

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

May 3-4, 2012

Rock Springs, Wyoming

Member Education:

Linda Barton, Executive Director, Wyoming Afterschool Alliance

- Provided packets to members

Steve Corsi, Ph.D., Director, Department of Family Services (DFS)

- DFS supports collaboration with juvenile justice stakeholders, and we are actively involved with JDAI; DFS supports limited purposes for secure detention; DFS supports judicial policy and procedure that reduces and minimizes court delays in child welfare cases; DFS supports use of data to inform state and local decision making about juvenile systems and services.
- Budget Cuts: Department is required to cut budget by 8% as of July 1, 2012.
- DFS is transparent; if anyone has any questions or recommendations on what is being done or what should be done, don't hesitate to call.
- Does not want to cut prevention and diversion funding; we're going to do our best to keep funding in those areas by shifting dollars from other areas.
- We continue to look at the DFS probation revocations in detention and work on alternatives.
- Feels that WY juvenile justice is in a good place, but we can always be better.
- Approximately 70% of CHINS cases are children with mental health issues; CHINS is not a way to handle mental health issues; concerns that money is driving treatment rather than treatment driving money.

I. Call to Order: Thursday, May 3, 2012, 1:34 p.m.

a) Roll Call

Members Present: Beth Evans, Adrienne Freng, Allison Anderson, Shad Bates, Dawnessa Snyder, Sunny Goggles, Neal Madson, Mark Russler, Gary Hartman, Skip Hornecker, Les Pozsgi, Donna Sheen, Kristina Smith, James Whiting, Gary Gilmore, James Pond, Bruce Waters, Bernadine Craft, Ronn Jeffrey

Present via Proxy: Lynne Davies, Charlene Edwards and Rene Kemper (attached)

Declaration of Quorum: 23 members present

Ex Officio's Present: Marilyn Patton, Department of Health; Debra Dugan-Doty, DFS

- Others Present: Linda Barton, Afterschool Alliance; Keith Carter, DFS; Debby Lynch, VOA; Craig Fisgus, VOA; Chuck Kratz, VOA; Mike Wilder, Sweetwater County Probation Program; Monica Anson and Jim Hissong,

Uinta County; Jennifer Schmidt, Lincoln County; Greg Hinton, DFS/Lincoln County; and Josh Smith, Lincoln County Attorney's Office; Lamar Westbrook, DFS; John Prokos, Sweetwater County Deputy Attorney; Linda Acker, Southwest Counseling Center; Kathy Sisemore, Sweetwater County School District; Steve Corsi, DFS

II. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion: approve minutes from December 1, 2011 SACJJ meeting, made by Member Hornecker, seconded by Member Pond**
- Motion carried (22-0)

III. Budget Report

- a) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)
 - FY 2012 JABG Application submitted in January; County applications for FY 2011 funding were received in April and Grants Committee will be reviewing them tomorrow.
- b) Title V Community Prevention Grant
 - No FY 2012 funding; Grants Committee to discuss what to do with FY 2011 funding remaining
- c) Title II State Advisory Group Award (spreadsheet handout)
 - FY 2012 Application submitted yesterday, award is \$20,000
- d) Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) – DOH (handouts)
 - EUDL funding has been reduced and no funding is available this year.

IV. Reports of Committees

- a) Executive Committee
 - Twelve Member terms are expiring in August, including several youth members. Member Chair asked that members help with recruiting efforts. Judicial District 3 and 7 need representation.
 - Member Freng has been appointed to the CJSB's grants review committee
- b) Grants Committee
 - Will be reviewing JABG applications later today; will also be addressing Title V spending for remaining award
- c) Vision/Planning and Policy Committee
- d) JJDP Compliance Monitoring
 - Looking at developing training and skill development to help DFS workers around the JJDP requirements, JDAI, data and tack on scenarios; workers need training and information to help them make recommendations and decisions on placements of juveniles; would also like to develop information for County programs
- e) DMC Committee
 - Dawnessa is now going to be part of this committee. Collecting data in three counties for the DMC study; Adrienne will be doing the focus groups and finishing the report.
- f) Outreach Committee

