

# STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Cheyenne, Wyoming  
January 24-25, 2002

## Minutes

**Council Members Present:** Mindy Dahl, John Frentheway, Thomas Harrington, Hon. Nena James, Chuck Kratz, Steve Lindly, John Lumley, Robert Mayor, Narina Nunez, Ric Paul, William Runner, Valerie Seidel

**DFS Support and Ex-Officio Members:** Les Pozsgo, Lesley Osen, Chris Smith, Donna Messerli, Lora Davidson

**Guest:** Jim Bivona, Lori Brillhart, Joe Evans, Don Faggiani, Jo Ferguson, Dr. Diane Galloway Alfrieda Gonzales, Holly Hanson, Rodger McDaniel, Donna Ruffing, Dave Shavel, Merit Thomas, Tim Wight

**Unable to Attend:** Sue Chatfield, Mark Harris, Patricia Nagel, Dan Stackis, Hon. W. Thomas Sullins

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**Welcome and Introductions:** Valerie Seidel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., she welcomed Tim Wight and had council members introduce themselves. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Bill Runner moved that the minutes be approved, seconded. Minutes approved.

Agenda items were reviewed, election of officers and a discussion on the spending of the 2000 JAIBG funds were added to the agenda.

Tim Wight explained that he was here for his yearly visit as the representative of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Mr. Wight gave a brief overview of the current status of OJJDP and the grants that are coming out of that office.

He then gave a review of the JAIBG funds. His suggestions for the Council to eliminate the need to send any funds back to OJJDP was to get the applications out sooner and grant the state portion at the beginning of the grant cycle. Mr. Wight also explained that the Council does not need to

approve the JAIBG applications, since these funds are an entitlement to the communities Department of Family Services can review and approve the applications. He also stated the importance of the Council developing the state wide coordinated plan, the state portion of the JAIBG could be withheld if a plan is not developed and submitted to OJJDP. Mr. Wight also stressed the importance of getting the money to the communities in a more timely manner so they have time to use the full amount.

Next Mr. Wight discussed the Title V grant. Mr. Wight has some suggestions to help get to Title V monies out to the communities. 1) broaden the amount of communities that can apply (cities can apply), 2) simplify the process, 3) partner with SAMSA awardees, 4) work with the drug free community plans. He also explained that the Council as a whole has to vote on the awards.

A discussion of possible uses for the SAG grant, included using the monies to provide a stipend for youth members of the council, publish the state plan and distribute throughout the state, and a scholarship program.

A discussion of how to use remaining 2000 JAIBG funds resulted in a motion from Narina Nunez that a designated portion of the state JAIBG funds be used for detention, John Frentheway amended the motion to add an incentive if bed space is not used, the city or county can use funds for alternative to detention sanctions. Ric Paul seconded, motion passed.

Bob Mayor proposed a motion to get the financial information from the Department of Family Services as to the amount of money that will be available, Wyoming County Commissioners Association can provide the number of bed days from each county. Detention Standards and Grant Review Committees will review this information and bring it to the council for a vote. Chuck Kratz seconded, motion passed.

Grant Review Committee met over the lunch break to review Niobrara and Hot Springs County Title V applications. Their proposal will be brought to the full Council for a vote.

Rodger McDaniel presented the Council with an overview of House Bill 83.



Next on the agenda was a review of the Annual Report to the Governor. Ms. Seidel asked everyone to review the report and if they have any suggestions or changes, to submit them to Lesley Osen.

Also on the agenda was the need for new members, interested parties can find an application on the state website.

The Wyoming State Bar submitted a proposal to co-sponsor bringing Dr. Samenow to their Annual Meeting in September. Nena James proposed a motion to support bringing Dr. Samenow to the State Bar Annual Meeting, motion passed.

The Courts of Limited Jurisdiction will be meeting in Jackson May 8, they have reserved time on their agenda for a member of the Council to address the meeting. John Frentheway offered to represent the Council.

