

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

April 20-21, 2017 • Rawlins, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, April 20, 2017

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

Friday, April 21, 2017

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- Committee Reports
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- Adjournment

Present:

Allison Anderson
Damon DeBernardi
Dawnessa Snyder
Michael Sorenson
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Jo Ann Numoto
Nicole Gilbert
Gary Hartman
Christina McCabe

ICI:

Brandon Schimelpfenig

Via Proxy:

Adrienne Freng
Lisa Finkey
Shad Bates

Via Phone:

Chris Jones
Gary Gilmore

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Fiskus
Chuck Kratz
Steve Corsi
Ed Heimer
Donna Sheen
Megan Crow
Holly Law
Diane Kulmus
Heidi Helm
Stefanie Paulson
Brian Reynolds

Absent:

Baylee McIntyre
Bryan Skoric
Clarence Thomas
Seth Marshall
Shane Johnson
Steffany Stephenson
H. Steven Brown

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

a) Roll Call

b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 12 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

January 19-20, 2017 meeting in Cheyenne. Narina Nunez motioned to approve the Minutes, Dawnessa Snyder 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. The administrative portion of the grant is due to be closed out soon.

b) Title II State Advisory Group Award

Title II '16 has \$12,507.94 remaining. Title II '17 grant application has been submitted to OJJDP and are currently reviewing it. Approximately three weeks ago, the 2016 Title II grant was frozen by OJJDP due to non-compliance with four areas of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention ACT (JJDP). One of area of non-compliance was the Council not having 1/5 of their members being youth and in years the past the Council has continuously attempted to recruit and retain youth. Of the 19 members on the Council, there are currently three youth members. In order to be in compliance with the Act, there needs to be at least one more youth member. The second area of non-compliance was having at least three members of the Council having or have been involved with the juvenile justice system. This area was brought into compliance with a list sent to Carol Neylan, State Program Manager for OJJDP. The third area of non-compliance was stating whether the Council was in advisory or supervisory role. This was brought into compliance by stating that the Council is in an advisory role to the Governor. The fourth area of non-compliance was completing an Appendix in the application approximately 10 pages long. The appendix asked many questions pertaining to how the Act applies to the WY State Advisory Group (SAG). This area was brought into compliance by answering all questions on the Appendix and sending in said Appendix to Carol.

IV. New Business

a) CJJ Membership

The Council has been approached once again by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) to see if WY would be interested in joining the CJJ. Membership dues are \$2,500 annually. In return, the CJJ provides technical assistance, conference opportunities and trainings. In years past, it was stated that WY was a member of the CJJ but for approximately the past four years, WY has voted to not be a member mainly due to budget constraints and feeling that it's worth what the CJJ provides in return for the cost of membership. Thomas Rose motioned to have WY continue it's non-membership with the CJJ, Nicole Hauser seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

b) FACJJ Survey

Allison Anderson stated that Brandon Schimelpfenig received a survey from the Federal Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) asking for state's input on particular areas of focus the FACJJ is currently looking at across the nation. There were 14 questions with four of them related to legislative work and the rest being related to "state" work. Answers to the questions were in multiple choice format and listed as "We have recent accomplishments to report; Implementation of initiatives are in progress; We have plans to tackle this issue in the future; and No immediate plans." The answers were compiled through the work of Executive Committee of the SACJJ and Craig Fisgus from VOA.

The first question of the survey was "Reducing adjudication of youth in adult court through expansion of Family/Juvenile Court jurisdiction" and the response from the Council was "No immediate plans." Second Question was "Implementation of Evidence Based Practices (including assessment for risk and/or mental health issues)" and the response from the Council was "We have plans to tackle this in the future" and the

