

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

November 16-17, 2017 • Casper, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, November 16, 2017

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Budget Report/Grant Update
- New Business
- On-Going Business
- 2017 Final Strategic Plan Review & 2018 Preparation

Friday, November 17, 2017

- Committee Reports
- Community Participation
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Allison Anderson
Clarence Thomas
Damon DeBernardi
Michael Sorenson
Rene' Kemper
Shad Bates
Shane Johnson
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Christina McCabe (phone)
Nicole Gilbert (phone)

ICI:

Brandon Schimelpfenig

Via Proxy:

Madison Bates
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser

Members Via Phone:

Adrienne Freng
Chris Jones
Gary Gilmore

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
(phone)
Craig Fisgus
Jeff Lamm
Paul Fritzler
Tim O'Daniel
Stacy Nelson

Absent:

Alex Cooley
Baylee McIntyre
Bryan Skoric
Lisa Finkey
Seth Marshall
Steffany Stephenson
H. Steven Brown

Call to Order

- I. **Call to Order: Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**
 - a) Roll Call
 - b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 14 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

September 21-22, 2017 meeting on the Wind River Reservation. Thomas Rose motioned to amend the Minutes to include discussion from Leslie Shakespeare from the Eastern Shoshone tribe that the Eastern Shoshone had improved the number of juveniles that they had in custody without a court order by over 50% on what was reported on 05/22/2017. Michael Sorenson motioned to approve the Minutes as amended, Thomas Rose seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

III. Budget Report/Grant Update - Brandon Schimelpfenig

a) Title II State Advisory Group Award

Title II '16 has \$2,201.36 remaining. Title II '17 has been awarded in the amount of \$20,000 and accepted and funds are available for drawdown.

IV. New Business

a) Membership – updates, if any

Rene Kemper has been appointed to the Council by the Governor for a three year term. She was previously on the Council. Erin Swilling has also submitted an application for membership on the Council to the Governor's Office. She was previously the Executive Director of the Wyoming Citizen's Review Panel. She is now the coordinator for Parent Information Center; a private non-profit organization "helping families become more active in their children's learning and education, to serve and support children with and without disabilities through advocacy, education, and referral;" <http://www.wpic.org/about-pic>.

b) CJJ Letter Request Response

The response to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice "request for support" letter was recently sent out by Brandon Schimelpfenig. The response simply stated that while the Council agrees with the core principles, the Council cannot sign on to the letter from the CJJ.

c) Website Updates Quote

It was discussed at the September 2017 meeting to update the SACJJ website with WyomingNetwork.com however an approximate cost was not brought up. In between the September meeting and the November meeting, Brandon Schimelpfenig emailed Dave Lerner with WyomingNetwork.com to get an approximate cost to update the website and make it more mobile friendly. Dave stated in an email that the quote would be for \$1,100.00; \$250.00 to install WordPress and plugins on the server, \$550.00 for a website designer to design a new layout and look for the website, \$300.00 to rebuild six pages in the new layout. He stated that the website would be mobile-friendly. Allison Anderson state that there was also a \$250.00 option just to install WordPress but that it would be the Council's responsibility to update the website when needed but that it would still be mobile-friendly. Thomas Rose motioned to move forward with the \$1,100.00 option; Rene' Kemper seconded the motion; all in favor; motion approved.

