

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

June 22-23, 2017 • Sundance, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, June 22, 2017

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

Friday, June 23, 2017

- Community Participation
- Strategic Plan Review
- Committee Reports
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Adrienne Freng
Allison Anderson
Baylee McIntyre
Damon DeBernardi
Lisa Finkey
Madison Bates
Michael Sorenson
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser
Shad Bates
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Jo Ann Numoto
Gary Hartman (phone)
Nicole Gilbert (phone)

ICI:

Brandon Schimelpfenig

Via Proxy:

Dawnessa Snyder
Gary Gilmore

Via Phone:

Chris Jones
Clarence Thomas

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Figus
Thomas Forslund
Jeff Lamm
Joe Baron
Dave Osborne
Donna Sheen (phone)
Chuck Kratz
Amanda Gaskin
Betty Heineke

Absent:

Alex Cooley
Bryan Skoric
Seth Marshall
Shane Johnson
Steffany Stephenson
H. Steven Brown

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

a) Roll Call

b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 15 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

April 20-21, 2017 meeting in Rawlins. Adrienne Freng motioned to approve the Minutes, Nicole Hauser 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 JABG '13 grant has been closed out and the report has been approved by OJJDP.

b) Title II State Advisory Group Award

Title II '16 has \$10,199.41 remaining. Title II '17 grant application has been submitted to OJJDP and are currently reviewing it. Title II '16 has been unfrozen by OJJDP and funds are available for drawdown.

IV. New Business

a) CJJ Membership

Allison Anderson stated that at the April meeting it was discussed and voted on to remain a non-member of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ). Allison also wanted everyone to know that it will not be discussed again this year but that she received an email from CJJ just advising the Council on the benefits of being a member of the CJJ.

b) FACJJ Survey

Allison Anderson provided an update to the recent Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ). She stated that the changes that were voted on at the April meeting were submitted to the contacts from the FACJJ.

c) Meeting Speakers/Presenters

Allison Anderson stated that she has been advised that SACJJ ex-officio member Jo Ann Numoto from the State of Wyoming: Dept. of Education had suggested names of individuals to come to future meetings and present information regarding what they do. The first individual was Shelley Montgomery-Barth with the Dept. of Health. She stated that Shelley works in the adolescent health unit. The second individual was Lindsey Schilling who is the Provider Operations Administrator within the Division of Healthcare Financing with the Dept. of Health. The third individual was Sara Rogers who is the Medicaid Facilities Manager within the Division of Healthcare Financing at the Dept. of Health. The fourth individual was Brenda Stout who is the Behavioral Health Program Manager within the Division of Healthcare Financing for Dept. of Health. Clarence Thomas also suggested Susan Shipley with the Fremont County Juvenile Drug Court.

d) Membership – Reapplications, Youth Membership

Allison Anderson stated that the individuals up for reappointment are Adrienne Freng, Allison Anderson, Clarence Thomas, Dawnessa Snyder, and Shad Bates. Dawnessa has stated that she will not be seeking reappointment due to her obligations as the new district court judge in District 2. The other four individuals have all submitted their applications to the Governor's Office for reappointment.

e) September Meeting Locations

Allison Anderson stated that it was discussed and voted on in the April meeting to move the September Council meeting from Pinedale to the Wind River Reservation. It was discussed to have one day of the meeting at the Wind River Casino and the other day at the Shoshoni Rose. Location dates for each venue have not been finalized yet but the dates of the September meeting will be 09/21/2017 and 09/22/2017.

f) Committees – member assignments and Chairpersons

Allison Anderson asked Brandon Schimelpfenig who is currently on each committee within the Council. Brandon stated that on the Executive committee is Allison Anderson

