

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Laramie, Wyoming
November 13, 2002

Minutes

Council Members Present: Sarah Ascienzo, Mindy Dahl, Chuck Kratz, Steve Lindley, Narina Nunez, Ric Paul, William Runner, Valerie Seidel, Charles Whiton

DFS Support: Lesley Osen, Les Pozsgi

Guests: Don Faggiani, Donna Sheen

Unable to Attend: John Frentheway, Thomas Harrington, Mark Harris, Hon. Nena James, Susan Lehman, John Lumley, Robert Mayor

Welcome and Introductions: Valerie Seidel called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., she began the meeting by the introducing new members to the Council, Sarah Ascienzo and Charles Whiton.

Next was a review of the agenda, additions to the agenda include – report on the VOICE DISK training, website, POST training, and an update on WYSAC.

Minutes from the May 14, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Ric Paul moved that the minutes be approved, Narina Nunez seconded. Minutes were approved.

Meeting notes from the September 13 meeting in Jackson were reviewed.

Next on the agenda was a review of the State Plan, the Council discussed and revised the final paragraph in Appendix C. Ric Paul suggested that the references to Department of Family Services be removed from the plan. Bill Runner made a motion to accept the State Plan as amended, Ric Paul, seconded, motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the review of the workgroups, the new members were asked to look at the workgroups and decide which group they would like to join.

Data Workgroup – Narina Nunez reported that they have not met since the May meeting. Discussion followed on getting data from the municipal courts. Don Faggiani reported that Jim Bovina at the Supreme Court is working on a centralized data system. Juvenile jail rosters can provide some of the needed data. Don Faggiani will be able to provide analysis based on the juvenile jail rosters. Don also reported that they have an additional 250 licenses available for the Back on Track software program. A list will be generated

of facilities that should receive the Back on Track software. A letter will be sent from the Council.

Bill Runner proposed a motion that a statewide conference on juvenile assessments, how to provide a more unified approach to assessments, Charles Whiton seconded, motion passed. A committee was formed to work on the conference, Mindy Dahl, Chuck Kratz, Bill Runner and Charlie Whiton.

Systems Workgroup – Chuck Kratz reported they have not met since the May meeting. Sarah Ascienzo asked to be part of the Systems Workgroup.

Public Relations/Collaboration Workgroup – Val Seidel reported. Lesley Osen have begun contacting web design companies.

Detention Standards Workgroup – Val Seidel reported Linda Collins from Department of Family Services has been working on including the detention standards in the rules and regulations for juvenile facilities.

Next on the agenda was a review of the by-laws, Narina Nunez reported that she and Nena James will prepare a report for the next meeting on suggested changes for the by-laws re: members, ex-officio members, training funds, executive committee, proxy votes, video conferencing and e-mail votes.

Member's issues were next on the agenda. It was suggested that a letter be sent to inactive members asking if they will be participating in future meetings or if they would like to resign from the Council. A focus should be placed on recruiting non-government employees for membership. Lesley Osen will prepare a packet to be sent to individuals interested in becoming a member of the Council.

Regarding ex-officio members it was decided to wait until the by-laws have been revised before ex-officio members are recruited.

Next Lesley Osen reported on Title V and JAIBG grants. Applications for the 2002 JAIBG grants are due November 18, 2002. A discussion regarding who is eligible for Title V grants, cities and towns can be in compliance with the OJJDP Act even if the counties in which they reside are not, making them eligible for the Title V grants. Narina Nunez proposed a motion to limit Title V funds to counties that are in compliance, Charles Whiton seconded, motion passed.

Charles Whiton proposed a motion that the Title V grant be a competitive grant, Ric Paul seconded, motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the role of Department of Family Services and the Council Coordinator with the Council. Ric Paul expressed his concerns that the coordinator should be full time for the Council. Lesley Osen explained that her workload is solely for the Council and grant administration with occasional DFS projects.

It was suggested that the Council prioritize projects which will be handled by the coordinator. The Council reviewed the State Plan for a list of priorities.

- 1) Court System
- 2) 24 hour hold
- 3) Title 14 review
- 4) Assessment Conference

Next on the agenda Les Pozsgi and Donna Sheen gave an update on the Title 14 Review Committee. Les Pozsgi asked for continued support from the Council. He suggested Council support one of the sub-committees, court process, MDT or legal representation. The Council will send a letter of support to the Title 14 Review Committee regarding the 24 hour hold. The Council suggested that Les send information to the Council to keep them updated on Title 14.

The calendar was next on the agenda. The next two meetings of the Council were scheduled, January 23 and 24 and April 10 and 11, both meetings will be in Cheyenne. An invitation will be sent to Governor-elect Freudenthal for the April meeting.

The Annual Report will be presented to both Governor Geringer and Governor-elect Freudenthal.

Lelsey Osen reported on attending the Coalition for Juvenile Justice meeting on Rehabilitation vs. Criminalization, she feels that the Council could benefit from participating in the CJJ conferences, the next meeting is April 3-6 in Washington DC.

Chuck Kratz reported on the Voice DISC training presented by Columbia University, Voice DISC is a mental health screening tool. Chuck would like to see more jurisdictions get involved.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Osen