

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE (SACJJ)**

Cheyenne, Wyoming

August 24, 2000

**MINUTES**

**Council Members Present:** Valerie Seidel, John Frentheway, Nena James, Bill Runner, Tom Harrington, John Lumley, Chuck Kratz, Pat Nagel, Carol Crump, Mark Harris, Ben Silliman, W. Thomas Sullins.

**Staff Support:** Les Pozsgo, Nicky Anderson, Lyn Hegardt, Mary Byrnes.

**Guest Attendee's:**

Lisa Skiles, Office of the Governor

Dan Wilde, Office of the Attorney General

Kristen Blume, Office of the Attorney General

Sharon Guerney-Maier, Dept. Health-Substance Abuse Division

Donna Messerli, WY. County Commissioners Association

Cheryl Selby, Council on Early Childhood Development

**Unable to Attend:** James Boykin, Kathy Hutchison, Steve Lindly, Sharon Mann, Robert Mayor, Ric Paul, Mike Seabeck.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Valerie Seidel, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m., introducing the new council appointee, Sheriff John Lumley of Hot Springs County and council coordinator, Lyn Hegardt. Also introduced was Lisa Skiles from the Governor's office, Kristen Blume and Dan Wilde both from the Attorney General's office.

**Special Reports:** Nicky Anderson from the Dept. of Family Services, Div. of Juvenile Services, reviewed the minutes of the June retreat and discussed some of the findings from the group facilitator, June Twineham as follows:

- The group needs to continue to consider sharing the work, follow through with commitments, set new goals, identify what role the council takes as authority, use the systems approach, focus on facilitating change, state clear expectations, identify who are the stake holders. The council should be careful not to take on too many projects.
- The group needs to improve communication between meetings, have coordination to help members follow through, improve council visibility.
- Considerations for the council include physical distance, reliance on federal funding, federal interventions, perceptions of federal interventions/funding, availability to local communities for consultation.
- Council priorities identified at June Retreat: Implement Detention Standards, develop a comprehensive state plan, increase visibility, develop credibility, monitor JAIBG projects.

The motion was made to accept the June 15-16, 2000 minutes by Narina Nunez and seconded unanimously.

Sean Hosman presented the software purchased by the WCCA grants. The software will provide counties with an assessment tool that is standardized, valid and reliable instrument to guide intervention strategies.

**Comprehensive State Plan:** Lisa Skiles was present to provide the council with direction regarding the State Plan. Ms. Skiles stated, "Governor Geringer is looking for the council to develop a vision of juvenile justice in the state." Ms. Skiles anticipated that the Governor would expect the council to use their expertise and would like to see significant movement in the near future. Several recommendations regarding the development of the plan were made and follow:

- Utilize the Crime Reduction Plans from the local JAIBG grantees.
- Network with local coalitions developed from JAIBG funding.
- Identify local groups who are programming for crime reduction and engage in round table discussion.
- Look at the pilot programs.
- Work as whole group with every council member participating in all aspects of the plan and meet more often.
- Use the same group process to develop the plan as was used for the Standards, develop subcommittees within the council to identify visions.
- There was council consensus to plan the plan from the bottom up seeking advise from communities and developing an overarching vision as a council based on the findings from the local level.
- Work from other States Comprehensive Plans.
- Develop and communicate a council philosophy.

**Reports:**

Chuck Kratz shared with the council his experience in Montana as he visited the Drug Court and Juvenile Detention Officer training.

- Juvenile Detention Officer Training. According to Mr. Kratz the State of Montana (like Wyoming) has no curriculum for juvenile detention officers. Val Weber has developed a curriculum that is being tested in Montana, results expected in Oct. 2000. Mr. Kratz has the training modules and is working with Fremont County detention staff to implement training procedures.
- Drug Court. Mr. Kratz attended Judge Larsen's model court in Missoula, Montana and shared the dynamic features of the drug court system. Fremont County has received a grant to attend the drug court training for both juveniles and adults. The training will involve three sessions over the course of one year and include judges, prosecutors, treatment professionals, and court coordinators.

Anyone who desires additional information regarding the Drug Court system should contact Mr. Kratz. Lisa Skiles requested Mr. Kratz contact

Representative Osborn to share his knowledge of the Drug Court system and funding opportunities.

