

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

June 18-19, 2015 • Buffalo, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, June 18, 2015

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Strategic Planning
- Budget Report/Grant Update
- New Business
- On-Going Business

Friday, June 19, 2015

- Community Participation
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- Committees

- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Adrienne Freng
Allison Anderson
Baylee McIntyre
Chris Jones
Dawnessa Snyder
Donna Sheen
Dorina Kemper
Gary Gilmore
Narina Nunez
Rene Kemper
Seth Marshall
Shad Bates

Ex-Officio Present

Christina McCabe
Merit Thomas
Jo-Ann Numoto

ICI

Maureen Clifton

Via Proxy

Les Pozsgo
Neal Madson
Robert Mayor

Others Present

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Craig Fiskus
Tom Rose
Meredith Asay
Debby Lynch
Jeff Lamm
Steve Corsi
Tony Lewis
Byron Oedokoven
Cori Cook
Raelynn Miller
Tucker Ruby

Absent

Bryan Skoric
Clarence Thomas
Clinton Robinson
James Whiting
Judge Steven Brown
Mary Hall
Shaina Ute
Shane Johnson
Susan Cahill
Alice Russler
Sen. L. Christensen
Steven Gilmore
Holly Meyer

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

- a) Roll Call

- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 15 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

April 23-24, 2015 Meeting in Douglas. Narina Nunez motioned to approve the minutes and Dawnessa Snyder seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

III. Budget Report/Grant Update - Brandon Schimelpfenig

- a) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)
JABG '13 has \$45,051 unobligated.

- b) Title II State Advisory Group Award
Title II '13 has \$21,498.37 unobligated. Brandon Schimelpfenig also recently applied for Title II 2015 funding in the amount of \$20,000.

IV. Strategic Planning (Meredith Asay)

- a) Meredith started with introductions and an “ice breaker” activity. Meredith asked everyone to partner up and to discuss the Council’s biggest accomplishments and biggest struggles. She then went over the strategic planning plan for the day; discussing the vision, mission, themes, goals, and objectives. She then discussed the statutory authority of the Council and what the Council is responsible for implementing and directing. Meredith then asked the Council to brainstorm and discuss strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the achieving the vision of the Council. Strengths of the Council are support from the Governor and Direction, participation from the Governor’s office, strong membership and leadership, DFS and Council collaboration, the Council works well with each other, the Council has increased their visibility in the State of Wyoming, credibility has increased with the Council, detention standards for juveniles in the State of Wyoming, Community Juvenile Service Boards (CJSBs), and committees within the Council. Weaknesses of the Council are communication, can’t meet objectives without data from communities, non-active membership, clearly defined roles for the Council, developing a common vision for juvenile justice system, getting members to attend meetings, Government process can be slow, retaining youth members, and difficulty coordinating efforts. Threats to the Council achieving its mission are that the Legislature doesn’t understand the Council and its objectives, recommendation of change, the reputation of the Council not achieving goals, national regulations, lack of clear communication, ego’s restricting the progress of the Council, and funding. Opportunities for the Council are the \$500,000 given to the Council from the Governor for a juvenile data collection system, better follow through on the statutory authority of the Council, data for effective community programs, the Joint Judiciary Committee is making it a priority to discuss juvenile justice data.

Meredith then went on to have the Council to discuss and brainstorm priorities for the Council. Priorities for the Council are juvenile data, having an active Council, promoting/supporting diversion programs in the State of Wyoming, State Advisory Group (SAG) responsibility, State Advisory Council for Juvenile Justice (SACJJ) recommendations and responsibilities, and community involvement.

Goals for the Council were then brainstormed and discussed and were prioritized under each listed priority with the Council. These goals were then distributed for further discussion amongst individual workgroups. These workgroups presented their suggestions on how to achieve these goals to the rest of the Council.

V. New Business

- a) Data Update
On May 28, 2015 there was a data collection system meeting to propose the ROM system to SACJJ. It was voted, with one dissenting vote, to go forward with the ROM as a juvenile justice data collection system.
- b) Joint Judiciary
Next meeting is going to be in Gillette on August 13-14, 2015. No agenda has been set to date.

c) Members

a) Expiring Terms

Members expiring in August 2015 are Shane Johnson, Judge H. Steven Brown, Susan Cahill, Gary Gilmore, Dorina Kemper, Robert Mayor, Narina Nunez, Clinton Robinson, Bryan Skoric, Shaina Ute, and James Whiting. Shad stated that he will send out emails to everyone that is expiring and see if they would like to re-apply or not. Shad also stated that he has received interest from a few individuals seeking appointment to the Council.

b) New Member Training

The Council would like to have the training after the new appointments, which would be in September 2015. It was stated that Les Pozsgi will be leading the new member training.

