

# STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Cheyenne, Wyoming  
February 17-18, 2005

## Minutes

**Council Members Present:** Felice Acosta, Stephen Aaron, Ericka Cook, Sarah Demerritt, John Frentheway, Adam George, Ronnald Jeffrey, Ric Paul, Scott Ratliff, William Runner, Kelly Valdez, Hon. Bruce Waters, Charles Whiton

**DFS:** Lesley Osen

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Phil Foy, John Lumley

**Unable to Attend:** Sarah Ascienzo, Donald Fuller, Raine Lowry, Robert Mayor

**Guests:** Nancy Freudenthal, Sharon Guerney, Rodger McDaniel, Donna Sheen, Tom Zartman

**Welcome and Introductions:** Chairman Bill Runner called the meeting to order.

Bill Runner asked for an introduction of the members and guests in attendance.

Nancy Freudenthal gave an overview of the Wyoming First Lady's Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking. Mrs. Freudenthal is the co-chair of the National Keep Children Alcohol Free Committee. A discussion followed regarding the problems caused by underage drinking.

Tom Zartman, Preseident of High Tech Offender Monitoring gave a presentation on an electronic ankle monitor that monitors alcohol consumption.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the last meeting, Charley Whiton proposed a motion to approve the minutes, Ronn Jeffrey seconded, motion passed.

Next on the agenda was election of officers. Charley Whiton proposed a motion to re-appoint the existing slate of officers, Scott Ratliff seconded. Discussion followed. Scott Ratliff proposed an amendment to the motion replacing Ericka Cook with Bruce Waters on the Executive Committee, Steve Aaron seconded the amendment. Motion passed as amended.

Next was a viewing of the Juvenile Justice video from the Family First programs. The video is a overview of the juvenile justice system in Wyoming.

A discussion followed on legislative bill SF 090, John Frentheway reported that he is fighting the passing of this bill (proposed bill attached). A discussion followed regarding the Council's involvement with legislative issues.

After the lunch break Donna Sheen gave an update on legislative bills that are of interest to the Council.

Rodger McDaniel then reported on legislative bill SF 090, 4E eligible juveniles would have placement determined by Department of Family Services. Mr. McDaniel reported that if the bill does not pass the State will have to replace five million dollars that the State will not receive in federal funds.

John Frentheway proposed a motion that the Council write a letter to the legislators stating that the Councils does not approve SF 090, no second.

Ronn Jeffrey proposed a motion that the Council send a letter to the legislators stating that the council conceptually supports SF 090, but that there are concerns that MDT teams have full input in the process. John Frentheway seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the motion was withdrawn.

Charley Whiton proposed a motion that a letter be sent to the legislators including an amendment written by Rodger McDaniel, Ronn Jeffrey seconded. Discussion followed. Charley Whiton proposed an amendment that the letter state that the Council supports SF 090 with the amendment prepared by Rodger McDaniel. (amendment attached) Ronn Jeffrey seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed, as amended with a 7-2 vote.

Rodger McDaniel thanked the council for the discussion.

Ric Paul proposed a motion to have the Chair of the Council present the letter with the amendment to the House Judiciary Committee on February 18, Charley Whiton seconded, motion passed.

Ronn Jeffrey requested that if the bill is passed DFS provide monthly reports to the Council, Rodger McDaniel agreed to provide monthly reports.

Rodger McDaniel reported that Bob Kuchera is the new administrator for Juvenile Services, effective March 1.

Donna Sheen and John Lumley reported on compliance with the OJJDP Act. A letter will need to come from DFS if the State is not going to apply for this years formula grant.

Ronn Jeffrey proposed a motion that the Council write to the Governor supporting compliance with the OJJDP Act not later than July 1, 2006. Also recommend that Department of Family Services work with the Wyoming County Commissioners Association on a transition plan and that Department of Family Services release the funds so that Wyoming County Commissioners can apply for the funds. Steve Aaron seconded the motion, motion passed.

Friday, February 18, 2005

In attendance: Steve Aaron, Ericka Cook , Sarah DeMerrit, Phil Foy, Adam George, Ronn Jeffrey, Ric Paul, Bill Runner, Kelly Valdez, Bruce Waters and Charley Whiton.

Ronn Jeffrey called the meeting to order.

First on the agenda was a review of the JAIBG funds that are available.

Charley Whiton proposed a motion that the remaining 2002 funds be divided by a percentage of the original allocation and offered to the grant subrecipients. Discussion followed. Charley Whiton amended the motion to include \$35, 000 to fund a Juvenile Justice Conference, Ericka Cook seconded. The amended motion passed 7-2.

A discussion followed regarding the Juvenile Justice Conference. The focus of the conference should be family, schools and the courts. The Executive Committee will work as the advisory committee for the conference.

Ericka Cook proposed a motion that we set aside \$100,000 form the 2003 JAIBG for WCCA grantees if needed, Charley Whiton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

In past years JAIBG funds have been used to pay for electronic monitoring of juveniles on DFS probation. Ric Paul proposed a motion to discontinue funding electronic monitoring for Department of Family Services, Ericka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A discussion regarding the statute revision and the Council's need for a full time director.

Rodger McDaniel had recommended that the Council use Results Based Planning to develop a strategic plan. A planning meeting was scheduled for April 7 in Casper.

The summer meeting was scheduled for August 25-25 in Cody.

Ric Paul reported on Fight Crimes Invest in Kids and handed out program materials.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Osen