

October, 2003

Council Members Present: Stephen Aaron, Ericka Cook, Mindy Dahl, Sarah DeMerritt, John Frentheway, Donald Fuller, Adam George, Raine Holgate, Robert Mayor, Ric Paul, Ian Sandefer, Kelly Valdez, Hon. Bruce Waters, Charles Whiton

DFS: Lesley Osen, Chris Smith, Michael Bronson, Donna Sheen

Ex-Officio Members Present: Phil Foy, Aaron Holst

Unable to Attend: Sarah Ascienzo, Ronnald Jeffrey, William Runner

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

Bob Mayor introduced Patricia Baca and Jennifer Mankey from the Center for Network Development who will be providing a training on working as a Board member.

Jennifer Mankey had all the Council members introduce themselves.

Patricia Baca and Jennifer Mankey used a newsletter as an example of how the Council would work together and make decisions.

It was determined that the Council newsletter would be directed to: School Boards, School Superintendents, Department of Health, Substance Abuse Division, Supreme, District, Circuit and Municipal, Justice of the Peace Courts, Private juvenile service providers, Safe and Drug Free School Coordinators, Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, JAIBG grant recipients, WYSAC, Boys and Girls School (each dorm), District and County Attorneys, Public Defenders, School Resource Officers, Department of Family Services Advisory Council, WCCA, WCCA Grant Recipients, WAM.

Topics that would be included in the newsletter would include, programs that work for kids, programs designed to reduce recidivism, prevention, what is the Council doing, sharing the vision and mission of the Council.

After the lunch break, Patricia Baca and Jennifer Mankey continued their training. How can the Council be utilized? Work as a liaison with other groups, community involvement, committees and involving ex-officio members and get input of needs from families.

The council worked on an exercise to develop a vision statement. The vision statement was "This group plans to collaborate with organizations around the state to create healthy children and families that are integrated into and flourish with in society as a whole.

The Council then broke into groups and worked on action plans. This was the end of the training.

Bob Mayor presented a history of the Council, he reviewed the statute that created the Council, JJDP Act, WCCA Grant, JAIBG, Title V, WYSAC and the Detention Standards.

Lesley Osen reviewed the travel vouchers and policy. She also asked the Council if they would prefer receiving the agenda materials before the meeting, the Council agreed they would prefer receiving the agenda materials before the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned for the day.

October 10, 2003

Members present: Stephen Aaron, Sarah DeMerritt, Donald Fuller, Adam George, Raine Holgate, Robert Mayor, Ian Sandefer, Kelly Valdez, Hon. Bruce Waters, Charles Whiton

Meeting was called to order by Bob Mayor.

Michael Bronson administrator for the Juvenile Services Division of the Department of Family Services and Chris Smith Juvenile Justice Program Supervisor were introduced to the Council.

Bob Mayor reviewed the items on the agenda, adding the newsletter and Laramie Youth Justice program to the agenda.

Bruce Waters asked why Wyoming was not participating with the OJJDP Act, Bob Mayor explained the history of being into compliance than withdrawing for the Act in 1993.

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

Donna Sheen from the Department of Family Services reported on the Family Treatment Courts, the new name is Juvenile Court Enhancement Initiative. The Council had previously allocated \$600,000 from the 2001 and 2002 JAIBG grants to help fund the implementation of family treatment courts. Donna Sheen indicated that it is not presently feasible to implement family treatment courts on a statewide basis. She stated the Juvenile Court Enhancement Initiative would work with Juvenile Court jurisdictions on an individual basis to provide dispositional procedures and options presently not available to them. This may include implementation of family treatment courts, new methods of assessing youth appearing before the court, wrap around services, etc. Donna requested that DFS use \$100,000 from the \$600,000 to help fund a legislative study on Wyoming's juvenile service system, to include juvenile court issues.

It was suggested that a special meeting be held for the discussion on the \$600,000 presently allocated for the implementation of family treatment courts and the request to

use \$100,000 for the study on Wyoming's juvenile services system. It was strongly suggested that the meeting be held in Casper.

Next on the agenda Phil Foy gave a report on the Assessment Conference which was sponsored by the council. Report is attached.

Lesley Osen gave a review of the JAIBG, Title V and SAG grants. She is awaiting allocation amounts from OJJDP before the 2003 JAIBG applications can be sent out. The council should be receiving their SAG grant (\$32,000) within the next two weeks.

A committee was formed to work on the newsletter, Raine Holgate, Ericka Cook, John Frentheway and Bob Mayor. Lesley Osen will schedule a teleconference to begin work on the newsletter. It was determined that the newsletter would probably have to be in electronic format due to costs.

Charley Whiton proposed a motion that no funds be distributed to Department of Family Services, Don Fuller seconded. Discussion followed. An amended motion proposed that no funds outside the arena of family treatment court be distributed without prior approval of the Council. Raine Holgate seconded the motion. The amended motion passed.

Bob Mayor reported on a recent meeting with the Wyoming Statistical Analysis Center (WYSAC) attended by Don Faggiani, Carter Rees, Joe Evans, Donna Messerli, Rodger McDaniel, Donna Sheen and Lesley Osen. The Council has funded WYSAC in the amount of \$212,000 from JAIBG funds to provide a central repository for juvenile justice data. The Council has not received the information it anticipated it would receive. Bob Mayor reported that WYSAC admitted there were difficulties including server failure and problems with the University's fire walls. These difficulties caused the system to be "down" often, thus rendering it difficult for WCCA projects to submit juvenile jail roster data to WYSAC. Mr. Faggiani assured those at the meeting that these difficulties have been overcome and that WYSAC is working with Donna Messerli of WCCA to finalize reporting formats. Mr. Faggiani stated that WYSAC will be providing the council and WCCA with juvenile jail roster reports for the foreseeable future. WYSAC has also produced a "canned report" on the Back on Track assessment data submitted by WCCA projects. Some customized reporting will be available in the near future. In order to do extensive customized reports on this data, additional funding will most likely be required.

Next on the agenda was the Guide for Community Action - a report by the Community Youth Justice Project in Albany County. Twenty one focus groups participated in gathering information regarding youth justice in Albany County. Lesley Osen will send Council members a copy of the report.

Next on the agenda was a request to nominate a Council member to serve on the newly formed Federal Advisory Committee. Charley Whiton nominated John Frentheway, Sarah DeMerritt seconded, motion passed. Bob Mayor nominated Ian Sandefer to serve as the alternate, Don Fuller seconded, motion passed.

The Report to the Governor is due December 31, 2003, Bob Mayor and Lesley Osen will work on the report.

The next meetings of the Council were scheduled, January 29 & 30, 2004 in Casper, May 6 & 7, 2004 in Lander and August 12 & 13 in Worland.

Bob Mayor proposed a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve Aaron seconded, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Osen