VI. On-Going Business - Updates from:

a) Governor's Office (Merit Thomas)

b) Data Collection Update (Shad Bates)

Dawnessa Snyder motioned to approve the proposal for the ROM system from the University of Kansas, seconded by Allison Anderson and Narina Nunez, all in favor, motion approved and carries unanimously. Adrienne Freng will be the point of contact and will continue to work with Tony Lewis and DFS and the advancement of establishing the ROM data collection system in the State of Wyoming.

c) DFS Update (Director Corsi)

Tony Lewis presented an update to the ROM system and a proposal from the University of Kansas. Interested CJSB's in the ROM system include Albany Cty., Carbon Cty., Laramie Cty., Sheridan Cty., Natrona Cty., Washakie Cty., Teton Cty., Fremont Cty., and Johnson Cty. Sweetwater Cty. is currently waiting to hear from their entire board to see if there will be buy-in. These CJSB's report to DFS, on a monthly basis, a number of data points deemed important by the Council. It was stated by Director Corsi that Christina McCabe from the Attorney General's Office and Rachel Campbell from DFS will be preparing a presentation on statutory roles and responsibilities of SACJJ and DFS. It was also discussed about holding a future training for new and current members on the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI).

Friday, April 24, 2015

a) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) Craig Fisgus

Craig stated that Wyoming is steadily decreasing funding. 2012, 2013, and 2014 grants are currently active. At one point, we had four grants that were open. Counties are currently receiving 2012 and 2013 monies. Those will be closed out September 30,

2015. Craig stated that VOA is going to distribute the RFP's for 2014 Non-Participating State Grant funding on June 22, 2015. Applications are due August 17, 2015. Debbie Lynch stated that she recently completed compliance monitoring of the detention sites in Wyoming. Craig will provide an update on recent topics being proposed to the legislature.

b) Ex-Officio Members
No update available

c) JDRA (Byron Oedokoven)
Byron was present to discuss the new JDRA assessment form and the previous form and differences between the two. He stated the form is supposed to only be used when detaining the juvenile is being contemplated, unless the local judge has already issued a warrant for the juvenile.

VII. Community Participation

a) Committee Meetings
No updates

VIII. Community Participation

a) Johnson County Dept. of Family Services
Cori Cook and Raelynn Miller were present to discuss Dept. of Family Services in Johnson County. Tucker Ruby, Johnson County Attorney, was also present to talk about diversion services in Johnson County. Tucker stated that every diversion case in Johnson County is tailored to each individual child. He stated that the Johnson County diversion program is looking to expand to the Kaycee area. Tucker also stated that Johnson County is looking at providing reentry services for children who are coming back from treatment centers and residential facilities. Tucker stated that he would like to use the reentry services already in place in a better fashion and expand on them. He also stated that he would like to use the Independent Living program from DFS in a more productive fashion.

IX. Committees

a) Executive Committee – Shad Bates
Had a meeting with Governor's Office and DFS to improve communication amongst the three entities. New member training will be improved. Meeting invites will continue to improve for local stakeholders. Roles and responsibilities will be more defined in the coming months for DFS and SACJJ.

b) Grants Committee – Shad Bates
Request a meeting with Craig Fiskus around August 17, 2015.

c) Best Practices – Les Pozsgi
No updates

d) Outreach Committee – Allison Anderson
An awards ceremony is being discussed for local stakeholders in the fall.

e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng

No updates that weren't already discussed yesterday.

- f) Legislative Committee – Donna Sheen
Juvenile Bills Update – There was a meeting, prior to this meeting, to discuss juvenile topics. It was discussed in the meeting that juvenile sex offender reform is needed. Bryan Skoric reported in the meeting that the Prosecutor' Association is in support of juvenile sex offender reporting reform. An expungement bill is currently being drafted and should be ready by the next quarterly SACJJ meeting.
- g) Youth Member Committee – Dorina Kemper
No updates but welcome Baylee and Seth to the Council.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton
There was an audit of ICJ in 2014. Wyoming did quite well in the audit. There were no exceptions to timeframe violations regarding runaways, sex offender placement in other states, or signatures.

X. Announcements

- a) Next Meeting
It was decided to have the next meeting in Laramie.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Adrienne Freng, seconded by Narina Nunez, motioned passed, meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Next Meeting: September 24-25, 2015, Laramie