

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Cody, Wyoming
August 25-26, 2005

Minutes

Council Members Present: Sarah Demerritt, John Frentheway, Donald Fuller, Raine Lowry, Ric Paul, William Runner, , Hon. Bruce Waters, Charles Whiton

DFS: Bob Kuchera, Lesley Osen

Ex-Officio Members Present: Rich Hardt, John Lumley, Jill Naylor-Yarger

Unable to Attend: Stephen Aaron Felice Acosta, Sarah Ascienzo, Ericka Cook, Adam George, Ronnald Jeffrey, Robert Mayor, Scott Ratliff, Kelly Valdez

Guests: Rebecca Alexander, John Kiedrowski, Chuck Kratz

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.

The meeting notes from the strategic planning meeting were approved.

The Council next reviewed the paper that was prepared for the Governor requesting a full time position for the Council. Discussion followed regarding the need for a full-time director and the statute that details the duties of the Council.

Charley Whiton proposed a motion to pursue meeting with the Governor to request a full-time director. Ric Paul seconded the motion, discussion followed.

Bill Runner reviewed a meeting he had with the Deputy Director of Department of Family Service, Tony Lewis. The Council discussed how members of the legislature might be able to assist the Council.

Charley Whiton amended his proposed motion to write a letter to the Governor before the current meeting is adjourned, Ric Paul seconded, motion passed.

The Council next discussed names of state legislators who they contact regarding the Council, John Schiffer, Kathryn Sessions and Jim Anderson were names that were suggested. The Executive Committee will establish who will meet with the legislators.

Lesley Osen reported that the Council assisted the Attorney General's office with the funding established through HB308.

John Lumley reported that he and Lesley had toured the state visited all the counties that receive funding from the OJJDP Non-Compliance Grant, visiting the local programs, visiting county jails and meeting with the sheriffs. A request has been submitted to OJJDP for technical assistance for compliance monitoring.

John Frentheway proposed a motion to establish a list of the areas the state is not in compliance, Raine Lowry seconded with the amendment adding which counties are not in compliance and have Lesley provide a report on what is to be gained by coming into compliance with the OJJDP Act, motion passed.

Bill Runner passed out a information sheet on underage drinking in Wyoming. A proposal is going to legislature to raise alcohol tax to pay for prevention and treatment.

Bob Kuchera informed the Council that DFS currently has thirty meth monitors, and asked if the Council would like to disseminate them. Discussion followed as how they could best be used.

John Frentheway proposed a motion to write a letter to the sheriffs in the state explaining what the monitors are and there availability including training, Bruce Waters seconded, Ric Paul asked for an amendment to add police chiefs. John Frentheway amended his motion to included in the letter information that the monitors will be shared with other law enforcement official in the area. Motion passed.

Charley Whiton proposed a motion that if it is not deemed worthwhile to support a full-time director position that the council should be disbanded as a waster of time and money and in its place a grant review committee be formed, Ric Paul seconded, discussion followed. Motion withdrawn.

Next on the agenda was a review of the article from the Casper Star Tribune regarding greater access to juvenile records.

Bob Kuchera introduced John Kiedrowski to the Council and explained his new position as program monitor for treatment facilities in the state.

At the meeting referenced above with Tony Lewis, Mr. Lewis suggested that Council members attend meetings being held by different boards or commissions with an interest in juvenile justice and have them sign a resolution supporting compliance with the OJJDP Act.

Don Fuller proposed a motion to table this discussion until more information is gathered regarding compliance, Charley Whiton seconded, motion passed.

Bill Runner will attend the Sheriffs and Chief's Association meeting in Casper, September 14 and the Joint Judiciary meeting in Rawlins September 11 and 12 in Rawlins.

Next on the agenda was a budget proposal for the a full time director and a job description.

Don Fuller proposed a motion to include the budget proposal in the letter to the Governor, discussion followed, motion withdrawn.

Bob Kuchera next presented a report from Virginia regarding recidivism rates and the definitions that might apply: re-arrest, reconviction and re-incarceration. Discussion followed regarding data collection in Wyoming.

John Fretheway next reported on the Federal Advisory Committee (FAC), Council members received a copy the FAC Annual Report. The FAC will be meeting October.

John Frentheway's first term as representative has expired, Don Fuller proposed a motion to have John Frentheway serve a second term as representative, Charley Whiton seconded, motion passed.

Ric Paul volunteered to serve as the alternate, Charley Whiton proposed a motion to have Ric Paul serve as the alternate, Don Fuller, seconded, motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the Public Defender's office request for funding to attend a national training. Charley Whiton proposed a motion not to fund the request, Don Fuller seconded, motion passed.

Bob Kuchera next gave a report on the Girl's School, Clark Fairbanks in the new superintendent and John L is the clinical director.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for December 1-2 in Casper.

Meeting was adjourned for the day.

Friday, August 26, 2005

In attendance: Rebecca Alexander, Sarah DeMerrit, Don Fuller, Rich Hardt, Chuck Kratz, Bob Kuchera, Raine Lowry, Jill Naylor-Yarger, Ric Paul, Bill Runner, Bruce Waters and Charley Whiton.

Bruce Waters passed out the draft letter to the Governor he prepared. Discussion followed revising the letter.

Chuck Kratz and Rebecca Alexander from the Youth Services of Fremont County gave a report on the program at the Juvenile Detention Center in Fremont County.

The changes to the letter to Governor were reviewed and approved.

A public relations committee was appointed, they will establish talking points for meetings Council members will be attending.

Next on the agenda was a review of JAIBG funding. Lesley Osen reported that there is approximately \$97,000 remaining of the 2002 funds, these funds have to be expended by December 31, 2005. It was decided that grant recipients will be notified regarding the remaining funds and asked to make a request for funding, the funds will be best used for purchase because of the short timeline.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Osen