

# STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Casper, Wyoming  
February 3, 2006

## Minutes

**Council Members Present:** Stephan Aaron, John Frentheway, Raine Lowry, Ronn Jeffrey, John Lumley, Robert Mayor, Ric Paul, William Runner, Hon. Bruce Waters, Charles Whiton

**DFS:** Bob Kuchera, Lesley Osen

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Rich Hardt, Nicky Anderson

**Unable to Attend:** Felice Acosta, Ericka Cook, Sarah DeMerritt, Donald Fuller, Adam George, Scott Ratliff, Kelly Valdez

**Guests:** Elissa Rumsey, Joe Evans, Donna Messerli, Ginny Mahoney, Steve Kozisek

**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 August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, Charley Whiton proposed a motion to approve the minutes, Ric Paul seconded, motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers. Charley Whiton nominated Ric Paul for chairperson, Steve Aaron seconded the nomination. No other nominations, Ric Paul elected chairperson.

Ronn Jeffrey nominated John Lumley for vice-chair, Charley Whiton seconded the nomination. No other nominations, John Lumley elected vice-chair.

Next was the election of the executive committee. It was suggested that as outgoing chairperson, Bill Runner should serve on the executive committee, it was also suggested that one of the youth members serve on the executive committee. Steve Aaron nominated Bill Runner, Raine Lowry, and Charley Whiton to serve as executive committee, Ronn Jeffrey seconded the nomination. Bill Runner, Raine Lowry and Charley Whiton were elected to the executive committee.

Ronn Jeffrey proposed a motion that the outgoing chair be a member of the executive committee, Charley Whiton seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will require a change in the Council By-Laws which will require a vote of two thirds of the Council. By-Law change will be voted on at the next meeting were there is two thirds membership present.

Ric Paul than took over the meeting as the new chairperson.

Ric Paul reported that Albany County Sheriff Jim Pond has asked to be reimbursed for attending the National Sheriff and Chief's Association Meeting, motel costs only. Lesley Osen will check and see if it fits within the purpose areas of JABG.

Bruce Waters proposed a motion to approve pending approval of the funding with in the purpose areas, Ronn Jeffrey seconded the motion. Discussion followed, Ronn Jeffrey suggested a two part process for approving funding, what is the training and what will the Council get out of the training? Motion passed.

Next on the agenda was a report from Joe Evans, Director of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA). Mr. Evans reported on the non-participating grant the WCCA administers, funds are used for graduated sanctions in order to assist Wyoming in compliance with the OJJDP Act. The grant application was submitted in December. Mr. Evans reviewed some of the legislative changes that will be necessary for Wyoming to come into compliance. He will take the lead in reviewing the statute and working with the legislative services office on the changes that are needed for compliance. Donna Messerli and John Lumley will be working on compliance monitoring.

John Lumley than gave a report on compliance monitoring. OJJDP will use Wyoming as a case study for the issues for a state coming into compliance with the OJJDP Act. Mr. Lumley will encourage Council members to accompany him on compliance monitoring visits in their area so that they can become familiar with the process. Regarding detention standards, Mr. Lumley reported that if adult standards are accepted it will be no problem getting the juvenile standards accepted.

A discussion of were juveniles are held followed.

Joe Evans spoke on the importance of data collection for compliance monitoring. WCCA grant recipients enter information into the Assessments.com website and the date is held at the Wyoming Statistical Analysis Center (WYSAC). Mr. Evans feels there is no reason to continue using WYSAC. In the past the Council provided funding to WYSAC for data collection. Mr. Evans would like to request the server that was purchased with funds from the Council be returned to the Council.

John Frentheway proposed a motion demanding that the server and the data it contains be returned to the Council and support the WCCA's transfer of data to Assessments.com. Raine Lowry seconded the motion. Discussion followed, have the Attorney General's office review the MOU with WYSAC. Joe Evans offered to write a joint letter from WCCA and the Council demanding the return of the server and the data. The motion was amended to include review of the MOU by the Attorney General's office. Motion passed.

