

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE
CASPER HOLIDAY INN MARCH 21-23, 2007**

Members In Attendance: Chair Ric Paul, Heather Babbitt, Sharon Bates, Brandon Snyder, Gary Gilmore, Jim Pond, April Dittman, Charley Whiton, Judge Waters, Raine Lowry, Don Fuller, Steve Aaron, Judge Hartman, Steve Aaron, Melinda Dennington

Guests: Sue Chatfield, Senator Sessions, Tom B., Beth Evans

Members Missed: Ronn Jeffrey, Ed Miller, Lori Hutchinson, Steve Kozisek, Cheryl Jolley

Coordinator: Deb Dugan-Doty

March 21, 2007

Meeting called to order by Chair Ric Paul 1:05pm
Introductions and greetings

Approval of minutes

- ✓ Jim motioned, Raine seconded motion, motioned passed

Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ)

- ✓ Raine will be attending meeting in April and bring back information

Grants

- ✓ SAG grant has \$24,000 left to be spent on Council Activities by September 2008
- ✓ JABG 2004 grant spent and allocated out
- ✓ JABG 2005 money in the approximate amount of \$64,000 \$30,000 which the Council has set aside for the upcoming compliance conference
- ✓ Title V money is at \$56,000 and not utilized due to non-compliance
- ✓ 2006 JABG funds are frozen (Deb will update Council once status changes)

Legislation

Senator Sessions update on legislation and looking for the Council to be the driving force behind the bill. A lengthy discussion follows:

- ✓ Need to provide services and get those up and running so there is access and options besides detention this would help with a bill regarding status offenses.
- ✓ Money for services so that options can be available to the lower courts
- ✓ Asked to work with the council legislative committee all through the summer to accomplish tasks.
- ✓ The committee may start in June 2007 to get bill done or at least started
- ✓ Need to work within the juvenile structure that we have and make the best of it as people are afraid of change.
- ✓ In Seattle juvenile addressed are assigned to the appropriate court. They have had a lot of success more kids graduating high school. Reducing incarceration other states also have good models – should we see what other states are doing.
- ✓ What are other people doing that is successful and what can we do to change. Our role is to give the judiciary committee suggestions. Options are important.
- ✓ The house committee is new and we need to convince them that what we come up with is good.
- ✓ Judges are really the key and you need to go to judges first.
- ✓ You are taking from the judges the one option they may have and that is to jail so you really need options. Confidentiality in other courts becomes an issue.
- ✓ Just taking steps year by year to get some things accomplished as far as change and building options around the State is a good start.
- ✓ Decrease prison numbers by early intervention do the research and get data.
- ✓ Trying to keep kids out of District Court and out of placement by doing preventative work again need options.
- ✓ Set up a structure for the lower courts to have options.
- ✓ What measures can we do from a council's standpoint over the next year to get information out?
- ✓ Someone can present to the Judges and perhaps they would form a committee and be willing to work on this topic.
- ✓ Prosecutors association meets every year so there are groups out there you can speak to.
- ✓ Put together a committee within the council to speak to the Judges in September at there next meeting.
- ✓ Municipal Court Judges meet once a year as well.
- ✓ Coordinate with someone from the Supreme Court and combine projects.
- ✓ Different views from the Judges, maybe we should get in front of the board for judicial policy and ask for support.
- ✓ Board of judicial policy may be the best group to at least get the discussion going.
- ✓ **Need to get awareness out so they are not shocked when they see a bill**

Break 2:30pm – 3:00pm

Meeting called back to order 3:00pm

Conference

Lengthy discussion regarding the postponement of the upcoming compliance conference until late September or early October 2007

