

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

University of Wyoming, Alumni House

Laramie, Wyoming

March 29 - 30, 2001

Minutes

Council Members Present: John Frentheway, Tom Harrington, Chuck Kratz, Steve Lindly, John Lumley, Sharon Mann, Robert Mayor, Pat Nagel, Narina Nunez, Ric Paul, William Runner, Valerie Seidel, Ben Silliman.

DFS Support: Les Pozsgi, Christian Smith, Bibianne Bengston.

Guests:

Randy Thomas, Technical Assistance Consultant

Alfrieda Gonzales, Dept. of Employment

Heidi Nibblink, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Laramie

Cherie Lowenberg, Youth Empowerment Services (YES), Laramie

Mary Byrnes, JAIBG Consultant

Sue Chatfield, Attorney General's Office

Donna Messerli, Wyoming County Commissioner's Association

Joe Evans, Wyoming County Commissioners' Association

Sheriff Jim Pond, Albany County

Lisa Skiles, Governor's Office

Unable to Attend: James Boykin, Carol Crump, Nena James, Mark Harris, W. Thomas Sullins.

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Welcome and Introductions: Narina Nunez called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. with introductions by members and guests.

Review and Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of January 10-11, 2001, were reviewed. Motioned and seconded to approve the minutes.

Joe Evans related that WCCA has funding available for further training and/or conferences. This resource can be available to assist the Council in sponsoring a future conference.

Donna Messerli updated the Council on counties which are in compliance with OJJDP core requirements. She will provide a hardcopy to the Council at a later date. Participation by these counties in the OJJDP Title V Program was reviewed. WCCA Non-Participating Grant Project/Award Summary, August 1, 2000 and "Back on Track" Software Training was provided.

State Juvenile Justice Plan Development Presentation - Randy Thomas. Randy was contracted by OJJDP to assist in the development of a state juvenile justice plan. Discussion included efforts by other states, resources, and processes used to complete plan development and implementation.

Breakout Sessions I and II. Council worked on development of a state juvenile justice plan. Attached: list of strategic workgroups (draft). Each of the six working groups will provide a written report to the Council Chair to be compiled as part of the state juvenile justice plan. These reports will also be sent to Randy Thomas to develop a summary of the Council's efforts.

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant Initiative. Presentation by Heidi Nibblink of Laramie.

Youth Empowerment Services (YES) - Presentation by Cherie Lowenberg.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2001

Meeting called to order by Narina Nunez.

Statistical Analysis Center - Narina Nunez. Narina discussed the plans for the SAC. The Center is not currently up and running. Interviews are being conducted for a director and several state agencies are participating in finalizing the funding source.

State of Wyoming Framework for Youth Development - PowerPoint presentation by Alfrieda Gonzales, Dept of Employment (307) 777-3465, email: agonza@state.wy.us., on behalf of the Wyoming Youth Development Collaborative. This is an effort associated with the National Governors Association with participation from the Departments of Family Services, Health, Education, and Employment. The goal is to establish a framework for the development of services to children and adolescents.

FY98/99 JAIBG – Mary Byrnes. Reconciliation has been made with OJJDP for the 98 grants. Second-round 99 grant awards have been established and these funds are going to communities.

2000 JAIBG Awards. Application Schedule Development and Allocations. Information attached.

Application Schedule:

- Advise Grant Holders of 2000 JAIBG Allocations: week of April 1, 2001.
- Applications Due: May 1, 2001
- Grant Committee Review: Before May 15, 2001
- Contracts Developed: May 15, 2001
- Money Released July 15, 2001

Discussion: Les suggested the Council may want to consider focusing on specific purpose areas for grant awards, i.e., drug court as an example. Chuck Kratz suggested the Council emphasize JAIBG funding be spent in researched-based areas. Priorities could be addressed in the allocation letter for the 2001 allocation. Counties could be notified at the time the 2000 awards letters are mailed that they will need to identify their purpose areas as researched-based, best practices, in line with the SACJJ state juvenile justice plan.

