

# WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

## Meeting Minutes

April 19-20, 2018 • Wheatland, WY

### Agenda:

#### **Thursday, April 19, 2018**

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

#### **Friday, April 20, 2018**

- Committee Reports
- Community Participation
- Announcements
- Adjournment

#### **Present:**

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

#### **Ex-Officio Present:**

Christina McCabe (Zoom)  
Nicole Gilbert

#### **ICJ:**

Brandon Schimelpfenig

#### **Via Proxy:**

Madison Bates  
Shad Bates

#### **Members Via Phone:**

Chris Jones  
Gary Gilmore

#### **Others Present:**

Brandon Schimelpfenig  
Craig Fisgus  
Jeff Lamm  
Korin Schmidt (phone)  
Eric Brooks

#### **Absent:**

Alex Cooley  
Baylee McIntyre  
Bryan Skoric  
Clarence Thomas  
Gary Gilmore  
Lisa Finkey  
Seth Marshall  
Shane Johnson  
Steffany Stephenson  
H. Steven Brown

### **Call to Order**

#### **I. Call to Order: Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

a) Roll Call

b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 12 members.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

January 18-19, 2018 meeting in Cheyenne, WY and February 13, 2018 special meeting –via phone call; Adrienne Freng motioned to approve the Minutes; Thomas Rose seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passes to approve both sets of Minutes.

### III. New Business

a) Website Update – https vs. http

Currently the SACJJ website, [www.wyjuvenilejustice.com](http://www.wyjuvenilejustice.com), is not secure. The company that host the Council's website, WyomingNetwork.com, is offering to secure the Council's website for a one-time price of \$130.00. Adrienne Freng motioned to pay the cost and make the website secure; Tom Rose seconded the motioned; all in favor; motion passed.

\*\*Correction; details on the price for securing the website were obtained from Dave Lerner at WyomingNetwork.com. Dave stated that the cost is actually an annual cost as opposed to a one-time cost. The security certificate is purchased and must be renewed yearly.

b) 2017 Neal Madson Award Event Planning

Current planning efforts are still in progress for the award presentation to Albany County.

c) Zoom – Video Conferencing Option (Adrienne Freng)

Christina McCabe joined the meeting via Zoom and stated that the connectivity and audio are great. Adrienne stated that the option is still available to the Council free of charge through her Zoom account with the University of Wyoming.

d) 2018-2020 SACJJ Strategic Plan Final Review and Approval

The 2018-2020 SACJJ Strategic Plan was reviewed for final approval. Adrienne Freng motioned to approve the Strategic Plan; Narina Nunez seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

e) SACJJ Member Reapplications and Recruitment

Allison Anderson mentioned all of the current Council members whose membership is due to expire in August 2018. Those members are Baylee McIntyre, Bryan Skoric, Damon DeBernardi, Gary Gilmore, Lisa Finkey, Michael Sorenson, Narina Nunez, Nicole Hauser, Seth Marshall, Shane Johnson, H. Steven Brown, and Thomas Rose for a total of 12 members. It was discussed that if members want to reapply then they would need to go to the Governor's website for councils and they would need to reapply on the site.

f) Open Topic Discussion from Members:

a. DFS Advisory of WBS/WGS Usage

Nicole Hauser stated that the Wyoming Youth Service Association (WYSA) recently had discussions with DFS and it was stated in those discussions DFS is instructing it's workers to place juveniles in the Wyoming Boys School and Wyoming Girls School if it's appropriate in lieu of placement at residential treatment centers and group homes. Nicole also stated that WYSA is opposed to these placement recommendations for juvenile to go straight to the WBS and WGS without utilizing the continuum of care. This topic was discussed amongst the Council.

### IV. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Budget Report/Grant Update – Brandon Schimelpfenig

Title II 2016 has been fully expended. Title II 2017 has \$19,097.49 remaining. The Title II 2018 application has been submitted to OJJDP for the amount of \$20,000.00.

b) ROM /Data Collection Update – Jeff Lamm

The contract is in the final stages for approvals. Currently the bid exception request is taking place with Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) and once they approve the request then the contract can move forward for signatures. The contract will run through June 30, 2019. DFS has requested to transfer administration of the juvenile justice data collection with ROM to the Council. It was stated that DFS will continue to fund the collection of the data, as funding is available, and continue to negotiate the contract with the University of Kansas but the collection of the data and the appearance of the public facing website for the juvenile justice side of ROM will be transferred to the Council. What this transfer would entail is putting together a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Council and DFS which would line out the responsibilities of each party. Further discussions will be scheduled at a later time between DFS and the Council.

c) Governor's Office – Gary Hartman

Gary Hartman was not present to provide an update.

