

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Thermopolis, Wyoming
March 21-22, 2002

Minutes

Council Members Present: John Frentheway, Thomas Harrington, Hon. Nena James, Chuck Kratz, Steve Lindley, John Lumley, Narina Nunez, Ric Paul, William Runner, Valerie Seidel

DFS Support and Ex-Officio Members: Lesley Osen, Chris Smith, Donna Messerli

Guests: John Kiedrowski, Sharon Guerney, Byron Rookstool

Unable to Attend: Sue Chatfield, Mindy Dahl, Mark Harris, Robert Mayor, Patricia Nagel, Dan Stackis, Hon. W. Thomas Sullins

Welcome and Introductions: Valerie Seidel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., she had Sharon Guerney and Byron Rookstool introduce themselves and explain their connection to the Council. The Substance Abuse Division of the Department of Health has an underage drinking initiative grant from OJJDP, at Tim Wight's last visit it was his recommendation that the underage drinking council work closely with the SACJJ.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Ric Paul moved that the minutes be approved, John Lumley seconded. Minutes approved.

Agenda items were reviewed, review of the three year plan was added to the agenda.

John Frentheway suggested that as the meetings move around the state, people from the community where the meeting will be held be invited to attend or address the Council.

Donna Messerli suggested that JAIBG project directors could be invited to present their projects and observe the Council meeting.

John Frentheway moved that a motion be passed to provide specific time on the agenda at the Lander meeting for a public presentation. Bill Runner seconded the motion, motion passed.

Discussion followed on who the speaker might be and on what topic.

The date of May meeting was changed to May 14-15, 2002.

Next on the agenda was the distribution of the remaining 2000 JAIBG funds. Chris Smith reviewed the possible distribution of the funds, and led a discussion on drug courts and probation officers including ISP.

The Council voted on the following recommendations:

1. Laramie County - \$69,000 – Laramie County responded to the Request for Proposal regarding detention standards. Their proposal was accepted and was to be paid from the 1999 JAIBG state funds. Due to the cumbersome contract process, their contract was signed and approved two days late. Therefore, it is our intention to award Laramie County \$69,000 from the 2000 JAIBG state funds.

John Frentheway moved that recommendation number one be approved
Nena James seconded, motion passed.

2. “Train the Trainers” – Training for juvenile probation officers. The curriculum has been updated and revised which will require trainers to update their skills. \$22,810.00

Bill Runner moved that recommendation number two be approved, Ric Paul seconded, motion passed.

3. Electronic Monitoring - \$12,000 - Continue funding for electronic monitoring of juveniles on probation.

Bill Runner moved that recommendation number two be approved, Chuck Kratz seconded, motion passed.

The council discussed two additional proposals, Intensive Supervision Probation Officers to support juvenile drug courts and victim/offender mediation programs. John Lumley proposed a motion that the discussion be tabled until after further work on the state plan. John Frentheway seconded, motion passed.

Ric Paul and John Lumley presented the draft of the proposed three year plan.

Each priority issues was assigned to workgroup to review and revise if necessary.

Priority 1 was assigned to the systems, Title 14 workgroup

Priority 2 was assigned to the data collection workgroup

Priority 3 was assigned to the public relations and collaboration workgroup

Priority 4 was assigned to the detention standards workgroup

Specific assignments were given to Council members,
Title 14, John Frentheway and Chuck Kratz
Court reorganization – Nena James
Drug Court – Chuck Kratz, Sharon Guerney and Byron Rookstool
House Bill 59 – Sharon Guerney will provide copies of the blueprint to the Council.

Valerie Seidel thanked Ric Paul and John Lumley for their hard work in preparing this first draft of the three year plan.

The Council then split into workgroups.

Reports from each workgroup.

Data Collection: Narina Nunez reported that they were checking into how and where Indian Reservation data is collected. WYSAC has 1 years worth of jail data. Crisis shelter data will be ready for use by July. Supreme Court data will be collaborating with the drug court data. Still missing municipal court data, the data workgroup is contacting the municipal court judges about participating with the data collection.

Systems Workgroup: Chuck Kratz reported that they have provided the requested data to the data collection workgroup. Description of Juvenile Justice System is complete, the narrative needs to be completed. Draft report will be completed before the next meeting.

Public Relations Workgroup: John Lumley reported they are working on an information brochure for Council members to use when they represent the Council at other meetings. Donna Messerli will investigate preparing some public service announcements. The public relations workgroup will request a paragraph summary from each workgroup to include in all public relations materials.

Adjourned for the day.

Friday, March 22, 2002

Vice Chairperson Narina Nunez called the meeting to order.

A review of the priorities and which workgroup they were assigned to.

Priority 3 was revised to read "Assess the current juvenile justice system and make suggestions for improvement". Priorities 4 and 5 will be goals under the new priority 5.

Priority 4 will read "Collaborate and develop partnerships with others on youth issues" and was assigned to the public relations and collaboration workgroup.

It was asked that each workgroup meet to discuss their plan for the priority they were assigned.

John Lumley will report on his attendance to the National Sheriff's Meeting at the meeting in May.

Chris Smith invited the Council to attend the Youth Summit to be held May 22, 23 & 24 in Cheyenne.

It was decided that the Council will meet September 12 & 13 in Jackson in connection with the presentation by Dr. Samenow.

Chuck Kratz and Stacy Mohring gave a presentation on the training they attended on the DISC program (Diagnostic Interview Schedule for Children) at Columbia University. Columbia University will come out and do a presentation and training free of charge.

Bill Runner proposed a motion that the council sponsor the training by Columbia University in August. John Frentheway seconded, motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers.

Ric Paul as the chair of the nominating committee had prepared a ballot. Nominations were as follows:

Chairperson – Valerie Seidel
John Frentheway

Vice Chair – Bill Runner

Executive Board – John Lumley

Additional nominations were requested for the executive board, Ric Paul, Bob, Mayor, Tom Harrington and Nena James were nominated.

Narina Nunez was nominated for Vice Chair.

Election ballots were distributed. Ballots were collected and counted by Lesley Osen and Chris Smith.

Chairperson – tie

Vice Chair – Bill Runner

Executive Committee. John Lumley, Ric Paul and a tie Nena James and Tom Harrington. Nena James asked that her name be withdrawn.

The Council asked that the election for Chairperson be conducted electronically via e-mail to all Council members.

Next Meetings:

May 14 & 15 – Lander
September 12 & 13 – Jackson

Meeting adjourned 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Osen