

# WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

## Meeting Minutes

June 16-17, 2016 • Lusk, WY

### Agenda:

#### **Thursday, June 16, 2016**

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

#### **Friday, June 17, 2016**

- Committees
- Announcements
- Adjournment

#### **Present:**

Allison Anderson  
Chris Jones (phone)  
Damon DeBernardi  
Donna Sheen  
Les Pozsgy  
Lisa Finkey  
Michael Sorenson  
Narina Nunez  
Nicole Hauser  
Rene Kemper  
Seth Marshall  
Shad Bates  
Thomas Rose

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

Christina McCabe  
Dania Ballard

#### **ICJ:**

Maureen Clifton

#### **Via Proxy:**

Adrienne Freng  
Dawnessa Snyder  
Shane Johnson

#### **Others Present:**

Brandon Schimelpfenig  
Jeff Lamm  
Steve Corsi  
Tony Lewis  
Chuck Kratz  
Byron Oedokoven

#### **Absent:**

Baylee McIntyre  
Bryan Skoric  
Clarence Thomas  
Gary Gilmore  
H. Steven Brown  
Mary Hall  
Steven Gilmore

### **Call to Order**

#### **I. Call to Order: Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 16 members.

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

April 21-22, 2016 Meeting in Riverton. Allison Anderson motioned to approve the Minutes and Narina Nunez seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

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

- a) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)  
JABG '13 has been expended by City of Cheyenne and Natrona County.
- b) Title II State Advisory Group Award  
Title II '13/'14 has been expended. Title II '15 has \$9,502.04 unobligated. Title II '16's application has been submitted for approval and is being reviewed.

#### **IV. PACT Assessment Update - Jeff Lamm**

Jeff Lamm was present to present an update for the PACT assessment. It is uncertain at this time if DFS will have enough funds in its budget to renew its contract for the next biennium

with Assessments.com (PACT). There are currently 12 users outside of DFS that use the PACT assessment. For a biennium, PACT costs roughly \$340,000. Nicole Hauser brought up another assessment that her office will be using; YLS/CMI (Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory).

## **V. New Business**

### a) Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award

Allison Anderson presented an update for the Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award. She stated that with the delay in the RFP process from VOA and OJJDP, Craig Fiskus with VOA does not have any recommendations as to which county in Wyoming would be eligible to receive the award. Allison stated that Craig should have recommendations to the Council around the time for the next meeting; September 8-9 in Cody.

### b) Strategic Plan Update

Shad Bates presented updates on the Strategic Plan. Outreach to communities and stakeholders were a topic in the Strategic Plan. It was discussed to have Brandon Schimelpfenig send an invite to the local CJSB contact, along with the official SACJJ meeting notice that usually goes out two weeks prior to the meeting. This is a way to have the local CJSB contact and stakeholders in that community attend and give an update as to how their local CJSB is doing. Allison Anderson stated that she will be giving Brandon Schimelpfenig a list of individuals in each county to contact and ask them to attend. Shad also discussed having Brandon Schimelpfenig post an SACJJ pamphlet in the local DFS office where the meeting is being held. It was also discussed to have the notice go on the DFS website as well. Shad discussed the Best Practices committee is responsible for coming up with recommendations for reducing court ordered youth by 10% by January 2017.

Shad also discussed expiring Council member terms for August 31, 2016. There are currently six members with terms expiring in August. Les Pozsgi, Donna Sheen, Rene Kemper, Chris Jones, Mary J. Hall, and Steven Gilmore all have expiring terms. It was discussed to have these members notify Shad if they intend on re-applying for membership with the Council.

### c) Sara Rathod/Katrina Serpa inquiries

An individual by the name of Katrina Serpa with the Global Institute of Forensic Research had sent Brandon Schimelpfenig an email asking if the Council would be interested in attending web-based trainings on a discounted fee. It was a unanimous from the Council to have the Council abstain from these trainings. Another individual by the name of Sara Rathod with Mother Jones had sent Brandon an email asking for information on valid court ordered (VCO) exemptions for juveniles being placed in jail. Shad stated that he had asked Craig Fiskus with VOA about this information and Craig stated that Wyoming does not use the VCO exemption and that we have never used it. Shad relayed this information to Sara and she thanked him for the information.

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

### a) Governor's Office (Mike Reed)

Merit Thomas has retired from the Governor's Office and Mike Reed is currently her replacement. Mike Reed is absent. No updates.

### b) Data Collection Update (Jeff Lamm)

The test site for ROM is up but the full site is not yet finalized. The juvenile justice side of ROM is progressing well however there are a few tweaks that are going to be needed to attain more accurate data. More dispositions will need to be added to the ROM spreadsheet. There are a lot of "Other" dispositions currently listed in the spreadsheets and Jeff Lamm and Brandon Schimelpfenig will look at the top 10 most used "Other" dispositions from the counties and add those to the disposition list. The baseline study was discussed and it was stated that DFS has currently set aside \$50,000 to complete the study. With the recent budget reductions for DFS, the rest of the ROM allocation funds were taken back by the Legislature. Approximately \$181,000 was spent on ROM and \$50,000 was set aside for the baseline study. The rest of the allocation was sent back. It was also discussed that the Data Committee will be receiving user ID's and temporary passwords for the ROM test site. The development contract between DFS and Rom is set to expire December 31, 2016. After that contract expires there will need to be a services contract put in place for sustainability.

c) DFS Update (Director Corsi)

--DFS Budget Update

There was a \$1.7 million budget reduction in tobacco settlement funds. DFS cut all non-personnel costs related to those funds. The Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapahoe tribes were shifted from being funded by tobacco settlement funds to state general funds. Using remaining CJSB funds from the current biennium, approximately 35,000 urinalysis kits and \$84,000 worth of ankle monitors were purchased for the upcoming biennium for counties. Concerning the recent IV-E audit there were no major findings. Since there were no major findings, there will be no improvement plan needed.

