

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE  
(SACJJ)  
Casper, Wyoming  
April 13-14, 2000  
Minutes**

**Council Members Present:** James Boykin, Pat Crow, Carol Crump, John Frentheway, Tom Harrington, Kathy Hutchison, Nena James, Chuck Kratz, Sharon Mann, Bob Mayor, Pat Nagel, Rick Paul, Valerie Seidel

**Staff Support:** Les Pozsgi, Renee Gamino, Div. of Juvenile Services, Mary Byrnes, JAIBG Contractor

**Unable To Attend:** Lynn Dickey, Mark Harris, Steve Lindly, Narina Nunez, Mike Seabeck, Ben Silliman, Thomas Sullins, Doreen Thunder

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**Grant Review Committee.** During the lunch hour, the Grant Review Committee met and reviewed items requiring recommendations to the Council. These items included FY98 JAIBG, FY98 JAIBG Evaluation and Technical Assistance requests, and FY99 JAIBG applications status.

**Welcome.** Valerie Seidel, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Les Pozsgi introduced Kari Gray, Director, Department of Family Services.

**Minutes.** The minutes were reviewed. Bob Mayor motioned to accept the minutes and Kathy Hutchinson seconded the motion. Council approved the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** The balance for 5% SAG was reported as \$40,367.66 and FY98 JAIBG balance as \$501,336.62. Bob Mayor requested information on amounts set aside for the following:

- FY98 JAIBG Remaining funds
- FY98 Evaluation Requests
- FY98 JAIBG Training
- Statistical Analysis Center

Pat Crow moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Nena James seconded the motion. Council approved the motion.

**Old Business**

- **Judicial Council Conference.** Nena James reported Dr. Embry will make a presentation to the Judicial Council and the Bar Association in September 2000. Les Pozsgi indicated DFS will contract with Dr. Embry at a cost of approximately \$2500-\$5000. Val Seidel inquired about Council participation at the Conference. Pat Nagel suggested developing a flyer which highlights the Council's accomplishments and identifies the Council as the sponsoring entity.
- **Introduction of Council Members.** Les Pozsgi asked that Council members introduce themselves to the new DFS Director, Kari Gray.

- **Legislation Update.** Les Pozsgi presented an overview of the 2000 Legislative Budget session. This included fiscal issues and statutes relating to children and adolescents. Pat Nagel also provided information relative to the session. Issues included:
  - Child Support
  - Information Sharing
  - Public Health Nursing Program
  - Sex Offender Registration
  - 4% funding reduction to DFS facilities' operational expenses and \$550,000 from Division of Juvenile Services program budgets.
  - Kids Care funding
  - Medicaid increase for child care
  
- **Wyoming Judicial Commission & Circuit Court.** Chuck Kratz inquired about the status in working with the Commission on a standardized court process for juveniles and how the Circuit Court would affect the juvenile process. After discussion, Representative Pat Nagel recommended inviting Representative Phil Nicholas or Senator John Schiffer to address this issue at the June 2000 meeting. Chuck Kratz motioned to approve and Kathy Hutchinson second the motion. Council approved. Chuck will make the arrangements.
  
- **Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth.** Nancy Neufeld shared information about the upcoming conference. Nancy provided handouts on Asset Building, Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth and Wyoming Community Coalition for Health Education. Ms. Neufeld thanked the Council for last year's financial support and requested support from the Council for this year's conference. Pat Crow motioned to support the conference in the amount of \$2,000; Ric Paul seconded the motion; Council approved. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wyoming Community Coalition for Health Education is scheduled to be held September 24-26, 2000 at the Casper Events Center.
  
- **Governor's Advisory Board on Substance Abuse and Violent Crime report.** Les Pozsgi provided "The Image, The Reality, and The Vision." (Refer to "Attachment A.")
  
- **Legislative Interim Committee Topics:**

**Joint Judiciary Committee**

- Confidentiality Issues
- Drug Courts
- CHINS/FINS It was noted that Wyoming Youth Services Association (WYSA) is working on this issue and the Council discussed working with WYSA since this is a concern for the SACJJ. It was determined that the Delinquency Prevention and Youth Services committee will work with WYSA.

