

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Worland, Wyoming
August 12-13, 2004

Minutes

Council Members Present: Felice Acosta, Stephen Aaron, Mindy Dahl, John Frentheway, Raine Lowry, Ric Paul, William Runner, Kelly Valdez, Charles Whiton

DFS: Lesley Osen

Ex-Officio Members Present: Phil Foy, Aaron Holst, John Lumley, Gary Somerville

Unable to Attend: Sarah Ascienzo, Ericka Cook, Sarah DeMerritt, Donald Fuller, Adam George, Ronald Jeffrey, Robert Mayor, Scott Ratliff, Hon. Bruce Waters

Guests: Michael Bronson, Joe Evans, Gary Gilmore, Burke Grandjean, John Kiedrowski, Kyle Kotter, Chuck Kratz, Ginger Largent, Rodger McDaniel

Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Bill Runner called the meeting to order.

Bill Runner asked for an introduction of the members and guests in attendance.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the last meeting, Ric Paul proposed a motion to approve the minutes, Charley Whiton seconded, motion passed.

First on the agenda was a report from the Department of Family Services by Director Rodger McDaniel. Mr. McDaniel reviewed the role of the Council pursuant to the statute which created it. A discussion followed as to the goals of the Council and how they can be accomplished. Ric Paul suggested three areas of focus for the Council, compliance with the OJJDP Act, assessments and court reform.

Charley Whiton proposed a motion that the primary focus of the Council be the three areas outline by Ric Paul, compliance with the OJJDP Act, assessments and court reform. Ric Paul seconded, motion passed.

Rodger McDaniel suggested the Council contact the legislature to make their presence known. He stressed the importance of advocacy.

Rodger McDaniel then gave a report on the Wyoming Girl's School. A risk management review resulted in numerous reports and a corrective action plan. Applications are currently being reviewed for a new superintendent, clinical director and director of education. Mr. McDaniel was asked if the goal of the WGS had changed, he said it will remain a therapeutic community, the girls will receive education, therapy and life skills training.

Michael Bronson then gave a report on the juvenile services division of Department of Family Services. Formally staff did both child protective service and probation, now they are two separate programs. Probation is divided into four regions with a regional director in each region. Mr. Bronson also spoke about assessments and how they would help set the criteria of where a child is placed.

A discussion on getting the information about the Council out to communities followed.

After breaking for lunch, Phil Foy reported on the assessment tool, GAIN, used by the drug courts. DFS probation officers will be trained on the quick GAIN.

A discussion on assessment tools and data collection followed.

Next on the agenda Ginger Largent reported on the JIABG program in Washakie County.

Burke Grandjean and Kyle Kotter from WYSAC reported to the Council that WYSAC has merged with Survey and Research Center at UW. Kyle Kotter reported that he will be in charge of the juvenile jail rosters for the WCCA.

Next on the agenda Joe Evans, director of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association reported that the new grant coordinator is John Lumley. They received 1.2 million dollars for the non-participating state grant. Dennis Mondoro the representative from OJJDP will be visiting Wyoming August 24-27.

Phil Foy reported that Wyoming received \$978,000 per year for the next three years for the Access to Recovery Grant.

Gary Somerville reported on the Safe Schools and Community Safety Conference.

John Frentheway reported on the Federal Advisory Council meeting which was held July 9-10 in Denver. He will be gathering information from the Council regarding,

1. Concerns and needs in Wyoming
2. Recommendations
3. What is working

Lesley Osen reported on the Serious and Violent Offenders Re-entry Initiative Grant and the JAIBG grant.

John Frentheway proposed a motion that within one month the Council come up with the text of a (30 minute) presentation that be presented to local groups on assessments and family treatment courts. Charley Whiton seconded the motion, motion passed.

A discussion followed regarding the data that is available and how it will be prepared.

Bill Runner will meet with Department of Family Services, Department of Education and the Substance Abuse Division to gather information. Gary Somerville will provide information from Natrona County. John Fretheway, Charley Whiton, Steve Aaron and Raine Lowry will review the presentation.

Meeting adjourned for the day.

Meeting was called to order at the Wyoming Boy's School

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Gary Gilmore gave an overview of the program at the Wyoming Boy's School followed by a tour of the facility.

Since there was not a quorum present a meeting did not follow the tour.

The next meetings of the Council are scheduled for November 4 and 5 in Casper; February 17-18 in Cheyenne and May 19-20 in Evanston.

Bill Runner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Osen