

State Advisory Council Meeting
October 9, 2008
Laramie, WY

Present: Ilaine Brown, Lindee Wiltjer, Sue Chatfield, Donna Sheen, Gary Hartman, Sharon Bates, Hon. Judge Bruce Waters, Adrienne Freng, Matt Keating, Steve Kosiseck, Sharon Bates, Marc Homer, Tony Lewis, Debra Dugan-Doty, Les Pozsgo, April Dittman, DeeAnn Roll, Steve Aaron, James Pond, Dustin VonKrosig, Lori Hutinson, Craig Figus, Debby Lynch, Lynne Davies, Gary Gilmore, Deejanae Kelly, Melinda Dennington, Ronn Jeffrey, Chuck Kratz, Linda Burt,

11:30- 1:00 p.m. New Member Orientation

1:00- 1:30 p.m. Opening Session

Matt Keating moves to approve the minutes.

Jim Pond - Seconds

Motion to approve minutes carries

Working on breaking up into subcommittees

Discuss and form committees tomorrow

By-laws executive committee

Lori- Waters, Keating, Donna, Hartman

DMC subcommittee

Lindee, Kratz, Dittman,

Annual Report subcommittee

Proposed Subcommittee:

Compliance Monitoring

Community Juvenile Service Boards

Detention Standards

Accountability and Grant

Policy and Goals

Information/Communication

OJJDP report

1:30- 2:30 p.m. Juveniles in Adult Court in Wyoming Adrienne Freng,
University of Wyoming

WYSAC report

2004 Study out of DFS

Idea was to address ongoing issues in Juvenile Justice and examine outcomes.

Concurrent Jurisdiction

Treatment of Status Offenders

Non-compliance

- Examination of Court records in four counties involving juveniles (except abuse/neglect cases) for the year 2003.
- Interviewed law enforcement, law officials, etc. what is the impact on juveniles. How the juveniles got there, what happened when they got there, what services available.
- Children subject to sentences equivalent to adults. Juvenile courts saved for serious offenses. Many programs not available unless in juvenile courts. Access services is difficult. Providing services earlier.
- Since we are a rural state consistency is difficult.
- In the four counties not many children sent to placement
- Wide variety of sentences- mostly fines and probation
- Reports show one picture interviews showed another
- Interviews showed how juveniles were constrained. What they encountered. How do juveniles see how to resolve some of the problems.
- A concise system is needed.
- Counties in charge of their own programs- what types- what they cost
- Safety of juveniles and communities looked at
- 70 -97% not being handled in Juvenile Court. Although we cannot handle all juveniles in Juvenile Court but alternatives should be available.
- No gatekeeper beyond Sheriff and Police.
- Judges have very little statutory support to treat juveniles and adults differently in adult court.
- Secure detention as a sanction. Why use that as a sanction if we do not comply with some of the federal regulations.
- Judicial leadership needed to make change. Need judges that specialize in Juvenile Law.
- Some recommendations were brought forth from the study:
 - clear statement of goals, missions, vision for outcomes for the State of Wyoming
 - incorporate a gatekeeper beyond law enforcement
 - condensing of services
 - consistent juvenile detention policies
 - developing community services
 - specialization in Juvenile Law for Judges
 - Make MIP's status offenses
 - Data collection standardized

All changes should be piloted to see what does and does not work.

2:45-4:00 p.m. Wyoming Current Regional Detention Crisis

Tony Lewis
Director

Wyoming crisis connected to the Juvenile Service Boards
Culturally DFS believes

- all change has to be grassroots.
- Best practice in the communities

4 parts of bill:

- Intake assessment diversion
- Look at detention in counties
- Variety of services to kids
- How do you cultivate services

If you can get front end piece and good diversion program

The Department has to give status report to Legislature on July 1, 2009

DFS DOH DOE considering a pilot with a twist. – skills for people who can go in to community and do the assessment on what of the four things in the bill need work.

Wants to field 5 to 8 skilled facilitators around the state to assess.

What types of kids are coming in? What counties? What is happening in the schools?

The WCRP will be helping do this process.

These facilitators will make connections with the experts to help.

DFS DOH and DOE will report back to the SACJJ

The help SACJJ is being asked to do is look at

Handout on “County mulls regional juvenile center”

Reasons why working fixing detention programs- a good place to start

- Regional detention centers- opportunity of the state to help align the rest of the system.
- Struggles with Natrona County
- Example- Utah- regional detention, Longer term detention with a lengthy adjudication. Utah has 11 regional detention centers. OJJDP suggests a 20 bed of less facility. Have to have assessment, and counseling services. Utah has 260-280 beds that they occupy for an average of 7 day a stay. Population of 2.5 million. If we were running around 100-150 kids in regional detention we are OVER using detention. Utah does not hold them for 6-8 months they work at getting them in and out. If you detain a kid of 6 months the need for treatment increases. We are starting to use detention correctly. Campbell County has a detention center that is scheduled to open in March 2009. We seem to be on the right track.