**Labor, Health and Social Services**

- Creation of a State Office of Drug Policy
- Continuation of the Methamphetamine Initiative
- Statistical Analysis Center
- "Breaking the Cycle"
- Drug Courts

Unused funding from the Methamphetamine Initiative is being considered for funding drug courts. The Juvenile Justice Committee will adopt juvenile drug courts as a study topic.

- **Statistical Analysis Center.** Pat Crow requested a presentation on the Statistical Analysis Center, since this is a project the Council is looking at funding. Les indicated more information will be available after the Governor's Advisory Board on Substance Abuse and Violent Crime meets with the Governor. Once information is available, a presentation will be scheduled.
- **Prevention Programs.** Pat Nagel requested the Delinquency Prevention Committee promote and assist communities in implementing the prevention programs endorsed by the Council. (NOTE: In the November 1999 minutes it was indicated the Delinquency Prevention committee would research financial and technical assistance resources for communities interested in implementing these prevention programs.)
- **"Juvenile Justice in 2000: Accentuate the Positive."** The National Conference on Juvenile Justice was held March 19–22, 2000, in Miami, FL. Bob Mayor reported that the following topics were addressed at the conference: restorative issues, changing rules for probationary period, community and family conferencing, sentencing options, and early detection and intervention of mental health issues related to juvenile crime.
- **"Looking to the Future-Lessons from the Past"** Coalition on Juvenile Justice was held March 29–31, 2000 in Bethesda, MD. Lynn Dickey represented the Council.
- **Wyoming Alcohol Education Showcase.** Sharon Guerney-Maier provided brochures on the showcase and copies of the Request for Applications. Sharon reviewed the itinerary and requested Council representation. James Boykin and Sharon Mann will represent the Council. John Frenthway motioned that \$300 per person be granted for the Council representative to attend the showcase. Motion was seconded and approved.
- **Wyoming County Commissioners Association Nonparticipation Update.** Donna Messerli presented an overview of the WCCA Nonparticipation Grant. Federal mandates include:
  - De-institutionalization of juveniles
  - Removal of juveniles from adult jails
  - Sight and sound separation
  - Community service tracking system including risk assessment

Presently, counties partially meet these federal mandates, as follows:

- 17 counties report they meet the first two requirements.
- 19 counties meet the sight and sound separation.
- 10 counties have some form of tracking system for juveniles.

The four required components of the grant will include the following:

- Tracking system for risk assessment and community service
- Supervised juvenile probation
- Electronically monitored home detention
- 48-hour non-secure/secure holding placement

Donna Messerli suggested having a representative from the Sheriff's Association serve on the Council, and stated the opinion that the Juvenile Detention Standards will require enforcement in order to succeed.

**Adjourn.** Val Seidel indicated the remaining agenda items would be addressed at the April 14, 2000 meeting, including the direction of the Council and terms ending August 2000. There being no further business and no objections, it was moved the Council adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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**April 14, 2000, meeting** reconvened at 8:05 a.m.

**JAIBG State Plan.** Mary Byrnes, Contractor, presented the Draft State Plan. (Refer to "Attachment B.") Mary suggested that a follow-up visit be made to Natrona and Sweetwater Counties.

**Holdover Program.**

- Val Seidel, Narina Nunez, Les Pozsgyi, Merit Thomas and Renee Gamino participated in a conference call with Karen Dunlap, American Probation and Parole Association, regarding the Holdover Program. Les indicated Sheridan has contracted Johnson-Sheridan Group Home to provide 48-hour Holdover services. Les expressed concerns about the lack of guidelines for program oversight and operation.
- Karen Dunlap provided a packet of information on Minnesota's 8-day Holdover Program, which included a Law Enforcement Survey, Standards, and other information.
- Donna Messerli stressed the importance of not mixing populations (i.e., holdover juveniles and non-holdover juveniles).
- John Frentheway stated that a presentation to the Council on this program would be beneficial to address concerns and answer questions.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Juvenile Justice Committee.** Bob Mayor was selected as Committee Chairperson. Bob reported the following:
  - A meeting is scheduled with the Governor on April 26, 2000 to review comments on the proposed Juvenile Detention Standards. Copies were provided to committee members. Once the committee has the Governor's input, all Council members will receive a copy of the proposed Standards and a report at the June 2000 meeting.
  - The committee will research and provide information to the Council on the Drug Court and Holdover Programs.
  - Position Paper on Restraints. The committee reviewed the position paper and Bob Mayor will respond.
- **Grant Review Committee.** Pat Crow, Chairperson, made the following recommendations:
  - FY98 JAIBG remaining funds, declined by Casper and Cheyenne in the amount of \$56,686.87 be set aside for the proposed Statistical Analysis Center.