However it was also stated that currently Wyoming is the worst in the nation as far as IV-E penetration rate. Wyoming is currently at 13% and it was stated that Wyoming should be at a rate of approximately 38-42%. Director Corsi stated that there will more IV-E trainings for the upcoming biennium to increase the knowledge of eligibility specialists and to increase the penetration rate. There was a recent PREA audit for the Wyoming Boys School (WBS). The WBS passed and there no findings to report. The Wyoming Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) is rapidly approaching and will be coming up in July 2016. CORE training for new employees is being restructured.

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

Since Craig Fisgus is not present, Allison Anderson presented a brief update from Craig for VOA. The email from Craig stated that VOA has received the 2016 Non-Participating Award grant solicitation on June 2, 2016. The application is due June 27, 2016 to OJJDP. It was stated that in comparison from 2015, the solicitation came in January 2015 and the application was due in March 2015 so it came much later this year. Currently, it appears that the grant amount will remain the same at \$380,000. The actual award amount won't be known until when it is awarded around September 2016. At this point, it is not know when Craig will be releasing the RFP to counties for 2016 sub-grant money. He will have a better idea when he gets through June 2016. The 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of Craig's update is it was learned that Wyoming will indeed need to submit compliance monitoring data from 2015.

e) PEW (Allison Anderson, Les Pozsgj)

To be able to partner with the PEW organization, previously there were concerns that the Council would need to get approval from the Governor's office. Les stated that the Council got the approval from the Governor's office to move forward with discussions with PEW. Les stated that PEW wasn't able to come to this meeting but that they should be able to make it to the September meeting in Cody.

f) PREA (Donna Sheen)

The PREA workgroup recently had a conference call and discussed PREA issues in the State. There was a recent PREA audit and both the Wyoming Girls School (WGS) and Wyoming Boys School (WBS) passed. During the recent Legislative session there were two pieces of legislation that were passed. There was language added to the definition of a detention center stating residential treatment centers (RTC) are not detention centers. There was also a budget footnote stating DFS shall not require a contract with RTCs for per diem payments but shall be expended in accordance with departmental rules and regulations. The intent of these two pieces of legislation was to get the issue of having to have RTCs who house more than 50% youth who are confined by court order to not require them to meet federal PREA standards. Typically these standards apply to prisons. Nicole Hauser with the Cathedral Home for Children agreed that RTCs should not fall under federal PREA standards. She stated that is not the kind of care they receive at RTCs and should not fall under prison standards.

**VII. Community Participation**

a) Wyoming Women's Center

Warden Virginia Pullen, Associate Warden Martha Decker, Ashli Welsh, and Anna Skeen were present to discuss the Wyoming Women's Center. The focus is for females between the ages of 18-22 for substance abuse programs. Methamphetamine seems to be the drug of choice among female offenders. Many female offenders seem to be victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

**Friday, June 17, 2016**

**VIII. Committees (Strategic Plan)**

a) Executive Committee – Shad Bates

No updates that weren't already stated in New Business.

b) Grants Committee – Shad Bates

No updates.

c) Outreach Committee – Allison Anderson

Allison discussed community outreach efforts. She stated there are discussions of press releases and thank you letters being sent out to local communities and the community members that attend that provide updates (juvenile detention centers, CJSBs, group homes, etc.).

d) Best Practices – Les Pozsgi

Prior to the Riverton meeting, there was a discussion with Craig Fiskus of VOA around diversion programs in Wyoming. It was stated in the discussion that Craig and Les compiled a list of diversion programs in the state and asked these programs how they are funded, whether they are tied to CJSBs, etc. It is uncertain if Craig has reached out since then to any of these programs.

e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng

It was discussed by Narina Nunez to have the Data Committee and DFS to arrange a meeting in August 2016 to discuss the baseline study for the ROM data collection system.

f) Legislative Committee – Donna Sheen

--Juvenile Bills Update

The Judiciary Interim Committee is not focusing on any juvenile bills at this time. During the last legislative session there was a bill that passed to address the problem of funding education for Court Ordered Placement (COPS) juveniles in PRTF levels of care.

- g) Youth Member Committee – Seth Marshall/Baylee McIntyre  
This meeting will be Seth Marshall's last meeting. Baylee and Seth drafted a letter to all of the community colleges in the state for outreach efforts and to spread the word about the Council. To date, they have only heard back from one college.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)  
Maureen Clifton was present to discuss ICJ. There was supposed to be an audit on users and the JIDS system from the federal ICJ entity in May 2016 however this audit has not happened to date.

**IX. Announcements**

- a) Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be held in Cody, WY on September 8-9.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Seth Marshall, seconded by Damon DeBernardi, motioned passed, meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Next Meeting: September 8-9, 2016, Cody