

WYOMING STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

January 19-20, 2017 • Cheyenne, WY

Agenda:

Thursday, January 19, 2017

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes

- Budget Report/Grant Update
- New Business
- On-Going Business
- Community Participation

Friday, January 20, 2017

- Community Participation
- Committees
- Committee Reports
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Present:

Adrienne Freng
Allison Anderson
Damon DeBernardi
Dawnessa Snyder
Lisa Finkey
Michael Sorenson
Narina Nunez
Nicole Hauser
Shad Bates
Thomas Rose

Ex-Officio Present:

Jo Ann Numoto
Nicole Gilbert
Maureen Clifton
Gary Hartman

ICI:

Maureen Clifton
Brandon Schimelpfenig

Via Proxy:

Baylee McIntyre

Via Phone:

Chris Jones
Gary Gilmore
Christina McCabe

Others Present:

Brandon Schimelpfenig
Jeff Lamm
Chuck Kratz
Craig Figus
Donna Sheen
Steve Corsi
Codee Augustin
Dave Lerner
Eric Kent
Gay Van Horn
Monique Meese
Kiersti Willms
Sergio Maldonado
Mary Jane Maldonado

Absent:

Bryan Skoric
Clarence Thomas
Seth Marshall
Shane Johnson
Steffany Stephenson
H. Steven Brown

Call to Order

I. Call to Order: Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

- a) Roll Call

- b) Declaration of Quorum, established with 13 members.

II. Approval of Minutes

November 17-18, 2016 meeting in Casper. Adrienne Freng asked to amend the November 2016 Minutes to retract her name from the Data Collection Update and the Data Committee Update since she was not physically present at the meeting. Narina Nunez motioned to approve the Minutes as amended and Nicole Hauser 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 '15 has been expended. Title II '16 has \$15,361.62 remaining. Title II '17 has been solicited to the Department of Family Services. Applications are due by April 28, 2017.

IV. PACT/ROM Update

Jeff Lamm from DFS was present to discuss PACT updates. He stated that DFS and their association with the PACT is over with due to budget constraints and the Agency has moved to the Washington State Juvenile Court Assessment; both the risk assessment and the full assessment. The Washington Assessment is essentially the same thing however the Washington Assessment is more engaging with the families. The Washington Assessment was what the PACT was built off of. It's a learning process going from a computerized assessment to a pen and paper version but it's going well in the field.

ROM was also presented on by Jeff Lamm and he stated that the test site for ROM is still going well. DFS just received 4th Quarter 2016 data from the CJSBs. There is still a high percentage of "Other" dispositions being entered so Jeff and Brandon Schimelpfenig will need to work with counties to differentiate dispositions and see if some of those Other dispositions can go in designated categories like Diversion or Detention ,etc. The next step with ROM is to have the public facing website up and running by the end of 2017. It was discussed to possibly extend the deadline for which the CJSBs have to submit their ROM Quarterly sheets to DFS by possibly a week. Jeff stated that is something he and Brandon Schimelpfenig will have to schedule with the CJSBs and look at what would be a good extension to have whether its 5 days, a week, or more.

V. New Business

a) 2017 Elections

Nominations for the 2017 Chair, Vice Chair, Executive Committee, and Grants Committee were read by Allison Anderson. For Chair, Allison Anderson was nominated. For Vice Chair, Nicole Hauser was nominated. For the Executive Committee, Narina Nunez, Shad Bates and Adrienne Freng were nominated as well as the mandatory Chair and Vice Chair. Nominations for the Grants Committee are the mandatory Chairperson, Adrienne Freng, and Thomas Rose. Dawnessa Snyder motioned to accept the ballot as read by Allison; Narina Nunez and Damon DeBernardi seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

The 2017 SACJJ Chairperson is Allison Anderson. Vice Chair is Nicole Hauser. The Executive Committee is Allison Anderson, Nicole Hauser, Narina Nunez, Shad Bates, and Adrienne Freng. The Grants Committee is Allison Anderson, Thomas Rose, and Adrienne Freng.

b) House Bill 0041

Donna Sheen from Wyoming Children's Law Center (WCLC) was present to discuss the Bill currently in Legislature. The current legislation does not include federal funding for kids who are placed under a CHINS (Child in Need of Supervision) petition in PRTFs

(Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility). House Bill 0041 is an amendment to current legislation to include CHINS petition for federal funding dollars. It also extends the maximum age from 18 to 21.

House Bill 0159 was also discussed by Donna Sheen concerning homeless or unaccompanied minors. She stated that the bill discusses being able to serve unaccompanied minors and being able to give them necessities like applying for a birth certificate without a parent's signature, being able to sign a lease without a parent's signature, and purchasing a motor vehicle. Donna stated that the WCLC is supporting the Bill. More information on the Bill can be found at <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2017/Summaries/HB0159.pdf>.

