

April 23, 2009

TO: State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (SACJJ)
FROM: Craig Fiskus and Debby Lynch
RE: OJJDP Nonparticipating State Award Update

2007 Nonparticipating State Awards

- Reported that VOA's grant cycle runs from October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2009.
- Noted that the first quarterly reporting period ended on March 31, 2009. Anticipate extending this grant period into 2010 in order to give counties sufficient time to expend budgeted monies.
- Conducted meetings with the following counties: Campbell, Hot Springs, Natrona, Park, and Washakie. Have also participated in meetings in Johnson and Sheridan Counties.

2008 Nonparticipating State Award

- Reported that the grant period runs from October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2010.
- Noted that VOA is utilizing this money to fund maintenance of the Jail Roster with Assessments.Com.
- Added that VOA is also using this money to retain contracts with Chuck Kratz and DeeAnn Roll.

Compliance Monitoring Update

- Debby Lynch, Compliance Monitor

Data Collection Update

- DeeAnn Roll, Data Coordinator

Judicial Training Update

- Noted that VOA will conduct judicial trainings on the following dates and locations:
 - Friday, May 1, 2009—Cheyenne
 - Friday, May 15, 2009—Rock Springs
 - Friday, June 5, 2009—Cody
 - Friday, July 24, 2009—Sheridan

Significant Issues

- Asserted that only six out of Wyoming's twenty-three are completely compliant with the first three requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 2002: Crook, Hot Springs, Niobrara, Teton, Washakie, and Weston. Noted that eight counties are compliant within the county: Big Horn, Carbon, Goshen, Johnson, Platte, Sheridan, Sublette, and Uinta.
- Deinstitutionalization of Status Offender (DSO) violations remain the State's most significant issue, along with the detention crisis.
- Park County is a particularly challenging situation. While the County does provide many positive services for youth, Bryan Skoric, the County Attorney, has made it clear that he does not intend to comply with the JJDP Act of 2002. Judge Hartman and I met with Skoric, Sheriff Steward, and other personnel in March, and the County Commissioners subsequently elected not to accept VOA's award of \$63,895. We would welcome input from the SACJJ on how to allocate this money most effectively.