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TO: State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (SACJJ)

FROM: Craig Fisgus and Debby Lynch

RE: OJJDP Nonparticipating State Award Update

2007/2008 Nonparticipating State Awards

- Initiated a meeting with Judge Gary Hartman and Donna Sheen in Cheyenne on Monday, June 15, 2009. Discussed our Action Plan and explored ways to collaborate. We encourage input from the SACJJ.
- Participated in a meeting with Judge Hartman and Tony Lewis to discuss staff secure beds in Cheyenne on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.
- Participated in a meeting with Sheriff Danny Glick and Captain Bill Long in Laramie County on Monday, August 3, 2009.
- · Toured the Jeffrey Wardle Academy and reviewed data in Cheyenne on Monday, August 3, 2009.
- Toured the Juvenile Detention Center and reviewed data in Casper on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Matt Keating joined us for the day.
- Toured the Fremont County Juvenile Detention Center and reviewed data in Lander on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, and Thursday, August 6, 2009.

Compliance Monitoring Update

- Submitted the annual compliance monitoring report to OJJDP on June 30, 2009.
- Delayed release of the State Report pending review of our data by OJJDP. Preliminary review of the data shows progress.
- Reported that we will conduct Jail Roster trainings on August 26-27, 2009.

Judicial Training Update

- Cancelled training in Sheridan, as we only received one confirmation.
- Planned to revamp training to include county attorneys, public defenders, guardian ad litems, DFS, Juvenile Justice, and others, possibly for the fall of 2009.
- Confirmed that we will conduct training on the 4 core protections and on Wyoming's issues to judges at the State Bar Conference in Evanston on September 15-18, 2009.

Significant Issues

- Will work to address Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) issues. Remains resistance to
 modifying existing DSO policies. In those counties that have high status offense violation rates, officials
 still struggle in dealing with those offenders who refuse to comply with court orders.
- Made it a priority to write standardized detention policies for the state. Will partner with the SACJJ and Judge Hartman to create and implement these policies.
- Will work to implement a standardized data collection system, both to address DMC requirements and to help guide judicial reform efforts.
- Planned to release RFP for 2008 subgrants in early 2009, possibly January.

Data Collection Update

· DeeAnn Roll, Data Coordinator