- ✓ Audience will be school administrators, judges, prosecutors, public defenders, private providers, law enforcement, detention centers, sheriffs and police, school resource officers, teaches, mental health, department of family services, private providers, legislature, CASA, County Commissioners, WAM (Wyoming Association for Municipalities, JDC's, WLEA (Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy), County Probation, Community Youth alternative programs, Wyoming Business Council, Wyoming Advocates for Youth (WAY), youth.
- ✓ Special invitations instead of flyers.
- ✓ Look into getting credits for CLE and POST.
- ✓ Ric will do POST and Deb will do CLE.
- ✓ Email out conference save the date instead of sending.
- ✓ Do a press release from the meeting about the conference regarding compliance and what the Council is trying to accomplish.
- ✓ Involve the County Commissioners office as they presently have the non participating state grant.
- ✓ Have support from the Governor's office or someone can work with the Council.
- ✓ Senator Sessions will call the governor's office and find out a contact to serve on the Council
- ✓ Discussion tabled for the morning of March 23rd

Meeting Adjourned 4:45pm

Federal Training March 22nd

March 23rd

Meeting called to order 8:30am

Guest Joe Evans Director Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA)
Non-Participating State Grant

- ✓ 4th round of funding with the non-compliance grant
- ✓ In 1999 the WCCA applied for the grant around \$600,000.00 for three years total of \$1.8 million.

- ✓ A small amount is taken out for the tribes and the state advisory group.
- ✓ The purpose of the money is to help juveniles throughout the state by providing funding to keep kids out of detention and provide alternatives. This would also help with the state and compliance.
- ✓ The second round of funding was again for three years another 1.8 million.
- ✓ The third round of funding was for two years 1.2 million.
- ✓ Applied for the fourth round of funding for two years again 1.2 million.
- ✓ In 1995 Elissa Rumsey with OJJDP began with the State and the program changed dramatically.
- ✓ A number of special conditions were put on this round of funding and had to direct the funding to the applicants with the biggest number of violations which is a big concern due to not funding those who have worked towards compliance.
- ✓ It took about six months through conversations to try and come to an agreement over the 2006 funds.
- ✓ WCCA believes the state has made significant progress since 1999 \$866,000 dollars left after allocating money to the tribes, state advisory group, and a compliance monitor.
- ✓ Applications went out to try and get funding and those who have applied have requested twice as much that is available.
- ✓ 18 counties did apply and some did not apply as they did not think they would get funding due to not having any violations.
- ✓ This is a cooperative agreement and will have to be approved by OJJDP.
- ✓ The grants will be reviewed by the state advisory group and the WCCA. Elissa Rumsey will also be reviewing the grants.
- ✓ When the process is done they will begin compliance monitoring and look at 2006 data and some 2007.
- ✓ 8 counties that have no violations.
- ✓ The joint judiciary topic this summer is juveniles and one of the primary efforts will be to continue with legislation.
- ✓ Funding this time needs to be spent over 2 years so that is just over \$400,000 per year.
- ✓ The next round of funding has gone out and the WCCA cannot do it so Volunteers of America has applied.

Break 10:00am – 10:15am

Meeting called back to order

Sub-Committees for the Council

- ✓ Take a look at the sub council committees and email Ric if you want to be on a different committee.
- ✓ Committees we want to focus on is legislative, media and conference committee.
- ✓ As the non compliance grant develops committees will work closely in collaboration to keep folks updated.

- ✓ Conference as it is coming up and close we will look at postponing it to September 26th, 27th, and 28th and Volunteers of America (VOA) will take it over and work on it.
- ✓ Three conferences are coming up in September maybe we should look at the first week of October.
- ✓ With VOA marketing should be able to capture an audience.
- ✓ Would like to have a meeting before the conference to go over our goals and revisit.
- ✓ October 10th, 11th, and 12th for the conference or the week prior
- ✓ Motion made by Raine for the conference in October, seconded by Stephen, motion passed.

Joint Judiciary

- ✓ Joint Judiciary Committee for May, June, July, and September
Have someone for the council attend those meetings.

Next Meeting

- ✓ May 17th and 18th for the next meeting in Riverton.
- ✓ Tour of the facility and have a couple of kids coming to talk to us Beth will contact.
- ✓ Raine will present on FACJJ.
- ✓ Tribal folks will also be there to speak about their needs Chuck or Ed Miller will set up in conjunction with Ric.
- ✓ Other agenda items to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 11:45