

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Lander, Wyoming
May 14-15, 2002

Minutes

Council Members Present: Mindy Dahl, John Frentheway, Hon. Nena James, Chuck Kratz, John Lumley, Narina Nunez, Ric Paul, William Runner, Valerie Seidel, Hon. W. Thomas Sullins

DFS Support: Lesley Osen, Chris Smith

Guests: Randy Thomas

Unable to Attend: Sue Chatfield, Thomas Harrington, Mark Harris, Susan Lehman, Steve Lindley, Robert Mayor

Welcome and Introductions: Valerie Seidel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., she began the meeting by introducing Randy Thomas. Next was a review of the agenda, noting one change, Don Faggiani will not be able to attend the meeting.

Minutes from the March 21 & 22, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Revisions to the minutes were suggested, the priorities listed in the minutes for the state plan should be amended to match the draft of the state plan. Minutes will be revised and presented at the next meeting.

Next on the agenda was a review of the SIG grants regarding substance abuse prevention. Val Seidel asked that the members of the Council be aware of what their communities are doing with regard to these grants.

Next on the agenda Randy Thomas began the review of the state plan.

Content – What is in the plan, what is not included.

Form – How it should look, the lay-out.

Data – Some data may not be available – set a date when info will be available. Describe what is missing and why.

Timeline – Letter from Tim Wight gave us 60 days from the date of the letter (May 7, 2002) to have the state plan in place.

What should be included in the plan:

SAG requirements.

Crime reduction plan, including prevention, graduated sanctions, statutory or system changes.

Collaboration with other councils with a shared vision.

Title 14 recommendations.

Plan should include some easier to reach goals.
Analysis of data – charts and tables.

Establish a list of who the plan should go to; governor, legislature, OJJDP, website.

The Council then began a page by page review of the plan. Changes were made to the draft of plan by Narina Nunez as they were discussed.

John Frentheway will prepare a paragraph to be added to the historical perspective on placements.

A discussion regarding the four core protections for juveniles involved in the judicial system resulted in Narina Nunez proposing a motion – in principle the Council supports the OJJDP core requirements and the move towards the state coming into compliance with the requirements. Motion seconded by Chuck Kratz. Motion passed.

Before the lunch break Val Seidel asked that everyone review the Analysis of the Wyoming Juvenile Justice System provided by the system workgroup.

After the review of the Analysis of the Wyoming Juvenile Justice System the Council discussed a unified juvenile court system and assessment program for Wyoming.

Nena James suggested a “Road Show” to get information out to the Municipal Court Judges.

The Council continued the page by page review of the plan. It was suggested that timelines should be included with each priority.

A start date for the plan was set for July 1, 2002.

Adjourned for the day.

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

The meeting began with a review and additions to the day’s agenda. Added to the agenda was a proposal to facilitate a training for the mental health assessments, proposal to support a change in the curriculum at the POST academy and developing a stand-alone website.

Next on the agenda was a proposed timeline for the completing the state plan, Val Seidel and Narina Nunez will work together on the next draft, Chuck Kratz will edit the system piece. A draft will go out to the Council members the second week in June.

A review of the calendar of events was next on the agenda.

Lesley Osen asked if the Council would consider sponsoring the lunch at the upcoming Youth Summit sponsored by the Department of Family Services. Ric Paul proposed a motion to sponsor the lunch, Bill Runner seconded the motion. Narina Nunez expressed her concern over how the money is spent and how it is perceived. Motion failed.

Ric Paul proposed a motion to sponsor the facilitator for the Youth Summit up to \$1800.00, John Lumley seconded the motion. The motion was amended was to also sponsor the a.m. breaks up to \$700.00, for a total of \$2,500.00, motion passed.

Next on the agenda staff from Youth Services of Fremont County gave a presentation of how the juvenile justice system works in Fremont County.

Chuck Kratz presented the information on the Voice Disk training that the Council agreed to sponsor at the last meeting. The training will be held August 23 in Lander. A training committee was established to coordinate this training and the Dr. Samenow presentation in September. Chuck Kratz, Val Seidel and Lesley Osen will be on the committee.

A discussion regarding the need for new members was next on the agenda, it was agreed that members could bring possible new members to the September meeting in Jackson.

Next on the agenda was proposed by-law amendments regarding the function of the executive committee. Nena James and Narina Nunez volunteered to review the by-laws and prepare a proposal for the September meeting.

John Lumley than reviewed the April 30, 2002 executive committee meeting. Items that were reviewed by the executive committee included: funding streams, collaboration with other councils and boards, budget print-outs at each council meeting, SAG budget, JAIBG, Title V and Website development.

Ric Paul proposed a motion to designate \$5000.00 from the SAG grant to design a web site for the Council. Bill Runner seconded the motion, Chuck Kratz amended the motion to include all members provide a short bio to Lesley by May 31, 2002. Motion passed.

The Council then reviewed the May 7, 2002 letter from Tim Wight in response to his yearly program monitoring visit. A response letter will be prepared for Les Pozsgi signature.

It was proposed that a special budget meeting of the Council be held June 28, 2002 in Casper. The executive committee will meet June 4 to prepare for the budget meeting.

A discussion of the remaining 2000 JAIBG funds was next on the agenda. Narina Nunez proposed that a RFP be sent out for the remaining 2000 JAIBG funds. John Lumley seconded the motion, motion passed.

Bill Runner proposed a motion that the Council pay expenses for guests who are a potential member of the Council to attend the September meeting in Jackson, motion passed.

Ric Paul presented a proposal from POST training for \$15,000 for research in juvenile issues training. The Council requested a formal proposal to be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

John Lumley proposed that a certificate of appreciation for past members be prepared and signed by the members of the Council, Narina Nunez seconded, motion passed.

The next meetings are scheduled for September 12 & 13 in Jackson and December 5 & 6 possibly in Cheyenne.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Osen