

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Casper, Wyoming
November 4, 2004

Minutes

Council Members Present: Felice Acosta, Stephen Aaron, Sarah Demerritt, John Frentheway, Adam George, Ronald Jeffrey, Robert Mayor, Ric Paul, William Runner, Kelly Valdez, Hon. Bruce Waters, Charles Whiton

DFS: Lesley Osen

Ex-Officio Members Present: Phil Foy, Rich Hardt, John Lumley, Steve Shelsta, Gary Somerville

Unable to Attend: Sarah Ascienzo, Ericka Cook,, Donald Fuller, Raine Lowry, Scott Ratliff,

Guests: Paul Fritzler, Tony Lewis, Rodger McDaniel, Donna Sheen, Kari Skewes

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, Charley Whiton proposed a motion to approve the minutes, Bob Mayor seconded, motion passed.

First on the agenda was a discussion regarding membership.

Bob Mayor proposed a motion to send a letter to Sarah Ascenzio requesting her resignation, Steve Aron seconded, motion passed.

The Council currently does not have an alternate representative for the Federal Advisory Committee since Ian Sandefer resigned from the Council. Bob Mayor agreed to serve as the alternate.

A discussion regarding youth members followed.

John Lumley reported on Wyoming County Commissioners Association, he will be meeting with the Wyoming Sheriffs and Chiefs Association regarding compliance monitoring. He also discussed the need for changes in Wyoming Statute to come into compliance with the OJJDP Act. John reported on the continued funding that WCCA has given to WYSAC, he asked if the Council would be able to continue funding WYSAC for data gathering if the state comes into compliance with the OJJDP Act and WCCA no longer receives the OJJDP grant. Lesley Osen stated that funding will depend on what

discretionary funds will be available if Wyoming comes into compliance and receives the formula grant from OJJDP.

A discussion regarding data gathering followed.

John Lumley also reported that he and Lesley Osen would be going around the state visiting county jails to begin the compliance monitoring.

Next on the agenda was a presentation regarding the juvenile re-entry program in Campbell County by Kari Skewes, re-entry case manager for Campbell County.

Next on the agenda was a questionnaire from the Federal Advisory Committee. The five questions were answered by the Council and will be submitted by John Frentheway, the Council representative on the Federal Advisory Committee.

CHINS was the next item on the agenda. A motion was proposed by John Frentheway that the Council send a letter to the legislature regarding the Council's support of the continuation of CHINS, Charley Whiton seconded the motion, the motion passed.

A discussion of the CHINS process in Natrona and Laramie Counties followed.

Next on the agenda was the MDT Guidebook. Donna Sheen asked the Council to review the guidebook and send any comments or concerns to Lesley Osen and she will forward them to the committee who prepared the guidebook.

Rodger McDaniel, director of the Department of Family Services gave a report on changes at the department. He also reported on drug courts, children and family initiative, assessments, family court initiative.

A discussion regarding family treatment court followed.

Break for lunch.

After lunch the Council reviewed the goals that had been established at the last meeting; compliance with the OJJDP Act, court reform and assessments.

Ronn Jeffrey proposed a motion to add advocacy to the list of goals, Charley Whiton seconded, motion carried.

Next on the agenda was a discussion on funding for the Council. The Council does not receive enough funding to cover all the mandates covered in the statute that created it.

John Frentheway proposed a motion to go to Governor Freudenthal with the Council goals and request the funds support the Council in reaching these goals, Ronn Jeffrey seconded. Bill Runner suggested that Rodger McDaniel be included in this discussion. Motion passed.

Bob Mayor proposed a motion to re-write the statute, Ric Paul seconded, motion carried. The Executive Committee will review the statute.

Bob Mayor proposed a motion that the revised statute be included in the annual report to the governor, Bruce Waters seconded, motion carried.

Next on the agenda was a review of the advocacy presentation, power point should include parental involvement and provide data by county also.

The review of the Strategic Plan was postponed until the Council revises the statute.

Lesley Osen reported that the 2004 JBG applications were due November 1 and that she will begin reviewing them next week.

The next Council meetings are February 17-18 in Cheyenne and May 19-20 in Evanston.

Bill Runner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Osen