Handout on “Business case for state financial assistance to counties to temporarily subsidize regional juvenile detention”

Focus on doing detention right. If it is done correctly it will begin to align other services. The council could play a big role in this process by advocating.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Update on Annual Report

Judge Hartman

Discussion about what was done at the last meeting

Have met about three times since the last meeting

Have come up with objectives but are still working on modifying.

10 items boiled down to 5 goals:

1. Want the council to be the filter for all juvenile justice issues. Gain knowledge on what is going on across the state.
2. Strive to bring Wyoming into compliance with the OJJDP Act.
3. Establish Jail/Detention Standards.

4. Establish a single point of entry.
5. Continue with the 3-5 year plan and evaluate how we are achieving our goals and holding counties accountable with the funds we have awarded.

Discussion about serving as the Commission for Interstate Compact on juveniles
Steve Kosczek- motion
Lori Hutchinson- 2nds motion

4:15-4:45 p.m. Report on WCCA-OJJDP Grant Data Analysis DeAnn Roll

Four handouts including the county profile and the bed days summary
Beth Evan's report- county technical assistance is available through
WCCA through March 2009.
The data system is funded through WCCA through March 2009 as well.
The WCCA website holds the report in case anyone did not get the report
at the last meeting.
Rural exception status- 16 counties
Copy of the OJJDP check list for rural exception offered.

Working with the WYDOT on the rural exception. As of January 1st will
have historical data so they can track the weather and why kids were not
transported.

Certified Collocated Facilities

- Campbell County coming on board with a 14 bed facility in March 2009.
- Beth has been working with the law enforcement academy in post certification.

Legislative

- 2007 State Report (referred to tables handed out on violations)

Discussion of Campbell County

- Accounted for 100% of the sight and sound separation violations.

Table 3- "Beth's best guess"

In Laramie County on 20% of their kids ended up in detention. So we are
doing a lot of things locally to keep kids out of detention.

Tony offered to give the daily census to be a check and balance. -Debra Dugan-Doty will
assure that they get this.

Working with DFS and DOE as far as the Juvenile Community Service Boards

Working with the Supreme Court on a data system

Working with the Chiefs and Sheriffs Associations and WACO

Status Offenders/Runaways/Non Offenders/CHINS- Handout Discussion

Probation Violations Handout Discussion

Discussion about recognizing programs or counties that have made changes or
efforts in the right direction. -Donna Sheen suggestion Steve Aaron suggested a
news release. DoAnn suggested that we bring in the counties throughout the
meeting to present on what they are doing locally. (Sharing ideas) Counties where

money is awarded come in and report back to the council.- suggested by Judge Waters. Discussion about how those communities and counties have come together. Tony Lewis agrees that awarding good behavior is a good idea. He pointed out that just starting to measure the data has forced people to be accountable. He suggested that the County Commissioners should be recognized for their efforts. (Including specific individuals)

4:45- 5:00 p.m. Discussion about regional juvenile detention- Tony Lewis asked the council whether or not he should proceed with looking at the cost benefit analysis. He would like to know whether or not the council supports this idea. Ronn Jeffery- moves that the council adopt a letter of support to the concept of regional detention. Les Pozsgo 2nd the motion.
"Your mind only lasts as long as your butt does." –Ronn Jeffery

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

October 10, 2008

Senator Sessions, Katie Hogarty

8:00-8:55 a.m. Opening Session Donna Sheen

Return to motion on the floor yesterday in response to Tony Lewis' report on concerns around Detention.

Council adopt a letter of support for the concept of regional detention centers

Intent to regionalize 20 bed or less facilities

What is SACJJ's role and actions?

 Subsidizing detention

 Getting better facility in Casper

Deb Dugan-Doty is available for questions

Kathy Sessions talked about the basic cost of just the education piece

Gary Hartman feels we should step forward to support DFS and the concept of regionalized detention facilities

Donna Sheen feels that unintentionally we will create more beds available and filling those.

Amend motion to add language to support letter to have SACJJ move forward with looking into regional detention centers however we would like to support diversion.

Ronn Jeffrey opposes motion stating too complex. We should just provide a support letter.