as the chair, Nicole Hauser as the vice-chair, Adrienne Freng, Narina Nunez, and Shad Bates. The Grants committee consists of Allison Anderson as the chair, Thomas Rose, Damon DeBernardi, and Adrienne Freng. Additional assistance is also provided by Craig Figus from Volunteers of America and Brandon Schimelpfenig from Dept. of Family Services. The Best Practices committee consists of Nicole Hauser as the chair, Allison Anderson, Damon DeBernardi, Lisa Finkey, Michael Sorenson and Thomas Rose. Chris Jones stated she would like to join the Best Practices committee. The Outreach committee consists of Thomas Rose as the chair, Dawnessa Snyder, Seth Marshall, Lisa Finkey, Baylee McIntyre, and additional assistance from Craig Figus with VOA. Michael Sorenson and Shad Bates stated they would like to be added to the Outreach committee. The Data committee consists of Adrienne Freng as the chair, Allison Anderson, H. Steven Brown, Narina Nunez, Gary Gilmore, and Shad Bates. Damon DeBernardi and Thomas Rose both asked to be added to the Data committee. The Legislative committee consists of Narina Nunez as the chair, Shane Johnson, Clarence Thomas, H. Steven Brown, Thomas Rose, Dawnessa Snyder, Damon DeBernardi, and Bryan Skoric. Nicole Hauser and Lisa Finkey both stated that they would like to be added to the Legislative committee. The Youth Member committee consists of Baylee McIntyre as the chair, Seth Marshall, Steffany Stephenson and now Madison Bates and Alex Cooley since they have recently been appointed to the Council as Youth members.

The Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ) committee is a separate committee from the Council but is still a designated committee of the Council. Each member on the ICJ committee is appointed by the Governor. The ICJ committee consists of Maureen Clifton as the chair, Holly Meyer from the Dept. of Health, and Representative Bob Nicholas from the State of Wyoming Legislature.

g) Wyoming Children's Law Center Email

Donna Sheen was present via conference phone to discuss data collection efforts within Wyoming and how multiple entities can maybe work together regarding these efforts. Donna stated that she is currently working with three counties and that it has been discussed on how to make these data collection efforts easier since these entities have to collect data for the Dept. of Family Services, Volunteers of America, and also their county data. It was has been discussed on how to possibly make one spreadsheet then press a button to make the spreadsheet usable for each individual requesting entity. Donna stated that the Children's Law Center regarding this project is simply looking for ways to help out counties regarding data collection and to make the collection easier.

V. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Governor's Office - Judge Gary Hartman

Judge Hartman stated that ICJ has a new Executive Director; Mary Lee Underwood. She has been at the position for about three months now. The Compliance committee for ICJ was working on a compliance matrix about the same time as the April meeting in Rawlins. The compliance matrix categorizes violations of the ICJ Compact and the fines for said violations. The revised matrix will be presented at the annual business meeting at San Diego, CA in September 2017. Judge Hartman also shared information on the Wyoming Cowboy ChalleNGe Academy in Camp Guernsey.

b) Data Collection Update – Jeff Lamm

Jeff Lamm is currently looking at upcoming costs for the University of Kansas (UK) and them hosting the ROM data collection website. The contract with UK is good through December 2017. Jeff stated that he is waiting to hear back from UK concerning these upcoming costs and once he has the costs he stated he will have to look at the budget

moving forward and look at renewing the contract for another year so that data collection efforts can continue.

c) DFS Update - Director Forslund

Director Steve Corsi has resigned as Director of the Dept. of Family Services and as of June 1, 2017, Tom Forslund (current Director of Dept. of Health) has taken over as Director of Dept. of Family Services. Director Forslund stated that there are currently four operating divisions in DOH; Public Health, Behavioral Health, Aging, and Medicaid and that each of those divisions have a Senior Administrator that reports directly to him. Moving forward, Director Forslund stated that DFS will essentially be a fifth division under DOH and that he has appointed Korin Schmidt (current Deputy Director of DOH) as Senior Administrator over DFS. He also stated that from a budget standpoint that DFS will have the third largest budget under DOH. He stated that the organization and efficiency of DFS is currently being reviewed with DFS leadership and that they are looking at possible reorganization and costs savings opportunities within the department.

Director Forslund stated that the budget for DFS has been reduced over the past year by 28 million dollars in general funds. It was also stated that DFS will need to cut an additional 1.1 million dollars and DOH will need to cut 7.2 million dollars from their respective budgets.

d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) - Craig Fisgus

Craig Fisgus presented an update on the Non-Participating State Grant from VOA. Craig stated that VOA has also come under increased scrutiny from OJJDP for the Non-Participating State Grant from OJJDP. He stated that not only has Wyoming come under increased scrutiny but nationwide, states are being scrutinized more on their applications for OJJDP funding. He stated that OJJDP had been asked to cut their Title II appropriations from 58 million to 55 million dollars. He also stated that Wyoming's funding for Title II is safe for now.