John Frentheway proposed a motion that the Council will have an agreement with WCCA to have access to the data they collect. John Lumley seconded the motion. Motion passed. Joe Evans will draft the agreement.

Lesley Osen will send the Council members a copy of the financial report submitted by Ken Griffin when he acting as director of WYSAC.

Next on the agenda, Donna Messerli reported on her role as Disproportionate Mminority Contact (DMC) coordinator with the WCCA. She provided a brief overview of the OJJDP Act and provided a copy of the 2002 Compliance Report.

Regarding the DMC, Ms. Messerli reported that 2006 will be the first year data will be collected. DMC, Ms. Messerli reported that 2006 will be the first year data will be collected. Focus will be on Natrona, Campbell, Laramie and Fremont Counties. A discussion followed regarding different issues surrounding DMC. She asked if the Council would be willing to form a DMC Committee.

Next on the agenda Bob Kuchara gave a DFS update. DFS has hire Bryan Cook to be the new program manager for the Aftercare Program. Mr. Kuchera handed out a the Juvenile Services Vision Statement.

A discussion than followed on education and re-entry, Rich Hardt handed out the Monthly Enrollment in Juvenile Institution Schools.

Elissa Rumsey, from OJJDP was next on the agenda. Ms. Rumsey began with an overview of the role of the Council as a State Advisory Group (SAG). She gave an overview of the four core requirements of the OJJDP Act. Ms. Rumsey suggested a training for the Council, the training would contain two elements: training for SAG members and compliance monitoring.

Ms. Rumsey discussed the Title V grant and the need for the Council to have a procedure for compliance certification so communities can apply for the Title V grants.

Ms. Rumsey gave the Council some priorities that need to work on that will assist in compliance with the OJJDP Act

- Authority to do the compliance monitoring
- Model a secure detention policy
- Collaboration with DFS, WCCA and OJJDP

She suggested a monthly teleconference with herself, John Lumley, Ric Paul, Donna Messerli and Lesley Osen.

She also suggested that we have someone from South Dakota (the last state to come into compliance with the OJJDP Act) attend the retreat.

The retreat was than scheduled for March 17-19, 2006, possible sites are TA Guestranch, VeeBar Guest Ranch and the Paradise Guest Ranch.

Lesley Osen than asked if we could schedule all the meetings for 2006, Ric Paul suggested that the Executive Committee schedule the meetings at a later date.

Next Ric Paul gave a list of his proposed committees for the Council.

1. Compliance Monitoring
2. DMC

3. Research and evaluation
4. Legislature and policy
5. Grants

He will send out information and expectations for each committee.

John Frentheway gave a brief report on the Federal Advisory Committee, they have developed a set of core principles and values that the Committee will focus on.

Ronn Jeffrey suggested that a letter be sent to the Governor thanking Bill Runner for his two years serving as the Chairperson of the Council.

Next on the agenda was the Report to the Governor, Lesley Osen provided the Council with a sample report from Arizona.

Donna Messerli offered to prepare the template for the Report to the Governor.

John Frentheway proposed a motion to have Donna Messerli compile information for the Report to the Governor and have it to the Governor by February 24. Discussion followed. Motion withdrawn

John Frentheway amended his motion to have Lesley Osen prepare the report and have it to the Governor by February 10. Raine Lowry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lesley Osen next reported Bob Mayor and she attended the Governor's Training for Councils and Boards. She handed out paper on dealing with the media. Charley Whiton proposed a motion that all media questions be directed to the Chairperson, Ronn Jeffrey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lesley Osen next reported on the status of the JABG grants. There are still funds remaining in the 2003 JAIBG that have to be expended by May, 06.

Ronn Jeffrey proposed a motion that all sub-grantees be offered funding to attend the National Conference on Juvenile Justice, the Blueprints Conference or the Train the Trainers on Restorative Justice funded by the 03 JAIBG Grant. Remaining funds will be made available if an award letter can be used in place of a contract. Bill Runner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A discussion followed regarding House Bill 82 which would create a juvenile justice task force.

Bill Runner passed out information regarding the bill support an optional alcohol tax.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Osen