

## WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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Cheyenne, Wyoming  
January 21 & 22, 2010  
Minutes

**Thursday, January 21, 2010**

**Council Members Present:**

Lynne Davies, Melinda Dennington, Charlene Edwards, Beth Evans, Lori Fertig, Gary Gilmore, Judge Gary Hartman, Lori Hutchinson, Ronn Jeffrey, Rene Kemper, Anne LaPlante, Rhea Parsons, Richard Patterson, James Pond, Les Pozsgi, Donald Rardin, Donna Sheen, Judge Bruce Waters, James Whiting, Cindy DeLancey, Kristina Smith

**Others Present:**

Eydie Trautwein, Dpt of Health; Craig Fiskus, Debby Lynch, Chuck Kratz, VOA; Debra Dugan-Doty, DFS; JoAnn Numoto, Dpt of Education; Linda Burt, ACLU; Sue Chatfield, AG's Office; Stacey Obrecht and Diane Lozano, Public Defenders Office

**1:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Chair Donna Sheen**

- Opening remarks
- October 2009 SACJJ Minutes approved: Pond, Hutchinson
- SACJJ Annual Report; feedback from Gingery was encouraging
- 2010 Meeting dates
- Letter from Director Lewis, CJSB update
- Announcement from FACJJ for Judge Bruce Waters and Kristina Smith to represent Wyoming
- Letter to Richard Bohling and Prosecutors; one response from Big Horn County – in support of data system
- Update on JABG Grant; will need for the Grants Committee to review 09 applications

**CJSB Update – Judge Hartman**

- TA provided to several different counties to assist them with their application and plan.

- Fifteen counties submitted applications; DOC, DOH, DOE, DFS review apps.
- Those counties that did not apply for the funding can apply, but must start the application process over.
- Find a way to put boards together in each community for them to determine what is happening in each county and what is going on with placements. MDT's will determine placements, and counties need to be aware of the costs for their county's placements and how those can be lowered.
- Council members are encouraged to get involved in their local CJSB's.

**2:00-5:00 p.m. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Presentation**

Bart Lubow, Director of Programs, Annie E. Casey Foundation (handouts and material presented)

**Friday, January 22, 2010**

**Members Present:**

Lynne Davies, Melinda Dennington, Charlene Edwards, Beth Evans, Lori Fertig, Gary Gilmore, Judge Hartman, Lori Hutchinson, Ronn Jeffrey, Rene Kemper, Rhea Parsons, Richard Patterson, James Pond, Les Pozsgi, Don Rardin, Donna Sheen, Kristina Smith, Judge Waters

**Others Present:**

Stacey Obrecht, Diane Lozano, JoAnn Numoto, Eydie Trautwein, Craig Figus and Debby Lynch

**8:00 a.m. Meeting called to order by Chair Donna Sheen**

- **JDAI Discussion:** The Council would like to see a pilot project in a few communities in Wyoming, and receive data to determine if it needs to be implemented in the rest of the communities in Wyoming.
- **Ronn Jeffrey motioned,** and it was carried by members, that the Council figure out an action plan with action steps to support and/or endorse the implementation of the JDAI. We need to encourage DFS to recognize two to three sites in Wyoming to implement this initiative and see what the outcomes are; and bring that back to the Council.
- Judge Waters want the Council to pledge support to the JDAI steering committee to recognize some communities to support a pilot project.

- Judge Hartman reported that the steering committee has recognized three to four communities to pilot the JDAI; these communities may have the appropriate services in place and it just needs to be coordinated.
- A motioned was carried for the Council to send a letter to each CJSB Chair and County Commissioners in each county that is not involved in the CJSB encouraging the participation of the SACJJ in the steering committee, as Judge Hartman and Donna Sheen are on the committee. The letter will also endorse and encourage the committee to recognize four to five communities in the state to implement the JDAI philosophy.