Dr. Diane Galloway addressed the Council on current issues involving substance abuse. She suggested co-sponsorship with programs sponsored by the Department of Health on substance abuse issues involving juveniles. She also informed the Council of the dates of two conferences: October 22-23, the Drug Court Conference in Jackson and also in Jackson May 28, 29 & 30 the Alcohol Conference which will include First Lady, Sherri Gerringer's initiative to prevent underage drinking.

Next each workgroup gave a report.

**Data Collection Workgroup:** Narina Nunez reported the workgroup met January 23 in Laramie and visited the Statistical Analysis Center. They feel they is a need to refocus on kids in the system. In May they will provide a "snap shot" to help with the state plan. They suggest that each group will need glossary of terms to be included with the state plan.

**Systems Workgroup:** Chuck Kratz reported the workgroup will meet January 25 and will have a draft prepared by the March meeting.

**Public Relations Workgroup:** Lesley Osen reported the format for the newsletter is in place and suggested that an editorial committee form to select or write articles for the newsletter. She also presented two choices for the Council logo. Bill Runner proposed a motion to use the logo containing primary colors, seconded, motion passed.

**Title 14 Workgroup:** John Frentheway reported he has attended two meetings of the Title 14 Committee. He asked that any information that the Council would like to have relayed to the Title 14 committee be submitted to him and get the information to Donna Sheehan, the committee coordinator.

**Detention Standards Workgroup:** Bob Mayor reported DFS will include the Detention Standards in the level of care standards.

**Collaboration Workgroup:** Bill Runner reported for the workgroup, it was decided that the collaboration and public relations workgroup would be combined.

The meeting was adjourned for the day.

### **Friday, January 25, 2001**

Val Seidel called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda items for the day, adding the election of officers.

Members of the core group of the Youth Development Collaborative addressed the council. The members were Jo Ferguson, Dave Shavel, Alfrieda Gonzales and Merit Thomas. The YDC was invited to explain where the collaborative fits in with what the SACJJ is doing. The members of the YDC explained what their workgroups are focusing on, and they were compared with the Council's workgroups. The YDC hopes to have a snapshot of progress and recommendations to the Governor in May or June.

Next on the agenda was the scheduling of the meeting in May, it is scheduled for May 9 & 10 in Lander.

Election of a new chair and vice chair was next on the agenda, since the chairman cannot be a government employee the possible candidates are limited to Val Seidel, Bill Runner, Mindy Dahl, Bob Mayor and John Frentheway. Ric Paul proposed a motion that a nominating committee be formed, John Lumley seconded, motion passed. Ric Paul will contact members to form the committee.

Donna Ruffing, County Commissioner from Niobrara County and Lori Brillhart next addressed the council on their concerns regarding the Title V



grant. Ms. Ruffing feels the process takes too long and that she did not receive the information she needed from the Council. They are struggling to maintain services in Niobrara County and feel the Title V monies are very important in setting up a prevention program. The Council apologized for the delay in getting the decision to Niobrara County in a more timely manner. Narina Nunez offered to help Ms. Ruffing with the budget in their Title V application. When a completed budget is in place Niobrara County will receive the Title V grant.

Lora Davidson informed the Council that the Division of Substance Abuse will be doing training for grant writers, Title V applicants will be invited to attend.

Jim Bivona, Supreme Court Chief Information Officer and Holly Hansen, Court Administrator, spoke to the Council on the data collection that the courts do regarding juveniles. Don Faggiani, Director of the Statistical Analysis Center at the University of Wyoming, joined the discussion regarding the information that is going to be collected by the Statistical Analysis Center.

The grant review committee presented their recommendations for the Title V grant: Teton County - \$25,000, Hot Springs - \$25,000 and Niobrara - \$25,000, Hot Springs and Niobrara are both conditional on additional information being provided. Bill Runner proposed a motion to grant the awards passed on the committee's recommendations, seconded, motion passed.

Bob Mayor proposed a motion that all grant applications prepared in a disk format so that applications are received on disk. Ric Paul seconded, motion passed.

The combined committee of the Grant Review Committee and the Detentions Standards Committee will meet by conference call to discuss the funding of detention beds with the remaining 2000 JAIBG funds.

**Next Meetings:**

March 21 & 22 – Thermopolis

May 9 & 10 – Lander

**Meeting adjourned 12:00.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Osen