

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Casper, Wyoming
January 29 & 30, 2004

Minutes

Council Members Present: Stephen Aaron, Ericka Cook, John Frentheway, Donald Fuller, Raine Holgate, Ronnald Jeffrey, Robert Mayor, Ric Paul, William Runner, Ian Sandefer, Kelly Valdez, Hon. Bruce Waters, Charles Whiton

DFS: Lesley Osen, Chris Smith

Ex-Officio Members Present: Phil Foy, Aaron Holst

Unable to Attend: Sarah Ascienzo, Mindy Dahl, Sarah DeMerritt, Adam George, Scott Ratliff

Guests: Cory Burton, Bill Elgen, Joe Evans, Ken Griffin, Nancy Johnson, Sue Schilling, Gary Somerville

Welcome and Introductions: Bob Mayor called the meeting to order.

Bob Mayor asked for an introduction of the members and the guests in attendance

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

The agenda for the meeting was then reviewed, it was decided to move the election of officers to Thursday morning. Ric Paul requested that a review of the Strategic Plan be added to the agenda.

John Frentheway proposed a motion to try and complete all the business on Thursday, Ian Sandefer seconded, motion passed.

Bob Mayor reported on the meeting with Governor Freudenthal when he was presented with 2003 Report to the Governor. Bob Mayor, Joe Evans, Michael Bronson and Lesley Osen attended the meeting with the Governor. The main topic of discussion with the Governor was compliance issues with the OJJDP Act. It was suggested that the Council continue its partnership with the WCCA to work with the Sheriffs and Chiefs regarding the compliance issues. If Wyoming comes into compliance with the OJJDP Act grant funds would be available to the state and would be administered by the Council. Legislative changes would be required to come into compliance.

A discussion followed on some of the problems that exist that keep Wyoming out of compliance.

John Frentheway proposed a motion to collect data that shows what each municipal and circuit court has available regarding services for juveniles, outside of DFS. Charley Whiton seconded, motion passed.

Bill Runner suggested that tribal courts be included.

Lesley Osen will contact Byron Rookstool with the Substance Abuse Division to see what information he has already collected.

Bob Mayor reported that time might be running out for programs sponsored by the WCCA non-participating state grant. John Frentheway proposed a motion that a letter of support for the WCCA programs be sent to OJJDP director Robert Flores, Charley Whiton seconded, motion passed. Bob Mayor will draft the letter and circulate it to the counsel.

Next on the agenda was a report on the Budget meeting held December 3, 2003. The counsel agreed to issue an RFP for the remaining 2001 JAIBG funds to support WCCA, JAIBG programs and the Juvenile Court Enhancement Initiative.

Ronn Jeffrey proposed a motion for a three step grant review process,

1. State review and make recommendations
2. Committee review and make recommendations to the counsel
3. Counsel to vote on recommendations from the grant review committee

John Frentheway seconded the motion, motion passed.

A request for volunteers to serve on the grant review committee, Charley Whiton, Ric Paul, Bill Runner and Ian Sandefer volunteered. John Frentheway proposed a motion to approve the committee, Steve Aaron seconded, motion passed.

Next on the agenda Lesley Osen reported on the JAIBG grants. She recently completed site visits at eleven sites. The 2003 applications have been received and contracts will go out soon. Grant recipients will not be required to submit performance measures. Have not yet received word if the 2004 grant has been funded in the federal budget.

Ronn Jeffrey proposed a motion to request information regarding sustainability with the 2004 application, Bill Runner seconded, motion passed.

John Frentheway reported on attending the newly formed Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting in Point Clear, Alabama. The FAC will review all policies regarding juveniles. Also discussed at the meeting was legislation that passed in November 2002 that prohibits council members from lobbying.

John Frentheway proposed a motion to have the attorney general's office review the statute to see how it applies to the SACJJ, Ericka Cook seconded, motion carried.

John will be serving on the FAC planning committee. A survey will be sent to council members regarding issues, needs and concerns they have with juveniles in our state.

The agenda was changed to hold the elections.

Charley Whiton nominated Bill Runner to serve as chairperson, Ric Paul moved that nominations cease, Bill Runner was elected chairperson.