d) 2018 Meeting Dates and Locations

It was recently discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in between September 2017 and November 2017 meeting about the upcoming 2018 Council dates and locations. It was discussed to have the Cheyenne meeting on 01/25/2018 and 01/26/2018. The April quarterly meeting was proposed for 04/19/2018 and 04/20/2018 in Wheatland. The June quarterly meeting was proposed for 06/21/2018

and 06/22/2018 for either Green River or Rock Springs. The September quarterly meeting was proposed for Jackson on 09/20/2018 and 09/21/2018. The November quarterly meeting was proposed for Casper on 11/18/2018 and 11/19/2018. Thomas Rose motioned to finalize the 2018 Council meeting dates and locations, however to change the 09/20/2018 and 09/21/2018 from Jackson to Pinedale and to set the 06/21/22/2018 and 06/22/2018 meeting in Green River; Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion approved. The 2018 Council meeting dates and locations are as follows: 01/25/2018-01/26/2018 in Cheyenne, 04/19/2018-04/20/2018 in Wheatland, 06/21/2018-06/22/2018 in Green River, 09/20/2018-09/21/2018 in Pinedale, and 11/18/2018-11/19/2018 in Casper.

****Update: The November 2018 meeting in Casper, WY dates are 11/15/2018-11/16/2018 not 11/18-2018-11/19/2018 like previously stated. Also the January 2018 meeting in Cheyenne, WY has been moved up one week to 01/18/2018-01/19/2018.****

e) 2018 Strategic Planning

The 2018 Strategic Plan will be drafted at the January 2018 meeting in Cheyenne with the assistance from Meredith Asay. She assisted with the formulation of the current Strategic Plan.

f) Upcoming Legislative Session

It was asked of the Council by the Chair to be mindful that the upcoming legislative session will be here soon and if anyone knew of any major juvenile justice bills that are currently being discussed. Narina Nunez, chair of the Legislative Committee on the Council, was not present at the meeting but Thomas Rose stated that he knows of a bill that is not necessarily juvenile justice related but is juvenile related is that currently 40% of the babies that are born in Wyoming are funded by Medicaid and a legislator is introducing a bill to make it mandatory for single fathers with an income of 200% greater than poverty level to fund the birth process.

g) 2017 Neal Madson Award

Allison Anderson stated that it was discussed recently to come up with criteria for eligibility for the Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award that is awarded each year to a particular county that displays best practices in juvenile justice. Currently, the award is based off of data provided by Craig Fiskus and the Volunteers of America Northern Rockies.

h) 2018 Elections in January

Allison Anderson wanted to add a small reminder to New Business that the 2018 elections are going to be coming up for Executive member positions. She stated that the Chair, Vice Chair, and two At-Large positions will be voted on as well as the Grants Committee positions. She stated that if members were interested to please start thinking about submitting their names for consideration to either her or Brandon Schimelpfenig. She also asked if any member was interested currently and Michael Sorenson stated that he was interested and submitted his name for the Executive Committee as well as the Grants Committee. Thomas Rose submitted his name for reelection to the Grants Committee as well as election to the Executive Committee. Damon DeBernardi submitted his name for reelection to the Grants Committee.

Adrienne Freng submitted her name for reelection to the Grants Committee. Thomas Rose nominated Shad Bates for Chair of the Council but Shad declined the nomination.

V. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Governor’s Office - Judge Gary Hartman

Judge Hartman was not present to give a Governor’s Office update.

b) Data Collection Update – Jeff Lamm

Jeff stated that contracts are currently being drafted up by DFS for University of Kansas to continue ROM. He stated that he is trying to do a year and a half contract in order to get aligned with state fiscal years for budgetary purposes. Jeff said that a few conference calls are going to be scheduled with community juvenile service boards to look at what data they collect for ROM and also what data they collect for VOA’s data collection sheet and see if it would be possible to marry the two sheets into one.

c) DFS Update – Korin Schmidt

Korin was not present to give a DFS update but Jeff Lamm presented an update. The juvenile services side of ROM has been a pretty big focus for DFS and getting that up and running. The Department is in the middle of PIP (Program Improvement Plan) planning and all the efforts surrounding that. The budget for DFS is still in discussions and has not been finalized yet for 2018. Some restructuring has taken place regarding staff for DFS at the state office.