#### **Elections:**

- Matt Keating had expressed interest in running for Chair. However, there was discussion around the by-laws and the Chair cannot be a full-time government employee. Because Matt is a full-time Natrona County employee, he is not eligible to fill the Chair position.
- Nominations for Beth Evans, Anne LaPlante and Judge Hartman for Exec. Committee; Charlene Edwards for Vice-Chair and Donna Sheen for Chair. Waters motioned for nominations to cease; Don Rardin moved motion and Beth Evans seconded motion. All Members in favor; Melinda Dennington opposed to Chair.

#### **Committee Updates:**

- Beth Evans reported on Data Collection, as Adrienne Freng is not present to report. The idea is that VOA would be the administrator of Data Collection, with the oversight of the SACJJ, Prosecutors, DFS.
- Donna asked for volunteers for committees that they are interested in. By-laws committee is a new committee that has been formed.
- Kristina Smith reported on the By-Laws Committee; they received input from the Coordinator and OJJDP on examples of other state's by-laws. They are looking at revamping the attendance policy.
- Les Poszgi reported on the Detention Standards Subcommittee. He said the committee has been active on the SF for detention standards and the HB for assessments. We need the answer to what DFS' role is in detention, and whether there are going to be any sort of detention standards prior to the standards being compiled by the Sheriff's. They have until 2012 to compile.
- SF 9; HB 12. Les encourages the council to follow the bills.

- Judge Hartman reported on Policy Committee; he said they're looking at revising Title 14. Hartman also talked about encouraging funding to be pushed to the communities so they can be responsible as to what efforts the funding is supporting. Donna thanked Judge Hartman for all of his work and efforts toward juvenile justice.
- Donna reported that Bernadine Craft and Skip Hornbecker have submitted their application to the Governor's Office to be appointed as members of the SACJJ. We also are in need of more youth members. Ronn asked if we could have a rotating youth representation/membership in which there are youth that could participate in meetings that are near them, and have them participate in the issues around juvenile justice. Kristina said she could look at by-laws around youth membership. As a Council, we need to look at inviting youth and different youth organizations from each community that we have meetings in.

#### **Strategic Plan:**

- The Strategic Plan will be the main focus for the retreat in Lander. Donna asked for input on the 2010 Schedule and ideas for this year's work. It was suggested that the retreat be focused on our given tasks and be led by what our priorities are.

#### **The State of Juvenile Detention in Wyoming, 2008 Compliance Monitoring Report, Volunteers of America Wyoming & Montana: (handout)**

- Craig Fisgus summarized the report and Wyoming's non-compliant status. He emphasized, though, the great things that Wyoming has done, regarding detention. There has been a large decrease in the number of juveniles that are placed in detention. There are a lot of people doing really good work in counties. He has appreciated working with the different communities on their efforts and assistance in getting the data for them.
- There are six counties that are in complete compliance; and these counties are eligible for Title V funding.
- Regarding Data Collection, VOA is working with Assessments.com to set up and implement a database for the data collection. They are at a point where a contract is ready to be signed. They are hoping to model Wyoming's data collection after Montana's.
- Goshen and Johnson counties have eliminated all violations during the course of the past year; Sheridan, Lincoln, Big Horn and Laramie Counties have significantly reduced their number of violations.
- The Council had discussion around circulating this information and the Report to the counties, Sheriff's Association, and the newspapers. The Council needs to let everyone know the great gains that have been made and encourage counties to continue to their efforts.
- 2008 Detention Summary (handout) summarizes the data collected regarding juveniles in detention.

**Wyoming Department of Health:**

- Eydie Trautwein talked about WDH's efforts in developing a comprehensive plan related to mental health and substance abuse (handout). A revision of the 2001 Blueprint is an effort to keep up with changes in the behavioral health field and provide a vision of how those elements can be utilized; this revision has been implemented. Eydie has asked the Councils' involvement and a recommendation toward the information process. She suggests that the Council look at the recommendations around mental health and substance abuse issues, and for the Council to adhere to the roadmap around juvenile justice and the mental health/substance abuse issues.
- Eydie asked for a letter from the Council in support of the plan of Revision to the Wyoming Substance Abuse and Mental Health Comprehensive Blueprint. Hartman motioned for a letter of support be written; Rardin seconded the motion; all in favor.

**11:10 a.m. Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauri Lamm  
Coordinator