

State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice Meeting
Family Success Center, Cheyenne January 31st – February 1st

Members Present: Brandon Snyder (1st day), Judge Hartman (1st day), Ed Miller, Gary Gilmore, Raine Lowry, Chair Ric Paul, Judge Waters, Cheryl Jolley, Heather Babbitt, James Pond, April Dittman, Steve Aaron, Melinda Dennington, Ronn Jeffrey (1st afternoon)

Council Coordinator: Deb Dugan-Doty

Unable to Attend: Sharon Bates, Don Fuller, Lori Hutchinson, Steve Kozisek, Tim Raulerson, Bill Runner, Charley Whiton, Kacey Cameron

Guests: Beth Evans, Joe Evans

9:10am Meeting called to order by Chair Ric Paul

- Introductions around the table of new and returning members
- Membership notebook provided

Notice of open positions within the Council (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) - Will take vote the first day after lunch

Announcement of committees to be set

Introduction of the JJDP Act and its meaning – going over the four core requirements

Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO), Sight and Sound Separation (Separation), Adult Jail and Lock-Up (Jail Removal), and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

Discussion regarding Wyoming and coming into compliance with the JJDP Act of 2002

- How do we get data to move forward? Some is housed with assessments.com, but it is not mandatory reporting due to non-compliance
- Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) will bring data this afternoon in regards to violations and what is happening in the communities
- What role does education play in the plan to work towards compliance? Need to find someone to sit as ex officio on the Council (Ric)
- A new or redone strategic plan will be done in March when the Council receives training in which the goal towards compliance will be looked at
- Having someone from Children's Justice Project come and speak on behalf on their projects and how we can build relations (Deb and Ric)

Judge Hartman motion to have someone come from Dept of Ed who is up to speed and proficient on testing within the schools, as well as, someone from the Court to (Tara Ackerman) serve as ex officio

- Motion was seconded and passed

10:45am short break

Name tags and business cards for council members will be ordered and have by the March meeting (Deb)

- Those who feel they will not utilize the business cards will let Deb know

Ric went over existing sub committees and what needs to be added as it is ideal that all members of the council will sit on a sub committee.

- Compliance Monitoring and Secure Detention – Bill Runner, Senator Sessions, Charley Whiton, Ric Paul, James Pond
- DMC – Bill Runner, Ed Miller, Steve Aaron,
- Research and Evaluation – Ric Paul, Raine Lowry, Steve Aaron
- Legislation and Policy – Judge Hartman, Charley Whiton, Judge Waters, Don Fuller, Ric Paul
- Conference – Partnering with Attention Homes, Inc. to put on the conference in May regarding DMC and compliance, Ronn, Raine, Ric – TA request
- Grant – As of now executive committee
- Media – Melinda Dennington, Raine Lowry, Nicky Anderson, Juliette Rule
Media committee will develop a fact sheet regarding the Council and its purpose/goals for the year
- Executive Board – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Ex Chair

Ric will work out the descriptions for the committees and take names for, as well as, follow up with members to see which committee they want to be a part of

Strategic Plan:

- Ric went over plan step by step and spoke regarding goals and timelines that need to be met
- Focus for the Council over the next year – compliance with the JJDP Act (legislation with a bill) – what is the fiscal impact, workload, duties to the courts (philosophical issues that need to be resolved) before this can happen?
- Is the Governor behind this or not before we are tasked with compliance? (Ric to clarify)
- Our goal is to handle the Juvenile Justice System in Wyoming
- What resources/funding would come as a result of coming into compliance? Monies somewhere in the amount of 1.2 million
- Someone from OJJDP come in and give an informational regarding the act and what needs to be done and how compliance might be accomplished

- Go through the strategic plan in March and update timelines and put new ideas in to redefine where the Council is going
- Fact sheet prepared on what it is the Council is headed for to be presented to the Governor
- Define the Council's mission on what a model juvenile justice system means, as well as, defining what is meant by the vision and bringing what is necessary to accomplish both (i.e. available resources)