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

Craig stated that Wyoming has received the 2017 supplement to the 2015 Non-Participating State Grant award from OJJDP. He stated that this will be the last year that they award supplement funding to the 2015 award. He stated that he will be stepping up his compliance monitoring efforts with detention centers around the state.

e) FACJJ Update – Clarence Thomas

Clarence stated that on the federal side of the FACJJ in Washington D.C., communication has been very quiet as far as meetings and other communications are concerned. Clarence also wanted to state that concerning Carol Justice and her presentation during the September 2017 meeting on the Wind River Reservation that she does not represent any one particular tribe and that she has been reprimanded in the past for attempting to represent both tribes in particular topics of discussion.

VI. 2017 Final Strategic Plan Review and 2018 Preparation

Allison Anderson started discussion on the 2017 Strategic Plan Review with the Community Involvement section. The Council discussed the topic of improving community stakeholder involvement at SACJJ meetings through inviting local judges, attorneys, CJSB members, and DFS offices. Allison asked the Council for an update on if that topic should remain a focus for the Council and how well they have fared on achieving more involvement in community stakeholders. Thomas Rose stated that he would like to see more involvement from community parents and schools. Adrienne Freng asked for more involvement from the Legislature. Allison then moved on to the topic of the Best Practices in Juvenile Justice Award. Thomas then said that he would like to know just how much OJJDP is going to be looking at the Strategic Plan because from his knowledge he thought that in the coming year they would be focusing more on compliance with the JJDPA (Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act). Craig

Figus then stated that he is not sure just how much Wyoming is going to be held to the compliance standards as other states being as Wyoming is a Non-Participating state with the JJDP. He said that he wasn't sure if the Strategic Plan for the Council could double as the Three-Year plan, now required for the Title II grant application, or if Brandon Schimelpfenig would have to possibly create a separate Three-Year Plan. Brandon Schimelpfenig stated that he has inquired to that question with Wyoming's State Program Manager Carol Neylan but has not heard back yet.

Allison then proceeded to discuss the topic of sending out thank you cards to communities for when they present during the community participation segments at the quarterly meetings in their areas and that there have been a few communities that have thanked the Council for inviting them to their quarterly meetings to present . After that Allison proceeded on to the topic of invested and active membership. Since 2015 membership has been reduced mainly through attrition but that at each meeting there has been a quorum through proxies and members calling in to the provided conference phone number. Michael Sorenson said that he would like to keep membership a priority since OJJDP is scrutinizing states more and more with compliance with the JJDP and meeting membership requirements is among certain requirements that they have frozen funds for in recent months. Allison moved on to the topic of developing a new member training and the Council was doing pretty well with that but have lost members through attrition in recent years. The next topic of discussion was continued involvement with the juvenile justice system in Wyoming. The focus on this topic was reducing the number of court involved youth by assisting communities by making recommendations with the adoption of effective diversion programs. This has not been achieved as of yet mainly due to still having the need to identify what is best practice in Wyoming. Thomas Rose suggested keeping this a priority for the Council. The next priority was data and collaborating with DFS to improve the data reporting statewide for juvenile justice. Allison suggested keeping this a priority. The last priority was defining the role and responsibilities of the Council and authority. By-laws and procedures have been cleaned up to reflect what the Council does and statutory authority has been reviewed.

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VII. Committee Reports

- a) Executive Committee – Allison Anderson
Elections will be held in January 2018. Also the Executive Committee will be formulating the Strategic Plan in the coming months.
- b) Grants Committee – Allison Anderson/Craig Figus
No updates
- c) Best Practices – Nicole Hauser
No updates
- d) Outreach Committee – Thomas Rose
Thomas stated that he has not had a response as to whether or not the Council can use the script and bucking horse for the Council's logo from the Wyoming Business Council. He said he would try contacting them again soon. A formal criteria for the Neal Madson

Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award was discussed. The first criterion would be participation with compliance with data reporting through VOA. The second criterion would be efforts to improve juvenile justice in their area whether it's through CJSBs, diversion programs, or prevention efforts. Also attempts to decrease or maintain low use of detention and efforts around the core principles of OJJDP and the attempts to maintain low violations of said principles. The last criterion would be collaboration within communities. Thomas Rose stated that he read the Wyoming statute which governs the Council, 14-10-101, and he said that it does not indicate that the Council needs to comply with the JJDPA but that it does state that the Council shall "Be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on all juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and juvenile services grant applications prepared for submission under any federal grant program by any governmental entity of the state." Thomas stated that he does not believe that the first criterion should be set in stone based on the Council's statutory authority. Allison stated that she will word the criteria in the award that not one criterion will hold more weight than the other. Damon DeBernardi motioned to approve the criteria for the Neal Madson Excellence In Juvenile Justice Award, Rene' Kemper seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. The criteria for the Award will be participation with compliance monitoring; counties that improve or maintain efforts with juvenile justice whether through CJSBs, diversion programs, or prevention efforts; the decreasing or maintaining low usage of detention, low numbers of JJDPA violations; and collaborative efforts within their county or community.

- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
No updates that weren't already stated in the Data Collection Update with Jeff Lamm.
- f) Legislative Committee – Narina Nunez
--Juvenile Bills Update
Narina Nunez was not present for updates but Allison Anderson stated that Rene' Kemper has volunteered to be on the Legislative Committee.
- g) Youth Member Committee – Baylee McIntyre
Baylee was not present for an update.
- h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) – Maureen Clifton
Maureen Clifton was not present for an ICJ update but Jeff Lamm stated that there were no updates.

VIII. Community Participation

- a) Natrona County DFS & CJSB
Paul Fritzler, District Manager for Natrona County and Carbon County DFS, and Wayne Beatty, administrator for the Natrona County Community Juvenile Services Board, were present to discuss the current state of Natrona County DFS and CJSB. Paul stated that there has been a big jump from 2015 to 2017 in diversion cases. He stated that he has 72 open juvenile probation cases spread out among six workers and 28 of those are CHINS (Child in Need of Supervision). He stated they have had to cut drug testing for juveniles. He said they simply do not have the funds for it like they did in the past. He stated that the county has recently moved from Handel to JustWare for reports on juveniles but have kept a portion of Handel's reports for JDC purposes. Paul stated that DFS is starting to see a rise in methamphetamine and prescription opioid use. He also said that LSD is on the rise in Natrona County but they can't test for it.

b) CAP Center – Stacy Nelson

Stacy Nelson, director of the Children’s Advocacy Project, was present to discuss CAP in Natrona County. She stated that CAP completes the forensic interviewing for any allegation of abuse in Natrona County. She stated that they do not start the interviews but rather do so only after asked by law enforcement or DFS. She also stated that there was a statistic that she saw on the National Children’s Alliance website that said that if a CAP is involved in the interviewing process with the child that the times that the child has to tell their story is three times but if a CAP is not involved that number increases to fifteen times. She said that the jump from three to fifteen significantly increases the amount of stress and trauma that the child goes through having to retell their story each time to different parties.

c) Natrona County Juvenile Detention Center – Tim O’Daniel

Tim O’Daniel, director for the Regional Juvenile Detention Center, was present to discuss the JDC. He stated that it is run by Cornerstone Programs. He stated that in 2016 there were 352 detention admissions and up until October 2017 there were 276 detention admissions. He stated that the average daily population of the facility is 13.94. He also stated that it is a regional center so it mostly serves the central portion of the state. The biggest issue he said is when the facility is brought a juvenile or juveniles that have severe mental health issues. He stated that they recently had a DFS inspection as well as an OSHA inspection and passed both with 100%.

IX. Announcements

a) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on January 25-26 in Cheyenne, WY.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Shad Bates, seconded by Damon DeBernardi and Thomas Rose, motion passes, meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Next Meeting: January 25-26, 2017, Cheyenne, WY.