Craig also stated that he doesn't think that Wyoming is the only non-participating state with the JJDPA. He stated that he saw non-participating state grant solicitations from OJJDP being sent to Nebraska and also possibly Wisconsin.

e) FACJJ Update - Clarence Thomas

Clarence Thomas gave an update for the FACJJ that he is on. He stated that the issue of funding and budget cuts, certain grants being continuing to be available would be discussed at the next FACJJ meeting.

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VI. Community Participation

- a) Crook County CJSB – Dave Osborne
Dave Osborne was present to discuss the local CJSB. He stated that all the juvenile citations go through him for screening purposes. He then gets the Single Point of Entry (SPOE) team together and they usually screen the citations on Friday mornings. He then said that the lack of resources is a barrier in the area but that he comes up with different ways to get the objective met. He stated that all the agencies in Crook County (law enforcement, medical, DFS, county attorney's office, etc.) work very well together and that there is a lot of community buy in.
- b) Crook County Department of Family Services
Amanda Gaskin and Betty Heineke from DFS were present to discuss trends that they are seeing in the Crook County area. Almost all of the work that DFS does in the Crook County area has an aspect of domestic violence partnered with some sort of substance abuse with it whether it's methamphetamine or alcohol. It was stated that there has also been the occasional educational neglect. Betty stated that they have starting to implement the Wyoming Practice Model and has seen positive results from using it. She stated that the access to resources, as with most small towns across Wyoming, has been a barrier in their area but she also stated that on the other end of the spectrum that the workers come up with some innovative ways to get their work completed with the families. Betty stated that Wraparound services are also being used heavily in the area.

It was also stated that another great thing that they are seeing in the area is that when it comes to relative foster care placements the child or children's relatives really step up and are willing to be a placement for them.

VII. Strategic Plan Review

Allison Anderson went over the priorities, objectives, and goals for the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan and gave updates as to whether they have been completed, in-progress, or if they need more work.

VIII. Committees (Strategic Plan)

- a) Executive Committee – Allison Anderson
Allison Anderson stated that the Exec. Committee will schedule a call to discuss the Strategic Plan.
- b) Grants Committee – Allison Anderson/Craig Fisgus
Allison Anderson and Craig Fisgus stated that the funds for the Non-Participating State Grant from VOA were awarded and that the Grants committee does not need to meet in between this meeting and the next meeting in September.
- c) Best Practices – Nicole Hauser
Nicole Hauser stated that she will schedule a call for the Best Practices to discuss the Strategic Plan.

- d) Outreach Committee – Allison Anderson/Thomas Rose
Allison Anderson stated that Thomas Rose will bring the nominations for the Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award and that the Outreach committee and VOA will come up with criteria for the award in between this meeting and the September meeting. It was also discussed to for the committee to come up with content to include in community stakeholder letters to be sent out in between the September meeting and December. All this information will be discussed on a scheduled phone call in between this meeting and the September meeting.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
Adrienne Freng stated that she will schedule a call for the Data committee to discuss the Strategic Plan.
- f) Legislative Committee – Narina Nunez
--Juvenile Bills Update
Narina Nunez stated that she will schedule a call to discuss the Strategic Plan.
- g) Youth Member Committee – Baylee McIntyre
Baylee McIntyre will schedule a call to talk with the Youth committee to discuss ideas about a new logo for the Council and recruiting.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton
Maureen Clifton was not present but Judge Hartman spoke on the phone on 6/22 pertaining to ICJ. No updates that weren't already stated in the Governor's Office portion.

IX. Announcements

- a) Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on the Wind River Reservation on September 21-22, 2017. One day the meeting will be located at the Shoshone Rose and the other day will be located at the Wind River Casino.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Thomas Rose, seconded by Damon DeBernardi, motion passes, meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Next Meeting: September 21-22, 2017, Wind River Reservation