

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

November 17-18, 2016 • Casper, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, November 17, 2016

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

Friday, November 18, 2016

- Community Participation
- Committees
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Allison Anderson
Baylee McIntyre
Clarence Thomas
Damon DeBernardi
Dawnessa Snyder
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Jo Ann Numoto
Nicole Gilbert

ICJ:

N/A

Via Proxy:

Adrienne Freng
Chris Jones
Shad Bates
Steffany Stephenson

Via Phone:

Gary Gilmore
Michael Sorenson
Christina McCabe

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Jeff Lamm (phone)
Steve Corsi (phone)
Chuck Kratz
Craig Fiskus
Kayla Morrison
Abby Scheibly
Wayne Beatty
Paul Fritzler

Absent:

Bryan Skoric
Lisa Finkey
Seth Marshall
Shane Johnson
H. Steven Brown

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call
- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 14 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

September 8-9, 2016 meeting in Cody. Narina Nunez motioned to approve the Minutes and Damon DeBernardi 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 \$3,067.30 unobligated. Title II '16's application has been approved and granted by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency

and Prevention (OJJDP). It has been accepted by the State (DFS) and the signed accepted award has been scanned back to OJJDP. The amount for Title II '16 is \$20,000.00.

IV. New Business

a) 2017 Meeting Dates and Locations

Allison Anderson discussed the meeting locations and dates put forth by the Executive committee. It was discussed to have the January meeting on the 26th and 27th in Cheyenne, WY. Kemmerer was proposed for April 20th and 21st as well as Rock Springs, Afton, and Dubois. Sundance was proposed for June 22nd and 23rd as well as Newcastle. Pinedale was proposed for September 21st and 22nd as well as Greybull and Basin. Casper was proposed for November 16th and 17th.

The final list was proposed as Cheyenne for January 26th and 27th, Kemmerer for April 20th and 21st, Sundance for June 22nd and 23rd, Pinedale for September 21st and 22nd, Casper for November 16th and 17th. Dawnessa Snyder motioned to approve the final list, Thomas Rose seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

b) January Elections

Allison Anderson discussed the elections coming up in January 2017. The elections include voting for the chair and vice chair of the Council as well as three members-at-large for the Executive Committee. Voting will also be held for members of the Grants committee. Dawnessa Snyder nominated Allison Anderson for Chair of the Council and she also nominated Nicole Hauser for the Executive Committee.

c) Training Opportunity (Brandon Schimelpfenig)

Brandon Schimelpfenig presented a training opportunity coming up in January 2017. He stated that with some administrative funds remaining from the JABG 2013 grant, DFS would be willing to send Council members and interested community juvenile justice stakeholders to a training in Las Vegas, NV. The training is three days long and focuses on student/teen/peer courts as a diversion option. Allison Anderson asked if any Council member would want to attend this training and Damon DeBernardi and Thomas Rose stated they would. Dawnessa Snyder proposed to send Brandon Schimelpfenig as well. Jo Ann Numoto brought up the option of sending individuals from the CJSBs. Thomas Rose discussed sending individuals from the local county attorney offices.

Craig Fisgus brought up the possibility of having the funds get dispersed back out to the counties like the CJSBs or another program instead of sending individuals to the training. Brandon Schimelpfenig stated that he would check with his federal contact to see if its possible to disperse the funds back out and report that information back to the Executive committee.

d) 2016 Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award

The 2016 Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award was discussed and it has been narrowed down to two counties; Albany County and Sweetwater County. It was offered up to vote on either Albany County or Sweetwater County or narrow it to one county and decide by majority vote. It has been decided to vote for one or the other and Albany County had three votes compared to Sweetwater County with nine votes. Sweetwater County has been chosen as the recipient for the 2016 Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award.

e) SACJJ Website (Brandon Schimelpfenig)

Brandon Schimelpfenig discussed that Dave Lerner from WyomingNetwork.com has offered to come to the January 2017 SACJJ meeting in Cheyenne and discuss update options for the SACJJ website. It was decided by the Council to have Dave come and present these options at the January 2017 meeting.

- f) **Leading the Way in Afterschool & Juvenile Justice Summit – 2017 – Chuck Kratz**
Chuck Kratz presented on a possible upcoming training from the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance. Chuck stated that the school resource officers in Wyoming expressed interest in this training.

V. On-Going Business – Updates from:

- a) **Governor’s Office (Judge Gary Hartman)**
Judge Hartman is not present. No updates

- b) **Data Collection Update (Jeff Lamm)**
Jeff Lamm from the Department of Family Services was present to give an update on the current data collection efforts. A scope of work has been created for the baseline study for ROM. The scope of work has been included in the Request for Proposal (RFP) and will be submitted to the DFS RFP committee. New dispositions have been added to the CJSB ROM spreadsheet to make for more accurate reporting. A public facing website is the next step for ROM and should be created soon. Discussions will need to be held with DFS and the University of Kansas to make this possible. CJSB designated contacts will be added to the ROM test site so that they become familiar with the site and learn its functions.

- c) **DFS Update (Director Corsi)**
The Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) review was completed in July and DFS has not received the results back yet. Director Corsi stated that the results should be coming back soon. There was a recent training on IV-E in Cheyenne at the Hathaway Building. The training included criteria for IV-E, and the qualification for IV-E. Director Corsi also stated that the Wyoming Practice Model is starting to catch on in many more counties. The State data system for DFS, SACWIS, is looking to be updated soon but that there might be costs required from the Agency to complete this. Director Corsi and Jeff Lamm stated that discussions are currently being held with federal partners to address these issues. There was also a recent training in DFS called Theory of Constraints focusing on problem solving methods. CORE training is being revised. Director Corsi also brought up budget updates and stated that the State has about a \$156 million deficit at the moment and stated that \$52 million of that \$156 million is actual budget deficits and \$102 million are statutory requirements from agencies that need to be deposited into the State’s “rainy day” fund. It was asked of Director Corsi about discussions within the Legislature concerning redefining the Wyoming Boys School (WBS) and Wyoming Girls School (WGS). Director Corsi stated that he is not aware of any discussions or intentions from the Legislature concerning this. It was also asked of Director Corsi concerning sending CHINS juveniles to the WBS and WGS. Director Corsi stated that there never was a proposal just discussions regarding this issue. He stated that these discussions will continue.

- d) **Non-Participating State Grant (VOA) (Craig Figus)**
There has been an extension on the 2015 Nonparticipating State Award from OJJDP. VOA was not notified that Wyoming was going to be receiving any Non-Participating State funds from OJJDP until the end of September 2016. Craig Figus stated that he has communicated with counties that once proposals are awarded from OJJDP that the funding stream will begin in April 2017. He also stated that the total amount of

available subgrant funding will be reduced this year. While this funding stream was first reduced in 2012, VOA has been able to delay this impact by combining subgrants. This year, VOA no longer has that option.

e) CHINS and WBS/WGS: Letter

The Best Practices Committee and Donna Sheen met to draft a letter to the Governor stating the Council's disapproval of the discussion of sending more CHINS juveniles to the WBS and WGS. In the draft letter it was discussed the statute regarding CHINS and the importance of said statute. Also discussed in the draft letter was the importance of not mixing populations of CHINS juveniles and other juveniles at the schools.

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VI. Community Participation

a) Rite of Passage – Laramie County

Rite of Passage was not present due to weather conditions.

b) Natrona County Department of Family Services and CJSB

Paul Fritzler from the Department of Family Services and Wayne Beatty from the Natrona County Community Juvenile Services Board were present to discuss DFS and the CJSB in Natrona County. Paul stated that the CJSB serves Mercer House, Progressive Youth, Handel, drug testing and UAs, Call 2 Test, and also training. Paul stated that the District Attorney in Natrona County recently moved to a software system called JustWare 2. He also stated that Natrona County is slowly phasing out Handel due to the DA's office not wanting to enter data in triplicate (Handel, JustWare 2, and the ROM spreadsheet). Natrona County is currently working on hosting a restorative justice conference due to take place in March 2017. Paul stated that Mercer House in Casper currently houses a program for CHINS prevention. Paul was asked about the Youth Empowerment Council (YEC) in Casper and he stated that it is facilitated by Mercer House and is comprised of students and focuses on anti-bullying presentations, substance abuse prevention, and community service. The YEC's main emphasis now is going into middle schools and high schools in Natrona County and host suicide prevention peer to peer discussions. With the recent downturn in Wyoming's economy, Paul stated that the things Natrona County fears most about losing is community services.