Discussion regarding alternatives for youths who come into the system

- Dollars need to follow the kid not the court their in, should be a way to have the dollars flow to the kids in municipal and circuit court
- Need to have a plan to offer an alternative to detention that is applicable to all courts in Wyoming
- Utilize resources from other states and what the cost would be find out what they are
- Need to ensure we are working with evidence based/best practice programs with folks that are properly trained and/or educated
- Discussion is tabled at this time and the Chair has an idea of what resources need to be brought in

Lunch Break

Grant Discussion:

JABG, Title V, and SAG – Defined and sheet handed out

Motion to release 04 funding by Raine Lowry

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Motion for those who receive funding to do a program evaluation once the funding is expended by Judge Hartman

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Motion of executive committee and all who want to be a part to review grant do so by Ronn Jeffery

- Motion seconded, motion passed
- April Dittman asked to be part of the committee

Motion by Ric Paul for no further discussion

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Discussion regarding JABG funding for May conference and who will be sponsors

- Depending on what city we should invite those who service youth to be active participants in sponsoring the conference

Motion made by Ronn Jeffrey for the above

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Motion to fund conference with JABG funding with up to 30,000 whether it be held in May 07 or some other time in 07 by Raine Lowry

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Motion to approve September minutes in 06 by Judge Waters

- Motioned seconded, motion passed

Motion to amend the by-laws to include all positions of the Council if 14 members equals 2/3 of the votes

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Motion for Ric Paul to stay on as Chair of the Council for the year 07 by Raine Lowry

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Motion made for Judge Waters be Vice Chair by Ronn Jeffrey

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Motion by Judge Hartman for Cheryl Jolley as Council Treasurer

- Motion seconded, motion carried

Motion by Steve Aaron for Heather Babbitt as Secretary for Council

- Motion seconded, motion carried

All positions filled at this time by quorum vote of the Council

Beth Evans presented regarding compliance and legislation – handouts

HB 35 allows juveniles to 18-20 to serve alcohol and drink it in the presence of their parents in their house

SF 70 they can serve alcohol, but not mix it

HB 256 illegal drug law initiative gives money to the A.G.'s office to prosecute illegal use of substances 1,000,000 million for probation services for youth that are in need

SF 147 is the bill in which the Council is sponsoring regarding status offenses which will not pass this year

Next on the agenda is Joe Evans with the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) and the compliance grant

- Since June 06 this grant has been under rework for funding with the Feds and is now able to move with the new plan. In addition, since that time the WCCA was able to hire someone to do compliance

- The three counties with the most violations regarding compliance are Laramie, Campbell, and Sweetwater
- The non compliance grant is 1.2 million dollars over 2 years

Upon adjournment Chair Ric Paul showed the Council a brief video regarding youth and the importance of literacy

4:55pm meeting adjourned for the day

9:00am Meeting called to order by Chair Ric Paul

Annual Report Discussion – Final report will be submitted to the governor's office February 1st or 2nd

Conference for May – Ronn will report regarding youth alternatives, Deb and Ric will submit a TA request for speakers, and Ric will check with Serge LeClure sergetalks.com

- May 15th – 17th with a \$30,000 dollar budget

Upcoming conference in March for the National Juvenile Justice Conference in San Diego send info to April Dittman who might be interested and Raine Lowry

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Meeting scheduled for March 21st-23rd which will also have training – Casper (place and time TBD)
- Meeting in May with the conference- Casper (place and time TBD)
- Last meeting for the year October 11th and 12th- Casper (place and time TBD)
- Wherever Council meetings are held those who receive funding in that area members should go on site visits

Nomination for Raine Lowry to replace John Frentheway to represent the state on the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) for the existing year 07 by Heather Babbitt

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Motion for Judge Waters to serve as alternate to the FACJJ

- Motion seconded, motion passed

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Ric Paul 10:30am