discussion around that was that the Council is trying to work on data collection and trying to keep track of the programs that are going along in the state and the long term plan is to identify some best practices. Thomas Rose mentioned adding in discussion around the Juvenile Detention Risk Assessment (JDRA) as best practice. The third question was “Disproportionate Minority Contact” and the response from the Council was “Implementation of initiatives are in progress - currently collecting quarterly DMC data from counties receiving sub-grant funding from OJJDP.” The fourth question was “Truancy” and the Council’s response was “We have plans to tackle this in the future”. The fifth question was “Shackling Policies” and the Council’s response was “No immediate plans.” The sixth question was “Reduce Detention of Status Offenders” and the Council’s response was “Implementation of initiatives are in progress – quarterly data reviews with counties and discussions of solutions and ways to improve have been occurring on an ongoing basis, rather than annually.” The seventh question was “Confidentiality of juvenile records” and the Council’s response was “Implementation of initiatives are in progress – Juvenile Records have been confidential for many years in Wyoming. Our current attempts to expand statewide juvenile justice data collection is ensuring that identifiers are removed to continue the confidentiality of these records. Juvenile records are not kept confidential in Municipal and Circuit courts, and this will be an area of improvement and conversation in the future.” The eighth question was “Reduction of gang activity” and the Council’s response was “No immediate plans.” The ninth question was “Projects related to juvenile justice data sharing” and the Council’s response was “We have recent accomplishments to report – Working with Department of Family Services to collect data statewide, starting with 12 counties.” The tenth question was listed as “Other” and the Council made a note that stated “Some responses are dependent and are waiting on results of new data collection efforts.”

The final four questions in the survey asked the Council to rate them in terms of “High Priority; Medium Priority; or Low Priority.” The eleventh question was “The Redeem Act (S. 675; H.R. 1672) Provides incentives to states for sealing and expunging records for youth who commit non-violent offenses early in life.” The Council’s response was “Medium Priority.” The twelfth question was “The Youth Promise Act (S. 1770; H.R. 2197) Provides communities with grant funds for evidence-based and promising practices aimed at preventing and intervening in gang activity and other negative youthful behaviors.” The Council’s response was “Low Priority.” The thirteenth question was “Connect Act (S. 3193) The Connect Act (Childhood Outcomes Need New Efficient Community Teams) would help states identify dual status youth, children who have come into contact with both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.” The Council’s response was “Medium Priority.” The final question was “Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization (H.R. 68) This bill would reauthorize the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant and allocate “such sums as necessary for the grants in the federal budget.” A portion of the funding would also be reallocated to combat bullying.” The Council’s response was “High Priority.”

On the second day of the meeting, April 21, the Council wanted to discuss the rankings of the four legislative questions in the survey (questions 11-14) and see if they wanted to keep them where they are currently ranked or if they wanted to raise the rankings from Medium to High priority, Low to Medium, etc. Question #11 “The Redeem Act” was originally ranked at “Medium Priority.” Thomas Rose motioned to raise the ranking to “High Priority”, Narina Nunez seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passes. Question #12 “The Youth Promise Act” was originally ranked “Low Priority.” The Council decided to keep it at “Low Priority.” Question #13 “The Connect Act” was originally ranked as “Medium Priority.” The Council decided to keep the ranking at

“Medium Priority.” Question #14 “Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization” was originally ranked at “High Priority”. The Council decided to keep it at “High Priority.” Question #2’s answer will also need amended from “We have plans to tackle this in the future” to “Implementations are in progress” per Allison Anderson.

c) Meeting Speakers/Presenters

Allison Anderson mentioned to the Council that wherever the Council travels to for meetings, if the Council has any names they would like to have the individual(s) come and present at the meeting to have them send the name(s) to the Executive Committee and Brandon Schimelpfenig from DFS.

d) Membership – Reapplications, Youth Membership

Allison Anderson stated that it is that time of year again for members that their expiration terms are coming up in August to reapply for Council membership if they are interested in staying on the Council. Members whose terms are due to expire in August are Dawnessa Snyder, Shad Bates, Clarence Thomas, Adrienne Freng, and Allison Anderson. Seth Marshall’s membership on the Council is also going to be vacant as he has moved out the state. It was stated that Adrienne Freng and Allison Anderson were planning on reapplying to the Council but could not be confirmed for Clarence Thomas, Shad Bates, or Dawnessa Snyder if they were going to reapply. It was also discussed that those five members whose terms are set to expire to turn in their reapplication soon; Judge Hartman stated that the sooner the better. It was stated to also have more representation and participation from Legislation.

