

# WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

## Meeting Minutes

November 19-20, 2015 • Casper, WY

### Agenda:

#### **Thursday, November 19, 2015**

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

#### **Friday, November 20, 2015**

- Community Participation
- Committees
- Announcements
- Adjournment

#### **Present:**

Allison Anderson  
Baylee McIntyre  
Chris Jones  
Damon DeBernardi  
Dawnessa Snyder  
Donna Sheen  
Gary Gilmore  
Les Pozsgo  
Mary Hall  
Michael Sorenson  
Neal Madson  
Nicole Hauser  
Seth Marshall  
Shad Bates  
Shane Johnson  
Thomas Rose

#### **Ex-Officio Present**

Jo-Ann Numoto  
Merit Thomas  
  
**ICI**  
Judge Gary Hartman

#### **Via Proxy**

Adrienne Freng  
Narina Nunez  
Rene Kemper

#### **Others Present**

Brandon Schimelpfenig  
Craig Figus  
Chuck Kratz  
Carl Harris  
Jeff Lamm  
Steve Corsi  
Tony Lewis  
Amanda Robins-Lily  
Kevin Taheri  
Wayne Beatty  
Paul Fritzler  
Cori Cosner-Burton  
Kathy Herter

#### **Absent**

Bryan Skoric  
Clarence Thomas  
Judge Steven Brown  
Lisa Finkey  
Steven Gilmore

### **Call to Order**

#### **I. Call to Order: Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 18 members.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

September 17-18, 2015 Meeting in Laramie. Dawnessa Snyder motioned to approve the minutes and Seth Marshall seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

#### **III. Budget Report/Grant Update - Brandon Schimelpfenig**

- a) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)  
JABG '13 has \$33,638.50 unobligated. Brandon Schimelpfenig broke down the two entities, City of Cheyenne and Natrona County, and how much monies these two have left. City of Cheyenne has \$10,679 left and Natrona County has \$2,252.45 left.

b) Title II State Advisory Group Award

Title II '13 has \$6,549.69 unobligated. Title II '15 has \$20,000. It was also discussed that Brandon Schimelpfenig provide an itemized expenditure report from DFS regarding SACJJ expenditures from Title II from now on. It was also discussed by Shad Bates from DFS Director Steve Corsi that the SACJJ look into shortening the Council meetings having them become more focused and possibly having members attend via tele-conference.

**IV. New Business**

a) New Members

A new member training was conducted this morning, 11/19/15. There are seven new members to the Council. It was also stated that there is a new judicial district represented on the Council; Sweetwater County.

b) 2015 SACJJ Award – Crook County (update)

Shad Bates, Neal Madson, and Allison Anderson from the Council and Craig Figus from VOA travelled up to Crook County on October 7, 2015 to present them with the 2015 SACJJ Award as a surprise during their County Commissioner's Meeting.

c) 2016 Meeting Dates/Locations

The meeting dates and locations for 2016 for the Council were proposed to the Council. It was proposed for January 21-22 to have the meeting in Cheyenne. It was proposed to have the April 21-22 meeting in Riverton. It was discussed to switch the June 23-24 meeting and the September 8-9 meeting locations and to switch the June 23-24 meeting date to one week earlier on June 16-17. The June 16-17 meeting was proposed to be held in Lusk. The September 8-9 meeting was proposed to be held in Cody. The November 17-18 meeting was proposed to be held in Casper. Les Pozsgi motioned to approve the locations/dates and Thomas Rose seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. A finalized schedule will be sent out to the Council via email.

d) 2015 Annual Report

The Annual Report was discussed amongst the Council and the proposed recommendations for it. The ROM data collection tool from the Department of Family Services was recommended to be included into the Annual Report. The Community Juvenile Services Boards (CJSB) and Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) programs synopsis from DFS was recommended to also be included in the Annual Report. It was also discussed about possibly having a proclamation for "juvenile justice awareness month". The ROM data collection reports were also recommended to be included in the Annual Report.

e) November Joint Judiciary Update

The Juvenile Sex Offender Registry bill was discussed by Donna Sheen. This bill was passed. There have been such severe consequences with charging juveniles with sex crimes and getting them on the sex offender registry that prosecutors have attempted to move away from charging juveniles with sex crimes.

## **V. On-Going Business – Updates from:**

### **a) Governor’s Office (Merit Thomas)**

Merit stated that the Governor is strongly recommending that all state employees take a suicide prevention online training. The Governor requested that all agencies look hard at their budgets and vacant positions need to be sent via request to him. The Capitol Restoration Project is moving along well. The tentative shutdown date for the Capitol is December 7. It was discussed that Wyoming will not be accepting Syrian refugees until the current system is looked at and revised. The Wyoming Legislature has relocated to the Jonah Building on Pershing Blvd.

### **b) Data Collection Update (Shad Bates)**

No updates that weren’t already stated.