Letter of support needs to be now- Debra Dugan-Doty

Will bring back December as a timeline for study to be done

Sen. Sessions thinks just a letter of support to look into the concept of regional detention centers as part of a continuum of care.

Motion fails, no second

Motion to add language of continuum of care

Marc Homer

Ronn Jeffreys second.

Motion carries.

Chuck Kratz advises studies done before. VOA and WCCA should target short term detention. Different ways to incentive not using detention centers by funding other things if beds not full. Non-participating state grants can be used.

8:55- 9:05 a.m.

DMC Committee Update

Chuck Kratz

Report on progress.

First subcommittee meeting last night.

2008 Plan was accepted.

Approved in compliance with DMC requirements there is Title V prevention money available.

Assigned tasks and having a working group.

Identification and assessment stage currently.

Ronn Jeffrey looking at pulling data in Cheyenne.

After assessment target communities to put together 3 year plan due in March 2009.

Lindee Wiltjer Juvenile Justice Specialist with the state to make sure data needs recognized at the state level

DCI needs to be apprised of the meetings.

Looking for influential members from the council to make the requests from various agencies.

Email power point to Ilaine Brown to put out to new members with his contact information.

Marc Homer indicated that in Albany County only two boxes to check black or white.

Usually check the box just on sight and not ask questions.

A lot going on around the nation Chuck Kratz participates in conference calls.

9:05-9:30 a.m.

Non-Compliance Grantee

Craig Fisgus

August reviewed application from RFP

See handout for counties

Meeting with Liz Salway and Donna Trosper to form relationship with the Tribes.

Three funding streaks available at the same time

Beth's 06 funding

07 Funding

08 Funding- big piece of keeping kids out of detention, front end services, 48 hour holds, continuums of care

Federally there is serious talk about amending VCO legislation. One of three things going to happen.

- Eliminate

- Reduce it to 7 days

- Stay the same

Talked about doing a conference done regionally for training purposes. Sent out letter to all Circuit and District Court Judges. 19 Judges responded.

Looking for guidance on whether or not to proceed on a conference.
Judge Waters said FJJDP does not want to get rid of the VCO
Ronn Jeffreys thinks that the conference is a great way to network and learn about services available in the communities.
\$30,000 in funding available for the training.- Lindee Wiltjer
Craig Fisgus is going to develop the training and bring back a proposal with a budget out.
Committee- Ronn Jeffrey, Steve Aaron, Judge Waters, Melinda Dennington and April Dittman
VOA will be traveling the State to go around and visit.

Break

9:45-10:00 a.m. Community Juvenile Service Boards Chris Smith, DFS

Summary of Rules

Formed initial committee from DOH DOE DFS Corrections Governor's Office

Expanded committee

Large Group reported to initial committee

Now at Attorney General's office

After that public comment for 45 days

Advisory council asked to take part in the community juvenile service boards to review applications

Cheyenne working on Joint Powers Board

Casper has completed Community Juvenile Service Boards and applied for Joint Powers Board

Fremont County working on formalizing their Joint Powers Board

Sweetwater County has council in existence Sweetwater County Juvenile Justice and they will be using them as the Joint Powers Board

Crook County has submitted all proposals and applications to become a Joint Powers Board

Sen. Sessions would like the rules and written summary of what is happening in the state with this.

Spoke to DOE and DOH on additional funding.

Sen. Session advised that the Joint Powers Board was intended to be an option and not the way the statute should be interpreted. She was going to go back and check on it.

DFS wants to provide technical assistance

- Bring in Mark Martin or an expert like him to counties that need help on mapping out services.
- After technical assistance a team from DFS, DOE or DOH will help bring them up to speed.

Chris Smith to send out a notice to all SACJJ members when the 45 day review period commences along with a copy of the rules.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

JABG Grants

Lindee Wiltjer

2 active JAB Grants 07 and 08

2008 JAB money received \$263,000 to help this state come into compliance

The Manual states that if a county units allocated of less than \$10,000

Campbell, Fremont, Natrona, Laramie, Sweetwater.

At next meeting the left over money can be allocated to all other units of government.

Title V money if for prevention programs is available.

10:15-11:00 a.m.

Old Business

Donna Sheen

Three year Strategic Plan put together in OJJDP in their format. Lindee to find out if we need to do something directly with OJJDP.

Ilaine to send out list of committees already in effect and what sub-committees people would like to be on.

Discussion regarding still being a part of the Coalition of Juvenile Justice. Tabled to next meeting.

New Business

Next meeting- Need to have four meetings in a year, have only met three times. Discussion on whether or not to have another meeting may be end of the year.

Input from youth members provided as a closure to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.