Pat Nagel a member of the Joint Subcommittee on Early Intervention provided an update on the work of the committee.

- The committee is considering five pieces of legislation 1). Community-based resource center in schools with mandated attendance; 2). Grants for preschool programs in public schools; 3). Community assessment of services conducted by UW statistical analysis center; 4). Implement a reading assessment at completion of first grade; and 5). Identify risk assessment tool for early aggressive behavior. The focus is on research-based frameworks and ways to monitor systems, both internal and external. Next committee meeting is the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. Input is welcome.

Cheryl Selby spoke on behalf of the Early Childhood Development Council.

- The newly appointed council consists of 12 members and will have its first meeting with the Governor October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Holiday Inn of Cheyenne.

Bill Runner provided an update on the Fremont County Detention Center.

- The opening date of the center has been moved back approximately three months due to electrical installation, January 2001 anticipated.
- There is a lack of funding for the optimum staffing for the facility. The treatment staff will be cut from both the juvenile and adult programming.

Donna Messerli provided a copy of the OJJDP grant awards to counties and will provide an updated copy as soon as it is available.

- Nineteen counties applied for funding for a software program that will provide professionals with a risk assessment tool that can guide interventions. Training took place in Riverton and they will have an evaluation of quality assurance by December 2000.
- Regarding OJJDP compliance development, Donna reports that seven counties are no longer incarcerating juveniles.
- Requested the council provide training for detention centers regarding the proposed standards. In addition, communicate with WAM and Sheriff's Association regarding standards.

Mary Byrnes provided an up-date on the 1999 JAIBG awards as follows:

- Not every county/city has accepted their allocations. Some of the subgrants have not completed the necessary paperwork to receive money, recommend council set a deadline for September 15<sup>th</sup> to provide information or loose funding opportunity.
- Need to get information out to subgrants regarding FY close out procedures.
- Need policy and procedures outlined for redistribution of waived allocations.

Les Pozsgi reported on the FY98, FY99 JAIBG Budget and the 5% SAG grant.

- FY 98 JAIBG; expended \$1,131,116.42 towards awards.
- FY 99 JAIBG; expended \$511,694.00 towards awards.
- 5% SAG FY 95-96-97; There is \$29,000.00 that must be used before September 31<sup>st</sup> or return it.
- 5% SAG FY 98-99-00; Need to apply for funding, Lyn Hegardt has started the application.
  - Discussion on liquidation of FY 95-96-97 funds: Hire consultants to help devise a Comprehensive plan; bring in Hawkins/Canalano for statewide training; Hire full time council coordinator.
  - Conference expenditures:
  - Pat made a motion to send two council members to “Lost in the Shuffle” conference, paying for travel, lodging, and meal expenses. The motion was seconded by Mark, and unanimously approved. The two attendees will be John Frentheway and Robert Mayor.
  - Pat made a motion to send two council members to the Heartland Conference, paying for travel, lodging, and meal expenses. The motion was seconded by Nena and unanimously approved. The two attendees will be Valerie Seidel and Mark Harris.

**Requests:**

The Attorney General's office is requesting scenarios associated with juvenile offenders as they relate to statutes. The Attorney General's office is preparing clarification of statutes. John Lumley will be collecting the scenarios and submitting them to Kristen Blume and Dan Wilde who will analyze the legal language of the statute and prepare it for the up coming legislative hearings.

Comprehensive Plans from other states be provided to the Planning committee. Valerie Seidel, Mark Harris, Carol Crump and Les Pozsgi comprise this committee.

**Post-hoc and sub committees:** Work sessions.

**Up-coming Meetings:**

- WCCA September, 19<sup>th</sup> 8:15-9:30 at Sheridan Holiday Inn, Sheridan, WY. SACJJ presentation of Standards.
- Sheriff's Association, September 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at Riverton Holiday Inn. SACJJ presentation TBA (contact John Lumley).
- WAM September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Judicial Conference, September 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Gillette, WY.
- SACJJ November 2-3, Evanston, WY., location and details TBA.
- SACJJ January 11-12, Cheyenne, WY., location and details TBA.