

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

September 12-13, 2019--Laramie, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, September 12, 2019

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

Friday, September 13, 2019

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

Present:

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

Ex-Officio Present:

Christina McCabe (Zoom)
Erin Johnson (Zoom)

Via Proxy or Zoom:

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Figus
Peggy Trent
Karla Smith
Katrina Price
Donna Shippen
Corey Cattles
Misty Langwell
Anna Cramer
Martin Consuelos

Absent:

Alex Cooley
Chris Jones
Clarence Thomas
Erin Anderson-Swilling
Gary Gilmore
Justice Orum-Eikanger
Madison Bates
Shad Bates
Steffany Stephenson

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

a) Roll Call/Introductions

b) Declaration of Quorum; a quorum could not be established as there were only eight (8) members present.

II. Approval of Minutes

June 20-21, 2019 meeting in Worland, WY; as a quorum could not be established, the drafted Minutes from the June 2019 meeting could not be voted on and finalized. This will be pushed to the November 2019 meeting in Casper, WY.

III. New Business

a) Recommendations for Annual Report

Nicole Hauser stated that she would like to include Council membership efforts in the Annual Report. Nicole read the 2018 Annual Report recommendations to see if the Council would like to include any of those efforts or themes in the 2019 report. Nicole stated that the Council would like to continue focus on prevention efforts for juveniles and juvenile justice data collection efforts. Nicole then read the full list of recommendations; Council membership to be more representative statewide and to match statutory and federal requirements; prevention efforts for juveniles in the juveniles justice system including pre-diversion; optimize Family First prevention dollars for juvenile justice; help define prevention programs and request input with state government planning efforts regarding those programs; assist communities with using their juvenile justice ROM data and making informed decision based on that data; and universal definitions for dispositions in the juvenile justice ROM system to improve data collection efforts.

b) Minimum Council Member Age

Dakota Jackson presented a handout on pros and cons on establishing a minimum Council member age for 18. The Council could not vote on a minimum member age as quorum was not established.

IV. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) E-Citations and SPE – Nicole Hauser

Nicole stated that the Executive Committee received responses from Wyoming county prosecutors regarding any issues with the E-citations being utilized and Single Point of Entry. There does not seem to be a statewide issue.

b) Council Membership – Brandon Schimelpfenig

Adrienne Freng stated her support of Dakota Jackson for making the time and effort to physically attend the Council meetings and reiterated for youth members and other Council members to utilize the Zoom video-conferencing option if they cannot physically attend. Nicole Hauser stated that it might be a good idea for engaging new members is to have a more senior member of the Council mentor them and assist them in active participation in meetings. Thomas Rose suggested utilizing incarcerated youth. Michael Sorenson stated that the problem with that is most of the youth that are detained in Wyoming are only there short term. Jennifer Palser stated that she had five (5) youth members at Sheridan College that have expressed interest and that she had directed them to apply. Nicole Hauser stated that she reached out to a couple individuals in Natrona County as well. Adrienne asked to reach out to the Community Juvenile Service Boards (CJSB). Brandon Schimelpfenig stated that he could reach out to the Wyoming Department of Corrections. Brandon stated that he would also reach out to the CJSBs for prospective Council membership.

c) Neal Madson Award Presentation update – Nicole Hauser/Craig Fiskus

Nicole read a letter from Dan Lindly and the Sheridan County Justice Office stating that the SCJO would like to thank the Council for recognizing Sheridan County for its efforts in providing meaningful policy decisions and program opportunities intended to best serve juveniles involved in the criminal justice system.

d) ROM MOU Draft – Adrienne Freng

Adrienne stated that Christina McCabe with the Attorney General's office reviewed the draft of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) and provided suggestions. The draft

was then passed along to Brandon Schimelpfenig at the Department of Family Services for review. Brandon stated that DFS had their Attorney General representative, Jill Kucera, review the draft and provide feedback. Brandon also wanted to inform the Council that DFS will be putting together a public facing site for their ROM which encompasses child protection data as well as juvenile services data from all of the Wyoming DFS county offices in case the Council was still contemplating on whether to move forward with management of the juvenile justice ROM that is currently being utilized by the 14 CJSBs around the state. Adrienne also wanted to reiterate ROM's current usefulness to counties because as it currently sits she stated that there are some counties that currently only collect ROM data for their CJSBs but do not utilize the data as it is not useful to their respective communities. She stated that moving forward there might be some discussions in revising the ROM data collection sheet to make it more useful and effective for counties.

- e) Budget Report/Grant Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig
Title II 2018 has \$11,250.65 remaining. Title II Part and Part 2 2019 have been submitted and are awaiting final approval from OJJDP.
- f) ROM/Data Collection Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig/Debra Hibbard
Brandon Schimelpfenig stated there were no updates that weren't already stated in the MOU Draft update.
- g) Governor's Office – Erin Johnson
Erin Johnson, Senior Policy Advisor for health and human services for the Governor's Office, was present via Zoom to discuss Governor Gordon's vision for juvenile justice. Erin stated that for this first year of the Governor's term is to come up with recommendations and a background on the Council versus waiting for directive. She also stated that Family First legislation is coming to Wyoming and would be a good idea to include that in the Council's recommendations to the Governor. Craig Fiskus with VOA gave Erin a brief background on Title II funding and OJJDP in Wyoming.
- h) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) – Craig Fiskus
Craig stated some concerns he had regarding sight and sound separations for juveniles in the state. Craig stated there were eight applications for the Non-Participating State Grant this year and that they have been reviewed and scored by the Grants Committee.
- i) 2018-2020 SACJJ Strategic Plan: Review and Updates
No updates.