VII. Committees (Strategic Plan)

a) Executive Committee – Shad Bates

Allison Anderson gave an update from the Executive Committee. The 2016 Annual Report from the Council will need to be compiled soon for the Governor focusing on the main points in the Strategic Plan. The Report is due to the Governor by the end of December 2016. Elections will take place in January 2017.

b) Grants Committee – Shad Bates

There will be a conference call with Craig Figus and VOA regarding funding from the Non-Participating State grant on November 28, 2016.

c) Best Practices – Allison Anderson/Nicole Hauser

There was a call with the Best Practices committee focusing on the three questions from Director Corsi and Judge Hartman from the September 2016 meeting. The questions were: 1) What are the juvenile justice issues that need improvement or that the Council

can accomplish in the next 28 months; the remainder of Governor Mead's term? 2) Are there long term juvenile justice issues that the Council should consider and could work on that will carry on to the next Governor's administration? 3) What are the current issues facing the juvenile justice court that the Council may want to attend or assist with?

Allison stated that the current juvenile justice issues the Council could address within the next 28 months were to continue on the focus of front-end services and how those services could save on the back-end. This included CJSBs, diversion programs, and family support and prevention services. She also stated that funds should not be stripped from the front-end services for quick fixes to other budgetary shortfalls. It was also discussed to keep focusing on quality data collection with the ROM system. Concerning the question on if there are long term juvenile justice issues that could stem into the next Governor's administration it was stated that the Council should continue to follow the changes and requirements from OJJDP and making sure to understand the implications of how Wyoming would be affected with being a Non-Participating state. She stated that the Council is not considering participation with OJJDP but that the Council should follow updates on the ramifications of other states that also choose to be non-participatory and how that would affect counties currently utilizing those funds. It was stated the Council should focus on exploring revisions to CHINS to better incorporate and support to families as a whole in regards to services and development. She also stated that the Council will need to reestablish focus on effective family engagement. The family-centered-practice approach seems to have become less followed in some counties. In regards to the issues facing the juvenile justice court system, Allison stated the Council does not support CHINS cases being a standardized option for placement at the WBS and WGS but would encourage continued conversations with judges in regards to placement options and opportunities that in the best interest of children. It was stated that the Council would be willing to help the Governor's Office facilitate conversations regarding the concerns surrounding placement options that they might be seeking. It was also mentioned that the Council would like to see the finalized 2016 CFSR report.

The draft letter of the CHINS memo to the Governor was distributed to Council and input was asked regarding content or grammatical changes. There was a change requested in the first sentence in #2 regarding a grammatical error. There was also a question raised by Chuck Kratz regarding a sentence stating the WGS and WBS are "secure facilities". He also asked about possibly inserting citations regarding the research in the letter. Shad Bates stated that he agrees and suggest changing the language to reflect that the facilities are not "detention facilities". Narina Nunez suggested adding language regarding the research that delinquents and non-delinquents should not be housed together. There was also another grammatical error in the beginning that was suggested to be changed.

- d) Outreach Committee – Allison Anderson
Nothing that wasn't stated in the 2016 Neal Madson Excellence In Juvenile Justice Award discussion.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
Adrienne was not present. No updates from the Data Committee.
- f) Legislative Committee – (Narina Nunez)
--Juvenile Bills Update

Narina Nunez has been nominated and chosen as the new chair of the Legislative Committee. There are currently two draft pieces of Legislation that the Legislative Committee is going to be looking at. The first draft piece is child abuse and neglect in military families. The second draft piece is the American Indian Education Program. Jo Ann Numoto also stated that there is another piece being drafted up in the Legislative Services Office (LSO) to change the statute on the Court Ordered Placement of Children. The Legislative Committee will also continue to discuss the draft of the CHINS memo to the Governor.

g) Youth Member Committee – Baylee McIntyre
No updates.

h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)
Brandon Schimelpfenig has been chosen by the Department of Family Services to overtake ICJ from Maureen Clifton. The training will start January 2017. No other updates.

VIII. Announcements

a) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Cheyenne, WY on January 26-27, 2017.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Thomas Rose, seconded by Narina Nunez, motioned passed, meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Next Meeting: January 26-27, 2017, Cheyenne