Senate File 0020 Student Digital Information Privacy was discussed by Donna Sheen as well. She stated that it essentially clarifies when a school can require a student to give the school access to their personal digital accounts that are non-school related like Facebook or other social media. She stated that it has been postponed indefinitely by the Education Committee in Legislation.

Chuck Kratz had asked Narina Nunez on behalf of the Legislative Committee to present on House Bill 0076 titled American Indian Education program. Chuck stated that the Bill says that the State Board of Education will consult with tribal governments to develop state educational standards for teaching Wyoming students about states and Native American history. Chuck stated that the Bill has received unanimous support from the Select Committee on Native American Affairs to move forward as well as support from the Wind River Advocacy Center, the State Dept. of Education, and the State Board of Education. Chuck also asked the Council's permission to have Sergio Maldonado, the tribal liaison for the Wind River Indian Reservation for Governor Mead's Office to come and present information tomorrow, 01/20/17. Thomas Rose made the motion to have Sergio present, Allison Anderson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Chuck did state that Sergio would be present not in a liaison capacity but as a tribal member.

c) SACJJ Website Update Presentation – Dave Lerner

Dave Lerner was present to discuss possible updates to the SACJJ website maintained by WyomingNetwork.com. The SACJJ website is approximately 11 years old and with the change in recent technology, the website might need to be upgraded to make it more mobile and user friendly. Dave stated that when the website came out 11 years ago, the technology was cutting edge but with the age of smartphones and people being able to pull up webpages from their phones SACJJ website isn't even able to be pulled up from a smartphone. Dave stated that there are a couple options available to the Council; WyomingNetwork.com could create the framework for the website and Brandon Schimelpfenig or someone from the Council could add the content themselves for a cost of \$250.00, the other option is having WyomingNetwork.com constructing the website themselves for a cost of approximately \$1,100.00 or \$1,200.00. The task of looking at what might need updating in the SACJJ website will be assigned to the Outreach committee.

VI. On-Going Business – Updates from:

a) Governor's Office (Judge Gary Hartman)

Judge Hartman was present to discuss the Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ). He stated that all 50 states plus two territories are in the Compact. He stated that ICJ is essentially if a juvenile has been adjudicated in Wyoming for a sex offense or assault, etc., and has a parent that lives in Colorado or another state and wants to relocate to said state, that juvenile will need his supervision transferred to that state and ICJ makes that transfer of supervision possible and keeps both states apprised to what's going on with the juvenile via a system called JIDS (Juvenile Interstate Data System). Judge Hartman stated that Wyoming ICJ has to compile and send out an annual report to the Federal ICJ office stating how many cases were supervised, how many were sent, etc. Wyoming ICJ pays \$12,000.00 annual dues to the Commission annually via the Department of Family Services. Judge Hartman is the Commissioner for WY ICJ, Maureen Clifton with DFS is the Deputy Compact Administrator, and Brandon Schimelpfenig is the ICJ Coordinator. There is a standardized forms page concerning ICJ. All ICJ forms can be found at <http://www.juvenilecompact.org/Forms/Forms.aspx>.

Judge Hartman also stated that he is a Commissioner for another Compact that Wyoming is in called the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission; also called MIC3. The purpose of the Compact is to make sure that with military families moving about once every few years that the child's or children's education credits are transferred along with them wherever they may go.

b) DFS Update (Director Corsi)

Dr. Corsi was present to give an update as to the status of DFS. He stated that Wyoming Legislature is in full swing. He stated that DFS is currently keeping track of four bills right now; SF0063, HB0018, a bill that would look at changing the age of people who can serve alcohol in establishments, and the juvenile privacy bill that was mentioned earlier in the meeting. He also stated that it was discussed in Legislature that DFS will take a 2% budget cut. He stated that ETS has notified DFS that there will be additional IT costs related to certain areas, one of them being \$58,000 for Citrix licenses, \$150,000 for SQL (Sequential Query Language) server and user licenses. Funding for the mobile pilot project has been removed. The Legislature has cut 3 positions and is proposing a 1 million dollar budget cut to DFS. The baseline funding for ROM has also been cut by the Legislature.

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

Craig Fisgus was present to discuss the Non Participating State Grant update from VOA. The 2016 Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award will be awarded to Sweetwater County and Craig stated that he is going to try and set up the award presentation for the first part of February 2017. Craig also stated that he completed some compliance monitoring at facilities in the state and had run into some problems with certain facilities. He stated that there seems to be some misunderstanding about the JJDPA (Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act). Craig stated that he had asked OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention) for clarification on the issue and OJJDP stated that it was under the discretion of Craig regarding the issue. He stated that it seems the most appropriate result is to have the facility or facilities not be eligible for Non-Participating State Grant funding. Craig also stated that he going to have to look at Rural Exemption language and look at changing some things because at the current time, the Rural Exemption only applies to certain communities in Alaska

and Hawaii. Craig stated that OJJDP has listened to states regarding the De Minimis standards for DSO and has changed their language. In the previous draft of the standards, it was discussed that 48 states would have been out of compliance but in the new language the standards are more realistic for states to be in compliance with.

d) Ex-Officio Member Updates

Jo Ann Numoto from the Dept. of Education did not have any updates. Nicole Gilbert from the Dept. of Health stated that the Natl. Board of Drug Courts has released its newest standards for juvenile drug courts to abide by so Nicole stated that WY juvenile drug courts are now working on compliance with those standards.