Narina is writing the RFP to expend the remaining 99 JAIBG funds, including a portion of the administrative amount assigned to the state. The same timeframes can be used for this RFP, focusing these funds toward implementing the proposed detention standards, as the 2000 JAIBG grant notices.

Legislative Update - Les

End of Session Report Children's Issues, Wyoming 2001 prepared by Rep. Ann Robinson was distributed.

Title 14: Following discussion, the Council motioned, seconded and approved for Narina to write to the Joint Judiciary Committee that it supports and encourages the potential review and revision of Title 14.

John Frentheway moved that the Council write a letter that will go to various entities identified by the Systems Working Group to let them know that as an Advisory Council, we encourage the investigation of a court system that will allow for a single point of original entry and jurisdiction for juveniles. The letter will also identify the Council as a resource in these efforts. The letter will be sent to the Governor, Joint Judiciary, Wyoming Court Improvement Project, Judicial Review Board, Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee, and the Human Services Sub-cabinet. Motioned, seconded and passed.

Council will support the request made by Les Pozsgi to consider hiring someone to assist the T-14 statute review using the JAIBG administrative money. It needs to be stated clearly to which purpose area this fits. Motioned, seconded and passed. Les will research if this is reasonable and report to the Council.

Court Improvement Project. Informational booklet is enclosed as part of these minutes. The Council will endorse participation in the Court Improvement Project. John Frentheway, Chuck Kratz, and Bob Mayor volunteered to represent the Council at meetings addressing the project. Motioned, seconded, and passed.

Title-V: Title-V funds are available to the state for award to the five counties in compliance with the OJJDP core requirements. 2000 and 2001 awards are available in the amount of \$100,000 each. A 50% match will be required from each county. The Council would be the administering body for award of these funds. A monitoring network is in place through WCCA and not be required of

the Council. Counties must submit a delinquency prevention plan to the Council and technical assistance is available from OJJDP to help counties develop these plans. Motioned, seconded and passed.

Discussion: The Council would write to the Governor requesting that he write to our congressional delegation to review and support a statewide 24-hour rural exemption for the time of arraignment for juveniles. Narina working with Lisa Skiles would write the letter. Motioned, seconded and passed.

Justice Technical Assistance Grant – Lisa Skiles. This working group will attempt to bring three branches of government together through technology. This speaks to the idea of a single point of entry for juveniles. The Human Services Sub-cabinet and the Court Improvement Project are supportive of this effort.

Lisa informed the Council of a joint interim committee focusing on mentally ill offenders. Lisa asked the Council to write another letter to this committee supporting this effort. Narina will draft the letter. Motioned, seconded, and passed.

Council Membership/Chair position:

Narina cannot chair the Council since she is considered a government employee and this does not meet the OJJDP/SAG requirements.

Discussion on election for the Council Chair position. Moved for Val Seidel to be Chair. Motioned, seconded and passed.

Council Membership:

Vacancies need to be filled, especially youth members.

Staff Support:

Les informed the Council that the staff support position will be a fulltime position dedicated to the Council. The staff person will need to keep the Council webpage updated. Perhaps a webpage can be dedicated to SACJJ, instead of using the Family Services webpage. Council requested a copy of the statewide vacancy announcement.

Lynn Dickey Memorial:

Lynn Dickey Memorial Fund presently has \$1128 received through donations. Carol Crump explored the establishment of a scholarship in conjunction with Wyoming Community Foundation. This is not a resource the Council can use.

Bob moved that the Council donate the funds to the Buffalo School Library. Seconded and passed. See attachment from Carol Crump, dated March 22, 2001.

OJJDP Presentation prepared by Tim Wight was distributed.

Next Meeting:

June 14 & 15 – Casper. Rep. Pat Nagel extended an invitation for a reception at her residence on June 14th following the meeting. Guests are welcome.

Meeting adjourned 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bibianne R. Bengston