- FY98 Evaluation and Technical Assistance Requests. The committee is not qualified to develop the specific outcome measurements based on the JAIBG project proposals. They recommend the evaluation form, provided by Donna Messerli, be used and sent to all JAIBG projects. They also believe the outcome measurements will be based on project proposals.
- **Delinquency Prevention and Youth Services Committee.** Ric Paul reported the following was reviewed by the committee:
  - **Statewide Juvenile Directory.** The committee recommends making a request to the Wyoming Girls' School (WGS) to finalize the directory, with Sharon Mann supervising the project. WGS residents will research specific information for counties and enter the data. The Committee has identified a need to hire a computer expert to develop a format (with a search feature) so the data can be indexed by category. Sharon indicated WGS must acquire ACCESS software to complete the project. Pat Nagel made a motion; Carol Crump seconded the motion; the Council approved the request. Les Pozsgi will contact Gary Kopsa, WGS Director, to make the request on behalf of the committee.
  - **Risk Assessment.** The committee discussed possible risk assessments to identify youth in need of early crisis intervention. Copies of the DFS assessment instrument will be provided to the committee.
  - John Frentheway provided suggested statute revision areas to be considered by the committee.
  - **Alternatives to CHINS.** The committee would like to continue researching alternatives to CHINS.
- **WCCA Nonparticipation Conference.** Val Seidel represented the Council at the conference and reported concerns from some Sheriff's Office representatives regarding the Proposed Juvenile Detention Standards, as well as OJJDP's compliance issues (i.e., jailing juveniles in adult facilities). Pat Nagel suggested inviting a Sheriff (or representative) to attend the next Council meeting, stating it would serve two purposes: 1) be a goodwill gesture, and 2) allow the representative to comment on the standards. Les Pozsgi reminded the Council the meeting is open to the public.
- **WCCA Juvenile Justice Team.** The Council elected Carol Crump to serve as the representative for WCCA's Juvenile Justice Team.
- **SACJJ Terms End August 2000.** Les Pozsgi reported all Council members' terms will end August 2000 with the exception of James Boykin, Commissioner Runner, Mike Seabeck and Judge Sullins.
  - **Renew Terms.** Pat Nagel suggested Les write a letter and recommend another term with staggered terms for all the members present. The absent members will be contacted to determine desire to continue Council membership.
  - **Youth Representatives.** Les mentioned Mr. Don Morris, Cheyenne High School, may have recommendations of youth to serve on the Council. The Healthy Community/Healthy Youth is another possible resource for locating youth interested in serving on the Council. There are two vacancies.
  - Renee Gamino informed the Committee that Doreen Thunder is planning to resign from the Council and her position will be vacant.

- **Direction for the Council.** The Council discussed and identified the following as areas on which to focus:
  - Revisit Strategic Plan
  - Authority to implement recommendations
  - Post-Legislative Agenda
  - Interim Studies – Substance Abuse
  - Statewide Juvenile Justice Plan
  - Network with other councils, i.e. Early Childhood Development Council and Governor’s Substance Abuse and Violent Crime Advisory Board
  - Share knowledge with others. Become the “Juvenile Justice Experts”
  - Build partnerships and promote the Council
  - Establish a philosophy on the Juvenile Justice Act and Core Requirements

Bob Mayor reminded the Council about the accomplishments they have made in the last two years (refer to 1998 & 1999 Annual Reports). The Council has already embraced the philosophy of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention core requirements and initiated involvement with the WCCA Nonparticipation Grant and JAIBG grants.

- **WY Juvenile Justice Newsletter.** Pat Nagel suggested a newsletter be developed focusing on juvenile issues with articles about the SACJJ. Director Kari Gray suggested a part-time person be hired to take on this project or make the Council Coordinator’s position full-time.
  - John Frentheway motioned the Council begin discussion on a newsletter format; Ric Paul second the motion; Council approved.
- **Facilitator for June Meeting.** Pat Nagel suggested a facilitator be recruited to assist the Council in defining direction for the remainder of the year. This was supported by the Council.
- **Adjourn:** There being no further business and no objections, it was moved the Council adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.