Allison also stated that in order to comply with the JJDP and the 1/5 youth membership rule in the Act, there needs to be at least one more youth member recruited and appointed to the Council. Also since Seth Marshall will be departing the Council there really needs to be two youth members appointed. Narina Nunez mentioned that it is hard to garner Youth member interest to the Council due to the costs of traveling to the meetings around the state. She stated that the way the payment system works with the state is that you must pay for the gas and meals first then be reimbursed after the meetings by the state. She asked if there was any way that the state could possibly reimburse the youth member beforehand. Director Corsi with DFS stated it is state policy that payments can’t be made before services have occurred.

e) 2016 Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award Report

Craig Figus presented an update on the 2016 Award recipient; Sweetwater County. He stated things went very well and that the event and presentation received a large amount of media coverage. Neal’s wife was not able to make it due to adverse weather conditions.

f) June Meeting Community Opportunity

Allison stated that Lisa Finkey sent her an email stating that she knows that the June meeting is scheduled to be in Sundance, WY but that she would like to extend an invitation to attend a Campbell County Juvenile and Family Drug Court session in Gillette, WY on the 22nd of June (Thursday) where Ms. Finkey is a judge for the Juvenile and Family Drug Court Program.

g) September Meeting Location

Allison Anderson stated that currently the September meeting location is in Pinedale, WY however in the January meeting Clarence Thomas had presented an invitation to host the Council on the Wind River Indian Reservation in the future. Allison stated that

she wanted to open it up for discussion to the Council to possibly move the September meeting to the Wind River Indian Reservation instead of Pinedale. Thomas Rose motioned to move the September meeting location from Pinedale to the Wind River Indian Reservation, Dawnessa Snyder seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

h) Leading the Way in Afterschool & Juvenile Justice Summit Reminder

Allison Anderson stated that she wanted to remind everyone that the Leading the Way in Afterschool & Juvenile Justice Summit hosted by the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance is coming up on April 25 in Riverton from 10 AM to 3 PM.

i) Child Abuse Prevention Month – Allison Anderson

Allison Anderson stated that Child Abuse Prevention Month is in April and she wanted to remind everybody that the pinwheel gardens are popping up all around the state in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. She also wanted to state that child maltreatment data has been compiled by DFS and she handed out a data report detailing the findings.

V. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Governor’s Office - Judge Gary Hartman

Judge Hartman stated that ICJ has a new director named MaryLee Underwood. The Annual ICJ Business Meeting is going to be held in San Diego, CA in September. Judge Hartman stated that one thing the council needs to keep an eye on is the Compliance committee for ICJ, which Judge Hartman stated that he a member of. He stated that the committee is working on a new matrix so that states can view what happens if a state violates a compact rule or statute.

b) Data Collection Update – Jeff Lamm

Jeff Lamm was not present to give a data update but Brandon Schimelpfenig presented his update. The Univ. of Kansas contract for ROM is good up through December 2017. He stated that DFS needs to schedule a call with Univ. of Kansas to discuss the costs of ROM operation for the following year. Brandon stated that a call was recently held with the data committee of the Council to discuss adding dispositions to the ROM spreadsheet in order to reduce the “other” designations. The call included discussions on informal vs. formal diversion and putting in the definitions of informal and formal diversion in the Legends tab. Donna Sheen had some reservations about adding informal and formal diversion as it they are not legal terms and instead suggested diversion: pre-citation, diversion: post-citation, and diversion: post-adjudication. Craig Fisgus suggested adding in the definition for diversion that there had to have been probable cause.

c) DFS Update - Director Corsi

Director Corsi was present to give an update as to the current status of DFS. He stated that there were some budget restraints that were enacted by the Legislature in the month of April. He stated that the Legislature said that any job vacancies left at the end of April will be eliminated. He also stated that the Governor has been tasked with identifying 90 positions across the state to eliminate that are 80% or more “state general funds” funded. Director Corsi then went on to state that it does not necessarily have to be 90 positions but has to comparable to 90 in terms of dollars. Casey Family Programs came and visited DFS in Cheyenne recently. CORE training is constantly

being improved for new employees with DFS. Ed Heimer is the new Social Services Administrator for DFS. The CFSR Federal Report has been finalized and is available for viewing on the DFS website and Director Corsi stated that he would welcome any feedback on the report.