Ric Paul nominated Ronn Jeffrey to serve as vice-chairperson, Steve Aaron moved that nominations cease, Ronn Jeffrey was elected vice-chairperson.

Charley Whiton nominated Ric Paul to serve on the executive committee, John Frentheway nominated Charley Whiton, Ronn Jeffrey nominated Ericka Cook, John Frentheway moved that nominations cease. Charley Whiton, Ric Paul and Ericka Cook were elected to the executive committee.

Bill Runner took over the meeting as the new chairperson.

Bill Runner reported on the Policy Makers Forum on Reducing Underage Drinking. A copy of the report was distributed to the council members. Bill Runner called special attention to the information regarding liquor advertisements aimed at young people. Bill Runner recommended sending a letter to First Lady Nancy Freudenthal encouraging and endorsing her continued support of enforcing underage drinking laws. John Frentheway proposed it as a motion, Charley Whiton seconded, motion passed.

Next on the agenda Lesley Osen reported on upcoming items on the calendar.

After breaking for lunch, Bill Runner introduced Ken Griffin, interim director of the Wyoming Statistical Analysis Center (WYSAC). Ken Griffin gave a brief history of WYSAC and his goals as interim director. Ken Griffin answered questions from the council members.

Ronn Jeffrey proposed a motion to draft a letter to WYSAC that outlines what will come out of the data that WYSAC would receive. Steve Aaron seconded, motion carried. Data collection workgroup will prepare bullet points for the letter to WYSAC.

A review of the current workgroups was next on the agenda, John Frentheway proposed a motion that the workgroups remain as they are with the addition of the a grant review committee, Ian Sanderfer seconded the motion, motion passed.

Joe Evans next reported on the OJJDP non-participating state grant administered by the WCCA. Funds are still being help up by OJJDP.

A discussion regarding detention facilities for juveniles followed. John Frentheway proposed a motion to contact Sweetwater County regarding their new detention facility and offer any assistance regarding the juvenile pod. Ericka Cook

amended the motion to draft a letter to Joe Evans offering assistance to any county that is building a detention facility that would house juveniles. John Frentheway seconded, the motion passed.

The workgroup then divided up for a work session.

The workgroups reported out.

Grant review committee reported that they recommended funding Washakie County's request for Title V funds in the amount of \$15, 500. Charley Whiton proposed a motion to approve the funding, Ian Sandefer seconded, motion passed.

Kelly Valdez reported for the public relations committee. The newsletter will be sent out electronically quarterly. Lesley Osen has prepared an extensive list of e-mail addresses. The newsletters will showcase a different program and will also include a "Council Awareness" column.

Title 14 review workgroup reported that each member will review the statute and make a list of all areas that need to be changed. The list will be sent to Lesley Osen by March 1 to be provided at the next council meeting. The workgroup will bring the top two or three recommendations to the council as a whole, proposed changes will be sent to the legislature.

The Title 14 workgroup suggests that workgroups meet at the beginning of council meetings.

Bill Runner adjourned the meeting for the day.

Friday, January 30, Bill Runner called the meeting to order.

Members present were, Stephen Aaron, Donald Fuller, Raine Holgate, Ric Paul, Ian Sandefer, Kelly Valdez, Hon. Bruce Waters and Charles Whiton.

First on the agenda was the possibility of having the meetings last just one day. The executive committee will make that decision for each meeting depending on the number of items on the agenda

Ric Paul requested a review of the strategic plan be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The Executive Committee will review the goals that have been set and propose new goals for the council.

Next on the agenda Nancy Johnson, Cori Burton and Sue Schilling reported on the CHINS program that is sponsored in Natrona County by the JAIBG grant. They also reported on the Challenge Day programs and the mentoring program for girls coming out of the Wyoming Girls School.

One of the youth members of the council then shared with the council her experiences in the juvenile justice system.

Bill Runner than made a request to attend the National Conference on Juvenile Justice, March 28-31 in Las Vegas. Charley Whiton proposed a motion to support Bill Runner attending the conference, Ric Paul seconded, motion passed.

The grant review committee scheduled a meeting to review grant applications for February 24, 12:00 in Casper.

Bill Runner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Osen