

## WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2011

Casper, Wyoming

Member Education: Dr. Steve Corsi, Director, Department of Family Services

- Would like to bridge the gap and work collaboratively with other state agencies, community partners, the Courts, County and District Attorney's, law enforcement, and federal partners, in the best interest of children and families.
- Mission of DFS: The Wyoming Dep't of Family Services is dedicated to promoting the safety, well-being and self-sufficiency of families through community partnerships.
- WY is placing fewer children in placement as a result of services being provided in the child's home community.
- This group is the first to hear of new mission and vision for DFS. As a Department, our Vision is going to be to set the standard as the best in child and family welfare.
- In juvenile services, the Council can help by endorsing the underlying concept that juvenile justice is mostly about treatment, and helping communities invent services and intervention to help keep kids out of jail and minimize their time in the legal system.
- Member Sheen: Do you define juvenile services as including kids in all levels of court? Corsi: Yes, we can only operate within our statutory authority, but we take responsibility for all juveniles in the state.
- Member Evans: How can DFS and the SACJJ best partner to promote this idea of juvenile justice? Corsi: Would like an opportunity to put together a response for the Council at the February meeting.
- Corsi: Believes Wyoming is headed in the right direction; is on the right course.

I. Call to Order: December 1, 2011, 10:20 a.m.

a) Roll Call:

Members Present: Beth Evans, Allison Anderson, Lynne Davies, Gary Hartman, Skip Hornecker, Neal Madson, Les Pozsgo, Don Rardin, Mark Russler, Donna Sheen, Kristina Smith

Members Present via Phone: Adrienne Freng, Dawnessa Snyder, Bruce Waters, Clarence Thomas

Present via Proxy: Charlene Edwards, Shad Bates, Ronn Jeffrey, Rene' Kemper, Annmarie McMahill, James Pond, James Whiting

Declaration of Quorum: 22 Members present, including via phone and proxies

Others Present: Craig Fiskus, Chuck Kratz and Debby Lynch, VOA

Others Present via Phone: Dr. Steve Corsi, Director, DFS; Debra Dugan-Doty, Ex-Officio

Reordering of Agenda: Meeting start was delayed because of attendees late and/or not able to travel as a result of winter storm; problems with getting phone conferencing set up at conference center.

II. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion: approve minutes from September 29-30, 2011 SACJJ meeting, made by Member Sheen, seconded by Member Anderson**
- Motion carried (22-0)

III. Budget Report

- a) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)
- b) Title V Community Prevention Grant
- c) Title II State Advisory Group Award (handout)
  - Report that OJJDP's funding will be decreased significantly; no FY 2013 Title V; JABG decreased by 33%; Title II decrease as well.
- d) Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) – DOH (handout)
  - Significant decrease with this funding; from \$25 million to \$5 million.

IV. Reports of Committees

- a) Executive Committee
  - 2012 calendar was approved
  - Council membership; in desperate need of youth member
  - Agreed to CJJ membership
  - **Motion: SACJJ will join CJJ for a one year term. After the first year, the Council will reevaluate the benefits of the membership and determine if we continue membership, made by Member Sheen, seconded by Member Hartman**
  - Motion carried (22-0)
- b) Grants Committee
  - Member Smith: A memo has been submitted by committee to DFS for an update regarding the PACT, and JABG funding
- c) Vision/Planning and Policy Committee
  - Member Hartman: A draft of the Annual Report was sent out to members. We ask that changes be submitted by Dec 20 so that the report can be completed and given to the Gov's office and legislature by Dec 31
- d) JJDP Compliance Monitoring
  - Member Pozsgi: Still uncertain as to role of DFS and the number of kids in detention. This is an on-going process; currently working with DFS.
- e) DMC Committee
  - Chuck Kratz: Working with Adrienne Freng on statewide assessment; submitted budget to VOA. Received DMC Compliance letter from DOJ
- f) Outreach Committee
  - Member Anderson: Working out snags in the Awards Program; plans for Title V compliance certificates to counties; recruitment, with focus on youth members

- Member Davies told the Council that she is happy to have Member Anderson as chair of this committee; it is good to have an active outreach committee
- g) Data Committee (no update)
- h) Legislative Committee
  - Member Sheen: Rep. Bob Nicholas draft bill on Confidentiality; the bill proposes that confidentiality of juvenile cases be extended to circuit and municipal court; the bill also automatically expunges juvenile records; Rep Nicholas has asked for the expanded work group to take a look at the bill.
- i) By-Laws Committee
  - A correction was made on page two, article 3, section one of the by-laws regarding the age of youth membership, changed from age 25 to age 24
- j) Youth Member Committee (no update)
- k) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)
  - Member Hartman: Wyoming is a member of the Compact; all states and territories are members, except for Georgia. Conducted a meeting with the Attorney General for guidance on how Wyoming needs to handle juveniles that may be sent to us from Georgia.

V. On-Going Business – Updates from:

- a) Governor’s Policy Analyst (Hartman)-no update
- b) Community Juvenile Service Boards (CJSB)-no update
- c) Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)-no update
- d) State Juvenile Steering Committee (Poszgi)
  - looking at instrument for detention risk assessment; Sheriff’s meeting next week will discuss the JDRA report from DFS, the sheriff’s are asking for more detailed information; the forms are incomplete and there may be a need for training on the use of the final assessment form; sole responsibility of the assessment lies with WASCOP
- e) Coalition of Juvenile Justice
  - Chair of SAG is normally on the CJJ board; Chair Evans is asking for interest from someone from Council to be on the board as a designee
- g) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA)
  - Title II funding from OJJDP will see reductions of 34%; Wyoming receives the Title II non-participating grant award; Title V funds will be designated for tribal and gang programs, and EUDL funding
  - Compliance monitoring schedule will be sent out; members are welcome to participate in the monitoring at their local jails/detention centers
- h) Ex-Officio Members-no update

VI. New Business

- a) OJJDP National Conference Report
  - Member Smith; impressed with the conference; attended sessions on tribal youth and tribal law; interested in the Nt’l Council of Youth and Families
  - Chair Evans received a report from Member Bates that his main focus at the conference was on the truancy sessions; also was impressed with and received good information from the youth membership session

- Debby Lynch, Chuck Kratz and Craig Fiskus attended conference; DMC, NC4YC and compliance monitoring tracts were attended
  - Lauri Lamm attended juvenile justice specialist trainings and other sessions
- b) Nominating Committee
- Chair Evans appointed Member Smith as chair for this committee; Member Davies and Member Pozsgi also appointed to committee
  - Elections will take place at the Feb 2012 meeting

VII. Community Participation

- Working Lunch Outreach Committee/VOA Recognition Award – Natrona County
- Attended by Judge Brown; Mike Blonigan and Brian Christiansen, DA's Office; representatives from the Natrona County Sheriff's Office, Casper Police Department, CWCC, Department of Family Services, Mercer House, Youth Crisis Center, the Natrona County School District, and the Juvenile Detention Center

VIII. Announcements

- Member Sheen: wants to let the Council know that the Wyoming Children's Law Center has recently taken more interest in the juvenile justice area; there needs to be a stronger focus on legislation to create the uniform court system, and there needs to be more education and discussion on how inefficient and cost prohibitive our system is

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

- **Motion: made by Member Sheen, seconded by Member Anderson**
- Motion carried (22-0)

Minutes Approved: May 3, 2012

Minutes Submitted by Lauri Lamm, SACJJ Coordinator