VII. Community Participation

a) Wyoming Children's Law Center Inc. – Donna Sheen

Donna Sheen was present to discuss the Wyoming Children's Law Center. She stated that they are a non-profit organization and have been a full presence in the community since 2009. The Center provides direct legal services in situations where a child or vulnerable adult's health, education, safety, or well being is an issue. Those areas are the main focus of the Center. The Center also partners with Legal Aid of Wyoming and they coordinate referrals for clients. The Center also has a full time attorney on staff in Cheyenne, WY, and a part time attorney in the Laramie, WY office but the goal is to cover the whole state of Wyoming. Services are free if you meet 200% of the poverty level or less and the Center also offers sliding fee services. The Center also provides technical assistance for attorneys regarding the above areas of focus.

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VIII. Community Participation

a) Laramie County CJSJPB Update – Mike Sorenson

Mike Sorenson, Eric Kent, Gay Van Horn, Monique Meese, and Kiersti Willms were present to discuss the Laramie County Community Juvenile Services Joint Powers Board. Mike stated that the Crisis Shelter has been up and running since November 2016. Word of the Shelter being open quickly got out to the community and services have been steadily increasing. Typically how a referral for non-DFS involved youth to the Crisis Shelter is made is it starts out at the lowest level with Youth Alternatives taking the call. If it's decided the juvenile would be best served with services within the community then the referral is made for community services but if it's determined that the juvenile would be best served in the Crisis Shelter then the referral is made for the Shelter. With DFS involved youth, typically the call goes to Jamie Corriveau at the Laramie County Juvenile Services Center and she contacts who she needs to determine the appropriate action. Juveniles who are in the Crisis Shelter are free to leave if they wish and are not detained in any way.

It was discussed to possibly find a way on how to measure the success of the current CJSBs in Wyoming. It was discussed to join the Data Committee and Best Practices for this task and start with looking at each Board's Annual Report.

- b) Laramie County Department of Family Services
Kiersti Willms was present to discuss the current status of the Department of Family Services in Laramie County. No updates given.

IX. Committees (Strategic Plan)

- a) Executive Committee – Shad Bates
Allison Anderson stated that she will be sending out dates for the Executive Committee meeting calls that typically occur approximately 4 weeks prior to each full Council meeting.
- b) Grants Committee – Shad Bates
Shad stated the Grants Committee will be meeting soon with VOA to score the Non-Participating State Grant Award funding applications. Shad Bates nominated Damon DeBernardi for the Grants Committee and Damon accepted the nomination, Thomas Rose seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.
- c) Best Practices – Allison Anderson/Nicole Hauser
Best Practices is going to partner with the Data Committee on the task to come up with a measure of success for the CJSBs.
- d) Outreach Committee – Allison Anderson
Allison stated that the Outreach Committee was going to finalize the Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award presentation with Craig Fiskus.
- e) Data Committee – Adrienne Freng
Adrienne Freng was not present on the second day but Allison Anderson gave an update stating that they will be setting up a meeting with DFS to look at the Annual Reports from the CJSBs from the past year.
- f) Legislative Committee – (Narina Nunez)
--Juvenile Bills Update
It was discussed to entertain a motion to draft a letter to the Governor stating which current Bills and Files the SACJJ is in support of. Damon DeBernardi motioned to move forward with the letter, Narina Nunez seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. HB 0041 is supported as written and SF 0034 is supported as written. HB 0159 was voted on in support of but wanted to state that while the Council has concerns about language in the Bill as it stands this area is of interest and warrants further study, Allison Anderson motioned and Nicole Hauser seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Allison stated that she would send out a final draft of the letter to the full Council so that they could review it.

Allison also stated that the CHINS draft memo to the Governor has not been finalized yet but stated that she will be finalizing it and sending it in with the letter containing the support from the SACJJ of current Bills and Files.

- g) Youth Member Committee – Baylee McIntyre/Seth Marshall
Baylee McIntyre, Seth Marshall, and Steffany Stephenson were not present. No updates.

h) Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)

Nothing that wasn't stated in the Governor's Update from Judge Hartman regarding ICJ.

X. Announcements

a) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Kemmerer, WY on April 20-21, 2017.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Thomas Rose, seconded by Allison Anderson, motioned passed, meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Next Meeting: April 20-21, 2017, Kemmerer

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