

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

April 28 & 29, 2011

Casper, Wyoming

- I. Call to Order Thursday, April 28, 2011: 1:05 p.m.
 - a) Roll Call:

Members Present: Charlene Edwards, Lori Fertig, Adrienne Freng, Anne LePlante, Don Rardin, Kristine Smith, Gary Gilmore, Skip Hornecker, Bruce Waters, James Whiting, Beth Evans, Rene Kemper, Rick Patterson, Les Pozzgi, Donna Sheen, Ronn Jeffrey

Present via Proxy: Jim Pond, Gary Hartman, Lynne Davies, Bernadine Craft (attached)

Ex-officio Members: Jo Ann Numoto, Dpt of Education; Elizabeth Lance, Public Defenders Office; Debra Dugan-Doty, DFS; Rep. Keith Gingery

Others Present: Neal Madsen and Bob Webster, Sheridan CJSB; Jenni Mayfield and Sara Flitner, Flitner & Associates; Jeff Herb, Rachel Campbell and Jeff Bell, DFS; Rand Young, JDAI; Shad Bates, WY Citizen's Review; Marilyn Patton, Dept of Health; Craig Fisgus and Debby Lynch, VOA; Allison Anderson, WY Citizen's Review; Brian Christiansen, Natrona County District Attorney; Korin Schmidt, DFS
 - b) Declaration of Quorum: 20 members; Quorum declared
 - c) Reordering of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes: January 13-14, 2011 minutes (consensus)
- III. Budget Report (handouts)
 - a) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)
 - b) Title V Community Prevention Grant
 - c) Title II State Advisory Group Award (SAG)
 - d) Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) – Wyoming Department of Health, Marilyn Patton
- IV. Reports of Committees
 - a) Executive Committee – membership, proposed federal budget
 - Members w/ 8/31/11 term expirations need to write a letter requesting reappointment; 13 current applications in the Governor's Office; Exec Committee will meet in June to make recommendations for appointments/reappointments; encourage youth and Tribal applicants
 - CJJ Membership; \$2500 annual membership; Exec Committee voted to not pay membership
 - OJJDP funding will be decreased; SACJJ operates only on federal money, no state funding
 - b) Grants Committee
 - Title V applications were reviewed, only 4 applications received; determined that Teton and Big Horn would receive full funding; Washakie and Goshen dependent upon grant extensions
 - c) Vision/Planning and Policy Committee
 - WY will not have a FCJJ representative; CJJ may need to be reconsidered
 - This committee is responsible for completing the annual report to the Governor
 - d) JJDP Compliance Monitoring and Detention Standards Committee
 - Les Pozzgi: juvenile detention risk assessment instrument is used; committee & council needs to commend JDAI efforts and encourage the counties; no data collection around graduated sanctions and successful programs for alternatives; need to look at reallocating monies around successful programs
 - Propose no longer have the detention standards tied to this committee since legislation provides for the sheriffs to develop the standards
 - e) DMC Committee; Gary Gilmore
 - f) Outreach Committee: no committee report as VOA consultants, Flitner & Associates, presentation later
 - g) Data Committee; Adrienne Freng
 - Issue is no data, no access to data, no standard data; committee is looking at how to bring all of the data to a single point; council should be considered a resource for the

state to provide assistance; talking w/ VOA to bring back information from jail roster for council/committee to utilize in a timely manner

- Model code presents a large piece of data collection
- h) Legislative Committee
 - i. Current legislative issues
 - ii. Enacted Statutes:
 - Single Point of Entry, W.S. 14-6-203 (f)
 - Juvenile Detention Risk Assessment: W.S. 7-1-108 (f)
 - Juvenile Detention Standards: W.S. 14-4-117
 - Six main JDCs in the state; looking at a company to compile detention standards; will present to joint judiciary in August; hope to implement January 2012
 - i) By-Laws Committee:
 - The revised By-Laws were again presented to the council. A typo change was made.
 - **Motion: approve revised By-Laws; made by Skip Hornecker and seconded by Donna Sheen;** motion carried 20-0-0
 - Discussion: need to put something about ex-officios in by-laws; should they be voting members? Ex-officio members are voting members if by-laws are silent. Past chair being ex-officio of exec committee. Assigned to By-Laws committee for further research.
 - j) Youth Member Committee: no report
 - k) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) Committee: will need to establish the role of the committee in correlation with the council

V. On-Going Business

Updates from:

- a) Governor's Policy Analyst – no report
- b) Community Juvenile Service Boards (CJSB) – written report from Jeff Herb
- c) Juvenile Detention alternatives Initiative (JDAI) – Rand Young
Rand discussed his trip to Wyoming this week and visits in Cheyenne, Rock Springs, and Casper. JDAI appreciates the support they've received from Wyoming
- d) Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ); Bruce Waters
 - 2010 FACJJ Annual report was completed and circulated to states; OJJDP is raising question about role and existence of FACJJ, questioned if they are doing anything effective; OJJDP is going to revamp the council; looking at appointing regional representatives and having tribal representation as well. Currently not meeting and a nonfunctioning entity; recommended looking into CJJ membership to still have a place with a national group.
 - **Motion: the exec committee look into rejoining Council on Juvenile Justice; made by Donna Sheen and seconded by Gary Gilmore.** Motion carried 18-0-0.
- e) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) (handout)
 - Presentation from Flitner & Associates; Joint Judiciary is worried about money, and the cost of implementing the Model Code; the smaller counties are struggling with less resources and services
 - Compliance Reporting: MIP will not be counted as a status offense

VI. New Business (handouts were sent to members via email prior to meeting)

- a) Model Code Presentation – Donna Sheen
 - **Motion: SACJJ supports the concept, discussion, and clarification of a model of a juvenile code and the concept needs to move forward; made by Ronn Jeffrey, seconded by Don Rardin.**
 - Discussion about need for more stakeholders to be involved, supporting the concept, encouraging movement not just talk.
 - Motion carried: 19-0-1 (Bruce Waters abstained due to his role as a circuit court judge)
- b) Juvenile Justice Reform
 - **Motion: SACJJ supports the development of comprehensive services throughout the juvenile justice system, including municipal and circuit courts; made by Ronn Jeffrey, seconded by James Whiting.**
 - Discussion: What are adequate services? This is a motion to support the idea that there is a need for services at the lower court level. We want to be better wherever we can.

- Motion Carried: 16-0-1 (Bruce Waters abstained)

VII. Community Participation

Brian Christiansen, Natrona County District Attorney, attended the reception.

VIII. Announcements

- Emails regarding juvenile justice information will continue to be sent via email to members as received by Beth and Lauri
- National Girls Institute; let us know if anyone is interested in participating
- OJJDP Solicitation for non-participating state award
- National OJJDP conference; if anyone interested, please let us know
- AG Eric Holder spoke to the National Association of County Officials on the need for community level services
- ACLU report, "Inequality in the Equality State: The Damaged Juvenile Justice and Detention System in Wyoming"
- Next meeting, July 14 & 15 in Lander, Strategic Plan
- September meeting changed from Cody to Thermopolis

Minutes Approved: July 14, 2011

Minutes Submitted by SACJJ Coordinator: Lauri Lamm