- This committee meets frequently via phone; new youth member from Douglas; working on youth membership and assisting the youth with meeting costs; would like to have a mentor for each youth member
 - Would like to create a formal/standard award form for the awards program in the by-laws, along with procedures of the awarding process; Washakie County is the nominee for this year's award
 - **Motion: Washakie County be awarded the 2012 Achievement Award to be presented at the September SACJJ, made by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Sheen.** Motion carried (21-0)
 - Coordinator will get approval from state representative to provide a luncheon for this award ceremony
- g) Data Committee
- There is a need across the state to collect and use data productively; looking at providing a training to communities. Adrienne will be providing training; hope to provide a template and resource
- h) Legislative Committee
- Looking at having a meeting in June
 - Judiciary's topic is confidentiality of juvenile cases, jurisdiction, budget and funding for juvenile justice
- i) By-Laws Committee
- Will work with Outreach Committee on their recommendations
 - Looking at the ex-officio role
- j) Youth Member Committee
- k) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)
- Some new rules came into effect March 1; Member Hartman remains active as chair of the Rules Committee

V. On-Going Business – Updates from:

- a) Governor's Policy Analyst; Chair Evans and Members Waters, Freng and Sheen summarized Task Force activities:
- Governor's Task Force is still meeting twice per month; doesn't seem to be making a lot of progress; hoping to have a report to the legislature in June
 - Hoping it will provide a clear picture of what some problems may be; and ideas on how those could be resolved; want to be able to provide a broad spectrum of opinions
 - Would like to give an overall idea of what are present issues in WY; hoping to provide a guide to legislatures; data issues continues to be a huge road block; lots of data, but too many different formats to obtain anything real substantial and helpful
- b) Community Juvenile Service Boards (CJSB) Debra Dugan-Doty
- \$2 million designated to Boards
- c) Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Debra Dugan-Doty
- Wyoming sent several representatives to the JDAI Conference in Houston last week; five active communities
- d) State Juvenile Steering Committee (Poszgi)

- May no longer be a committee
- e) Coalition of Juvenile Justice (CJJ) – elect representative
 - Discussed WY being a provisional member; must have a written report to demonstrate what work is being done to become a compliant/participating state
 - WY is currently a provisional state
 - Annual conference in June; annual board meeting is held at that time; would like to elect a representative to be on the board
 - **Motion: Member Kristina Smith to be the WY representative for the CJJ, made by Member Pond, seconded by Member Hornecker.** Motion carried (22-0)
 - **Motion: the Council will fund up to three people to attend the National CJJ Conference, made by Member Gilmore, seconded by Member Anderson.** Motion carried (22-0)
- f) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) – 2010 Compliance Report handed out
 - Encourages members to attend compliance monitoring in their areas, a schedule was sent out.
- g) Ex-Officio Members
 - DFS report on PACT accounting and general overview of grant procedures (Deb Dugan-Doty)
 - Handout of PACT expenses
 - DFS will work on getting some Members on the RFP reviews for both the federal funding and state funding
 - DFS will work with the Grants Committee on collaboration with juvenile justice funding

VI. New Business

Nominating Committee – Election of Officers

- Executive Committee Nominees: Member Pozsgi, Member Anderson, Member Smith. **Motion: to cease nominations and nominees be elected to Executive Committee, made by Member Hartman, seconded by Member Pond.** Motion carried (22-0)
- Grants Committee Nominees: Member Smith nominated Don Rardin for this committee; **Motion: to cease nominations and nominee be elected to Grants Committee, made by Member Hartman, seconded by Member Snyder.** Motion carried (22-0)
- Nominee for Council Chair is Member Evans, Nominee for Vice-Chair is Member Edwards; **Motion: to cease nominations and nominees be elected as Chair and Vice-Chair, made by Member Hornecker, seconded by Member Pozsgi.** Motion carried (22-0)

VII. Community Participation

- Lincoln County Community Juvenile Services Board: Jennifer Schmidt; Greg Hinton, DFS; and Josh Smith, County Attorney's Office
- Uinta County Youth Services Program: Monica Anson and Jim Hissong

- Sweetwater County Community Juvenile Services Board: Mike Wilder, County Probation; John Prokos, Deputy County Attorney; Linda Acker, Southwest Counseling; Kathy Sisemore, School District

VIII. Announcements

- Joint judiciary meets in Fort Washakie in June, Evanston in September, and Douglas in December; SAG funding will assist members with travel that attend
- Next SACJJ meeting is July 12 & 13 in Buffalo

IX. Meeting Adjourned: Friday, May 3, 2012 at 11:15 a.m.

- **Motion: made by Member Sheen, seconded by Member Anderson**
- Motion carried (21-0)

Minutes Approved: July 12, 2012

Minutes Submitted by Lauri Lamm, SACJJ Coordinator