

April 2003

Council Members Present:, Sarah Ascienzo, Mindy Dahl, John Frentheway, Chuck Kratz, John Lumley, Robert Mayor Narina Nunez, Ric Paul, William Runner, Valerie Seidel,

DFS: Rodger McDaniel, Lesley Osen, Donna Sheen, Chris Smith

Ex-Officio Members Present: Phil Foy, Donna Messerli

Guests: Susan Cahill, Joe Evans, Don Faggiani, Shawn Hosman, Annemarie McCracken,

Unable to Attend: Thomas Harrington, Hon. Nena James, Charles Whiton

Welcome and Introductions: Bob Mayor called the meeting to order and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Minutes from the January 23 & 24, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Ric Paul moved that the minutes be approved, Chuck Kratz seconded. Minutes were approved.

Changes in the agenda were reviewed, the Governor will visit the meeting between 10:00 and 12:00, April 10.

First on the agenda was "Goals, Concerns and Direction of the Council", the Council members voiced their concerns regarding the Council. Bob Mayor reported that at the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided that a letter should be sent to Governor Freudenthal asking for the Governor's support of Wyoming coming into compliance with the OJJDP Act.

Rodger McDaniel reported on what his vision is for DFS, he feels a clear focus is needed, a need to blur the lines between the departments and encourage collaboration with other departments. The focus should be on the kids. Rodger's goals for DFS are:

1. Family Treatment Courts
2. Collaborate with other agencies, including blending funds streams
3. Advocacy
4. Customer Service
5. Accountability

Next on the agenda was discussion on assessments. Rodger McDaniel reported that decisions were being made as to which tools would be used in the state. Donna Messerli reported that Back on Track's use by the counties was mandated by the WCCA grants. 1300 kids have been assessed since last July.

Phil Foy reported that risk and clinical assessments are needed in the drug courts by July, 2004.

A discussion followed as to who should be involved in deciding which assessment tools should be used. The following list was generated: SACJJ, Department of Corrections, Department of Family Services, Wyoming Youth Development Collaborative, Wyoming Youth Services Association, Department of Health, Drug Courts, Department of Education, Substance Abuse and Violent Crimes Council, Shoshone and Arapahoe Tribes, Mental Health, Wyoming County Commissioners Association, Wyoming Association of Municipalities, Court Improvement Project, Judicial Policy Board, Private Providers, Juvenile Probation, University of Wyoming, WAMSAC and Sheriff and Chief's Association.

John Lumley proposed a motion that the Council facilitate the Assessment Conference, Ric Paul seconded, Bill Runner proposed an amendment that the conference must be held by July 1, 2003, Chuck Kratz seconded, motion passed.

Don Faggiani presented a report on WYSAC, Back on Track and the MOU between DFS and WYSAC using JAIBG funds.

Donna Messerli reported on Back on Track and Compliance Monitoring, she reported that for Title V funds compliance must be verified.

Sean Hosman gave a presentation on Assessment.com.

Annemare McCrackin gave a presentation on Wyoming Youth Development Collaborative.

After a break for lunch, Evan Brande gave a presentation on Rite Track, Handel Information Systems.

The Council then resumed the discussion regarding the MOU with WYSAC. Don Faggiani provided the Contract with Assessment.com for the Council to review. Due to some questions regarding the contract with Assessment.com it was decided that John Lumley would contact Shawn Hosman to determine the number of licenses for Back and Track provided by Assessment.com.

During further discussion regarding the Assessment Conference (Retreat) it was established that three assessment tools would be needed; Risk, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessments. For the conference the following need to be decided;

1. Governor's involvement
2. Date
3. Format
4. Goal

Further discussion on the Assessment Conference will continue on Friday.

Next on the agenda Bill Runner reported on attending the Substance Abuse and

Violent Crimes Council meetings. He recently attended a meeting in Evanston where they attended a drug court graduation, they also got to interview the graduates and meeting with the people involved with the juvenile drug court

Ric Paul, Phil Foy, John Lumley and John Frentheway reported on attending the National District Attorney's Association Conference on Juvenile Justice.

Meeting was adjourned for the day.

Bob Mayor called the meeting to order. Additional items were added to the agenda for Friday; assessment conference, detention standards, and WYSAC.

John Lumley reported that he will schedule a conference call with Joe Evans, Don Faggiani, Sean Hosman and Donna Messerli regarding WYSAC and Back on Track.

Next on the agenda was further discussion regarding the Assessment Conference. Narina Nunez reviewed the agenda from the NCDA conferences for a possible facilitator. Susan Cahill suggested Clark Fairbanks from the YES House in Gillette as a possible facilitator. Rodger and Lesley will work on a budget.

Narina Nunez reported that the Data Workgroup discussed the type of assessments – risk assessment and level of service.

The groups that will be involved will be contacted to find out if they have researched any assessment tools and what their preferences are.

Confidentiality will be an issue with the assessments – who can have the information. An expert on HIPHA should be included on the agenda for the assessment conference.

The goal of the assessment conference will be: To provide a recommendation for a risk assessment and level of service for juveniles to be provided to the governor and other department heads.

Val Seidel proposed a motion to contract with the University of Wyoming Conferences and Institutes to act as the contract planner for the reasonable fee, Bill Runner seconded, motion passed.

The Data Workgroup will find the facilitator for the conference. Lesley Osen will provide a budget for the conference. Department of Family Services and Department of Health will prepare the invitation list.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of remaining funds for the 2001 JAIBG grant.

Val Seidel proposed a motion to within one month to hear proposals on the remaining 2001 JAIBG funds, Bill Runner seconded, motion passed

A meeting was scheduled for May 8 in Casper to review budgets for the JAIBG and SAG grants.

Lesley Osen reported on the SAG and Title V grants. Site evaluations will be scheduled in May for the JAIBG grant recipients.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by David Bernstein on Multisystemic Therapy. MST is currently being used in Cheyenne, Rock Springs and Fremont County.

Next on the agenda was a proposal from Teton County to fund a restorative justice training in Jackson. Rick Paul proposed a motion to fund the restorative justice program in the amount of \$9640.00, John Lumley seconded, motion passed.

Bill Runner proposed a motion to approve the purchase of a digital camera (\$500.00) and a software program to support the website (\$100.00), Ric Paul seconded, motion passed.

The meeting scheduled for July 10-11, 2003 has been rescheduled for July 24 –25 in Sheridan, the fall meeting has been scheduled for October 9-10, 2003 in Worland.

Meeting adjourned.

The Detention Standards Committee, Val Seidel, Bill Runner, Ric Paul and John Lumley met after the Council meeting adjourned to review the Level of Care Committees proposed standards for certification of juvenile detention facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Osen