d) DFS Update

Korin Schmidt was present via conference call to give a DFS update. She asked the Council that if she is not able to attend SACJJ meetings, via conference call or physically, if either Jeff Lamm or another designated representative could give the DFS update in her absence. The Council seemed to be in support of this decision. Korin then proceeded to update the Council pertaining to recent DFS related legislative bills and other news regarding DFS. She did state that during legislation that there was no impact related to juvenile justice funding. Korin also stated that the bill to merge the Department of Health and Department of Family Services had succeeded and that DFS and DOH are currently in management mode for the next incoming Governor.

e) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) – Craig Fisgus

Craig stated that his budget with VOA has been approved. He also stated that the solicitation for the Non-Participating State Award has not yet been received and that he is still awaiting the notification from OJJDP. Consolidation of the Juvenile Jail Roster and the ROM data sheet has started and discussions will be held with the Wyoming CJSBs and the Juvenile Jail Roster participating counties to notify them of the impending transition. Craig also stated that compliance data will not be required moving forward however performance measures will need to be submitted to OJJDP. Applications were submitted by 11 Wyoming counties for the Non-Participating State grant award to Craig.

f) FACJJ Update – Clarence Thomas

Clarence was not present to present an update.

g) 2017 Annual Report

The 2017 Annual Report has been approved with some small revisions. Copies of the report have been dispersed to all pertinent parties including the Governor's Office and the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee.

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**V. Committee Reports**

- a) Executive Committee – Allison Anderson  
There will be a meeting set up with the Governor’s Office in the future to discuss a few topics.
- b) Grants Committee – Allison Anderson/Craig Figus  
- VOA Grant Review  
No updates that weren’t already stated in the Non-Participating State Grant update from Craig.
- c) Best Practices – Nicole Hauser  
A meeting will be set up to discuss topics for their meeting with Korin Schmidt. Allison Anderson solicited questions from the Council for the meeting. Narina Nunez asked what the stance of DFS is with the utilization of the WBS and WGS. Adrienne Freng asked if funding is driving the utilization of the WBS and WGS. It was also asked of Allison to ask what the impact will be long term with these utilization practices. Nicole Hauser stated that restorative justice practices have started to take place across the state and she asked the Council if it would be worthwhile to start researching the practice. No decision was made.
- d) Outreach Committee – Thomas Rose  
Thomas asked if he should start reach out to community members for recruiting efforts for the Council and the Council stated in the affirmative. He asked if he could make a business card with the Council’s logo and generic application information. The Council seemed interested in this idea. Eric Brooks with the Wyoming ChalleNGe Academy stated he would be interested in joining.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng  
Adrienne stated that the Data Committee will need to come together and discuss the possible transfer of the administrative rights with the ROM data collection system from DFS to the Council.
- f) Legislative Committee – Narina Nunez  
--Recommendations document  
During the last meeting it was discussed of the Council whether or not the Council would support certain types of legislation and whether or not their support would be considered lobbying. The Legislative Committee has created a proposal document that outlines proper language for supporting bills. Nicole Hauser motioned to approve the proposal template with revisions; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion approved. Narina Nunez stated that she would send out the final template to Brandon Schimelpfenig for dispersal to the Council. This will also be discussed with the Governor’s Office to make sure they are in support of this process as well.
- g) Youth Member Committee – Baylee McIntyre  
Baylee was not present for an update.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton  
Maureen Clifton was not present to provide an ICJ update.

## **VI. Community Participation**

- a) Eric Brooks, Director – Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy  
Eric Brooks from the Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy was present to discuss the program. The program accepts at-risk 16-18 male and female juvenile offenders. More information can be found at their website; <https://wycowboychallenge.org>.
- b) Platte County DFS  
Joel Christiansen, Holly Lebsack, and Katrina Price were present to discuss recent trends they are seeing in Platte County with DFS. Katrina stated that currently juvenile crimes are pretty evenly split between battery, property crimes, and destruction of property. She also stated that something that would benefit probation officers across the state is more training on adolescent development and juvenile deviant behaviors.
- c) Platte County Attorney  
Kelly Owen was present to discuss current trends the County Attorney's Office is seeing. She stated that the current system is very reactive and not necessarily focusing on prevention. She stated that there is a Freshman Impact Program that is going to be starting up in Platte County in October 2018 and is just for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. She stated that the program focuses on teen drunk driving, wearing seat belts while driving, sexting, drugs, etc. Joel stated that there is currently no official diversion program in Platte County.

## **VII. Announcements**

- a) Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be on June 21-22 in Green River, WY.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Rose, Narina Nunez seconded the motion, motion passes, meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Next Meeting: June 21-22, 2018, Green River, WY.