- d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) - Craig Fisgus
Craig Fisgus was present to give an update on the Non-Participating State Grant. Due to budget cuts from OJJDP for the award amount, Chuck Kratz will no longer be the DMC Coordinator for Wyoming. Craig stated that those duties will now be allocated to him. Eleven counties around the state have submitted applications for the award and all eleven counties have been accepted for funding.
- e) FACJJ Update – Clarence Thomas
Clarence was not present. No updates.

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VI. Community Participation

- a) Carbon County CJSB – Dawnessa Snyder
Megan Crow presented on the Diversion program. A Restorative Justice program is underway in Carbon County. The Diversion program is working very well in Carbon County as well. A program called GLOW is in operation right now and teaches teens in the community how to be successful in today's society; how to write a resume, how to be successful in job interviews, how to budget, etc. The program is seeing a lot of positive results in the community.
- b) Carbon County Crisis Center
Holly Law was present to discuss the Carbon County Crisis Center. The Crisis Center is up and running and is seeing very positive results in the community. There are talks right now to build an expansion on the current Crisis Center. There have been some donations from the community to help with the cost but it was stated that an expansion to the Center is absolutely needed. There is a program called ACES underway right now at the Center to help expelled juveniles still complete their school work while they have to sit out for six months or a year. The average age for the juveniles in the Crisis Center is 13-14 years old.
- c) Carbon County Department of Family Services
Diane Kulmus and Heidi Helm were present to discuss DFS in Carbon County. It was stated that the trends they are seeing right now in Carbon County are methamphetamine and opiate use. It was stated that the use of the two drugs are the highest they have ever been in Carbon County. Recently there were Drug Endangered Children (DEC) national trainers in Rawlins and it was stated that Rawlins will be starting an alliance with DEC as well. It was stated that alcohol abuse is not a big issue in Rawlins but the meth and prescription pill abuse are a very big problem.

VII. Committees (Strategic Plan)

- a) Executive Committee – Allison Anderson

Allison recently met with the Governor's Office to discuss membership requirements and what the Governor's Office is wanting from the Council moving forward. Allison also stated that the FACJJ survey was completed with input from the Executive Committee and Craig Fiskus.

- b) Grants Committee – Allison Anderson/Craig Fiskus
The Grants Committee met with Craig Fiskus in January to complete the Non-Participating State Grant application scoring process. All eleven applications were scored and given back to Craig for final determinations.
- c) Best Practices – Allison Anderson/Nicole Hauser
Nicole Hauser volunteered to be the sole chair of the Best Practices committee. Nicole Hauser is now the chair of the Best Practices Committee. Nicole Hauser also wanted to state that she would like the Best Practices Committee to get together and discuss Restorative Justice practices as a Council and draft a statement saying that there are a lot of communities that are starting to implement Restorative Justice and that it would be important for the Council to make an official stance on it.
- d) Outreach Committee – Allison Anderson
Thomas Rose volunteered to be the sole chair of the Outreach committee. Thomas Rose is now the chair of the Outreach Committee.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
Adrienne Freng was not present but Allison Anderson stated that there were no updates that weren't already stated in the Data Update from Brandon Schimelpfenig.
- f) Legislative Committee – (Narina Nunez)
--Juvenile Bills Update
Narina Nunez departed the meeting prior to the committee update but Allison Anderson stated that there no major bills that needed updated on and that updates will be given at the June meeting in Sundance.
- g) Youth Member Committee – Baylee McIntyre
Baylee is not present. No updates
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton
No updates that's weren't already stated in the Governor's Office update from Gary Hartman.

VIII. Announcements

- a) Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held in Sundance, WY on June 22-23, 2017.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Michael Sorenson, seconded by Thomas Rose, motion passes, meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Next Meeting: June 22-23, 2017, Sundance