### **c) DFS Update (Director Corsi)**

It was stated the Wyoming Boys School (WBS) construction is on track after experiencing a small bump. The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was brought up and it was stated that Carl Harris, with the Department of Family Services, has taken over as the state PREA coordinator. The WBS PREA audit is coming up in 2016. Expungement of juvenile records was discussed. The state budget was discussed and also the pressure that the oil, coal, natural gas is feeling. In the next two years, the state is looking at an approximately \$600,000,000 budgetary shortfall. A current map of where resources exist in the state was requested from the Department of Family Services regarding Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF), Residential Treatment Centers (RTC), Group Homes (GH), Foster Families, Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC), and the WBS/WGS. It was also requested from DFS that a calculation of out of county placement numbers by county with a three to five year time span and also to identify years to show trends in the data. Tony Lewis, Jeff Lamm, and Brandon Schimelpfenig from DFS created a CJSB Data Points Spreadsheet to send out to the CJSB’s regarding data reporting for ROM to make the input of information more uniform. This will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

### **d) Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) (Craig Fisgus)**

Debby Lynch has since resigned as the Compliance Monitor for VOA for the state of Wyoming. Craig discussed with OJJDP to cut Debby’s former position and merge it into Craig’s position since OJJDP is progressively reducing funding. It was also stated that VOA is implementing a new method of counting juvenile detention rates. The juvenile will be counted once coming into detention awaiting trial, then, if the juvenile is adjudicated/convicted and sent back to detention, he will be counted again and that it will be on the back end.

### **e) Ex-Officio Members**

No updates

### **f) Strategic Plan**

For 2016, there are goals around community involvement, how to better increase attendance for the Council, how to better notify community stakeholders for upcoming Council meetings, better dissemination of information within the Council, establishing a new member training, looking at other forms of attendance (phone, video conferencing), roles and responsibilities of the Council, and a statutory review of the Council.

## **VI. Community Participation**

Natrona County DFS, County Attorney, and CJSB

Kevin Taheri was present to discuss how juvenile justice is looking in Natrona County. Kevin stated that there is a strong pre-CHINS program at the Mercer House in Natrona County. Progressive Youth is very active with District Court cases in Natrona County as well. Paul Fritzler, District Manager for DFS of Natrona County, Wayne Beatty, Administrator for the Natrona County CJSB, Kathy Herter from the Mercer House, and Cori Cosner-Burton from the Mercer House were present to discuss the status of DFS and also juvenile justice in the Natrona County area. Kathy is the manager for the CHINS (Child In Need of Supervision) program at the Mercer House. Cori is the Executive Director of the Mercer House. Paul stated that there is a new call-in system in place for random UA's in Natrona County and seems to be having a high rate of success. This was put in place to take the place of agents manually calling in juveniles for UA's.

## **VII. Committees**

### a) Executive Committee – Shad Bates

No updates

### b) Grants Committee – Shad Bates

No updates

### c) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Judge Gary Hartman

Judge Hartman discussed the Interstate Compact process for juveniles. He also discussed if a juvenile that is adjudicated delinquent or if a juvenile is a sex offender is moving from one state to another the process that the states must follow in order to make the transition seamless. Judge Hartman also discussed the LGBTQ population and what needs to be done if an individual of that population gets processed into a facility.

## **Friday, September 18, 2015**

## **VIII. Committees (continued from Thursday)**

### a) Best Practices – Les Pozsgi

Membership in this committee is very low. Les stated since membership is low in this committee and in some other committees, he thought it would be a good idea to combine the Best Practices with the Outreach Committee. Michael Sorenson, Nicole Hauser, Damon DeBernardi and Thomas Rose stated that they would like to join the Best Practices Committee.

### b) Outreach Committee – Allison Anderson

There was a joint telephone conference between the Outreach and Youth committees a couple weeks ago to discuss alternative methods to having members attend conferences. Using Skype or Google Hangouts for video conferencing was discussed but that usually requires a strong Ethernet connection. It was also stated that for the Youth Committee, they only need three more members to be compliant with the "1/5" rule.

### c) Legislative Committee – Donna Sheen

Juvenile Bills Update – Thomas Rose and Damon DeBernardi volunteered to serve on the Committee. A phone meeting will be scheduled in December 2015. Updates were also stated in the Join Judiciary portion above.

### d) Youth Member Committee – Seth Marshall/Baylee McIntyre

No updates that weren't stated in the Outreach Committee's update.

## **IX. Education Training**

### a) Children's Justice Project – Eydie Trautwein

Wyoming Juvenile Court Process - Due to inclement weather, this portion of the meeting will need to be rescheduled.

**X. Announcements**

a) Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held in Cheyenne in January 2016.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Thomas Rose, seconded by Dawnessa Snyder, motioned passed, meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Next Meeting: January 21-22, 2015, Cheyenne