V. Committee Reports

- a) Executive Committee – Nicole Hauser
Nicole stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the agenda.
- b) Grants Committee – Nicole Hauser/Craig Fiskus
VOA Grant Review: Nicole stated that they met and reviewed the Non-Participating State grant applications from counties.
- c) Best Practices – Thomas Rose
Thomas stated that they met and discussed Restorative Justice practices.

- d) Outreach Committee – Thomas Rose
CJSB event update: Thomas stated that the Outreach Committee recently met and discussed logistics for the proposed CJSB symposium event in 2020; locations, dates, how many people, how long, etc. Thomas stated that the event will most likely take place in Casper at the Oil & Gas Commission building. He also stated that he would like the Executive Committee to review his proposal.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
No updates that weren't already stated in the ROM MOU update.
- f) Legislative Committee – Damon DeBernardi
Damon stated that they didn't meet but that there are a couple bills that he would like the Legislative Committee to look at. He stated there is a bill being proposed to separate the GAL program from the Public Defender's Office; 20LSO-0099 Office of guardian ad litem. The second bill to be discussed is 20LSO-0100 Family Preservation Act.
- g) Youth Member Committee – Dakota Jackson
No updates that weren't already stated in the Minimum Council Member Age update.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Brandon Schimelpfenig
Brandon stated that the 2019 ICJ Annual Business Meeting took place in Indianapolis, IN recently and Commissioner Clifton attended that meeting on behalf of WY. He also stated that the vendor has been chosen to create the new ICJ system for tracking cases. There will be a formation of a testing group to test sending and receiving cases and documents once the system has been created. No other updates.
- i) FACJJ – Thomas Rose
Thomas has been chosen to serve on the Federal Advisory Council for Juvenile Justice (FACJJ). He stated that the FACJJ has come up with three committees; Trends, Special Focus and Troubleshooting committee, Educating the Field committee, and Facilitating Compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) and Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA).

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VI. DFS Update/Report – Korin Schmidt

Korin was not available for an update.

VII. Community Participation

a) Albany County Dept. of Family Services

Katrina Price, Social Services Supervisor for Albany County, was present to discuss trends that DFS is seeing in the area. She stated that about 15% of the juveniles they have on probation are dually-involved youth meaning that with their delinquency case they are also involved in a CPS case as well. She stated that Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters is a local provider they rely on for services such as mentoring and after school services. She stated that the local juvenile drug court has been seeing positive outcomes with their juveniles. She also stated that the Albany County DFS currently has six (6) workers.

- b) Albany County CJSB
Peggy Trent spoke briefly on the Albany County CJSB and the diversion program.
- c) Albany County Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Peggy Trent
Peggy was present to discuss juvenile justice programs in the Albany County area and to answer any questions. She stated that the communication level is very good between all the entities involved with juvenile justice. She praised the local diversion program in Albany County and stated that approximately 98-99% of all juvenile cases are diverted from the court system. She stated that there is currently a 98% completion rate in the diversion program. She also stated that adult crime is on the rise in Albany County.
- d) Big Brothers Big Sisters – Diversion
Steve Hamaker was not available to present on Greater Wyoming Big Brother Big Sisters.
- e) Cathedral Home for Children
Corey Cattles, Coordinator for the Laramie Youth Crisis Center (LYCC), was present to discuss services offered for juveniles. He stated that in 2018 they served 153 juveniles and 123 for 2019 to-date. He stated that most of the juveniles they serve are teenagers that are going through some sort of crisis at home or are passing through the area and need a place to stay while things are sorted out at home. He went on to detail other services the LYCC provides including the group home program and the A.C.E.S program (Albany County Expelled and Suspended). Misty Langwell, Extended Families Coordinator for the Cathedral Home for Children, was present to discuss the Extended Families program which included the Independent Living program and the Case Management program. She also stated that the program offers Wraparound services. Martin Consuelos, Hunter Cottage Coordinator, and Anna Cramer, Sargent Cottage Coordinator, were present to discuss their duties within the Cathedral Home for Children. Martin stated that the residential program served about 690 juveniles in 2018 ages 12-18. Anna stated that all of the juveniles that the residential program serves have endured some sort of trauma in their lives, whether physical or psychological. Anna also stated that referrals come from California, Wyoming, and Nebraska. Martin stated that the biggest goal is reintegrating the youth into their respective community which starts with home visits.

VIII. Announcements

- a) Next Meeting
The next meeting will be on November 14-15, 2019 in Casper, WY.

IX. Adjournment

Due to a lack of quorum, Nicole Hauser adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM.