where there is meth in the home and as a parent or parents are charged, the children are subsequently removed from the home. She also stated that they are in need of foster homes for children.

- c) Teton Youth and Family Services – Bruce Burkland
Bruce was not able to attend the meeting as the route from Jackson to Pinedale was closed due to road closures from the Roosevelt forest fire.

VIII. Announcements

- a) Next Meeting
The next meeting will be on November 15-16 in Casper, WY.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Narina Nunez, Thomas Rose and Adrienne Freng seconded the motion, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Next Meeting: November 15-16, 2018, Casper, WY.