

# Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Madison, WI

Chairperson: Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg

Commission	Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg, Commissioner Ben Gonring,
Members Present:	Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Shelby McCulley, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Sam Benedict, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Commissioner Melinda Tempelis, Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Charles Tubbs, Sr., Commissioner Diane Rondini, Commissioner Kevin Carr
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Marcus Williams, Commissioner – DCF Youth Leadership Team Member, Commissioner Reville Warren, Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner – DCF Youth Leadership Team Member
DOJ Staff:	Katie Hawkins, Sabrina Gentile, Kiley Komro, Steve Wagner

### Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Chair Jennifer Ginsburg welcomed commissioners to the meeting.

### Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award Presentation

Chair Ginsburg welcomed the special guests to the meeting. Chair Ginsburg asked Commissioners and others present to introduce themselves to the special guests.

Chair Ginsburg announced Dylan Matshak has been awarded the 2022 Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award. Chair Ginsburg introduced Dylan Matyshak and Lindsey Reckelberg, School Social Worker at Denmark School District and Dylan's nominator. Chair Ginsburg reported DOJ Staff mailed a plaque and recommendation letters for Dylan Matyshak to use for future job and education opportunities.

DOJ Staff played a pre-recorded video message from Governor Evers congratulating Dylan Matyshak on his award and achievements.

Wisconsin Challenge Academy Director Joni Matthews congratulated Dylan and offered a few words about Dylan's time at the Wisconsin Challenge Academy. Director Matthews was joined by Deputy Director Keith Krueger, Amy Luedke (Admissions), Andrew Paulson (IT) and Commandant of Cadets Edwin Maciosek.

Lindsey Reckelberg congratulated Dylan Matyshak and shared regarding his past challenges, personal growth through the Challenge Academy program, and new goals for the future. Dylan Matyshak spoke and offered a few words of appreciation.

Chair Ginsburg invited Commissioners to offer their encouragement and advice for Dylan Matyshak and Lindsey Reckelberg. The presentation concluded as commissioners continued to congratulate Dylan Matyshak and thanked Lindsey Reckelberg for nominating Dylan Matyshak and her continued work with Wisconsin youth.

### **General Business – Commissioner Updates**

Chair Ginsburg reported quorum was present and asked Commissioners for any updates.

Commissioner Shelby McCulley reported the Department of Children and Families is reviewing 2022-2023 Innovation Grant applications. Youth Innovation grants funding comes from underspending in the Youth Aids Program. Commissioner McCulley also reported the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has opened a competitive grant opportunity for the FY2022 Youth Violence Prevention Program. City, township, and county governments, for-profit organizations, independent school districts, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, nonprofits, and other agencies are eligible to apply for this funding. Commissioner McCulley asked DOJ Staff to share the application information with the Commission.

Commissioner Tweed Shuman reported concerns that the movement towards personal growth and youth change exemplified by the Tony Maggione Award recipient have not extended to the northern counties or to Wisconsin's tribal nations.

### **General Business – Introduction of New Members**

Chair Ginsburg introduced Diane Rondini. Rondini was appointed to the GJJC on April 29, 2022, and fills Monika Audette's vacant seat. Rondini spent 29 years at the Public Defender's office in Milwaukee County working on juvenile justice cases.

Rondini was not available for the GJJC Quarterly Meeting in May. Rondini has attended GJJC Policy, Legislation and Compliance Subcommittee meetings.

Rondini introduced herself and looks forward to continuing the work of the Commission.

### **Motion to Approve Minutes**

Chair Ginsburg requested a motion to approve the May 10, 2022, GJJC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve May 10, 2022, GJJC Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Sharlen Moore and seconded by Commissioner Shelby McCulley to approve the May 10, 2022, GJJC Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 13 Ayes, 0 No

### **Subcommittee Sharing**

Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee – Commissioner Moore reported the Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee finished work on the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Reduction Plan for the 2022 Title II Formula Application. Commissioner Moore looks forward to planning for the next meeting on September 7, 2022.

Policy, Legislation and Compliance Subcommittee – Commissioner Sam Benedict repeated that he will be stepping down from the Commission on September 1, 2022. Commissioner Carl Ashley will continue to Co-Chair the PLC Subcommittee and asked Commissioners to let DOJ Staff know if they are interested in being a PLC Subcommittee Co-Chair with Commissioner Ashley.

DOJ Staff Member Sabrina Gentile reported former DOJ Juvenile Justice Compliance Manager Heather Kierzek prepared a summary of OJJDP 2021 Title II Compliance Report. Gentile summarized the report for the Commission. Gentile reported planning has started for the FY22 Compliance visits and more details will be distributed at the next PLC Subcommittee meeting on September 27, 2022.

### **Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Updates**

Kiley Komro reported there are several vacancies on the GJJC. Commissioner Sean Wilson resigned in April and Commissioner Benedict's resignation is effective September 1, 2022. The GJJC is recruiting for two non-government positions, with roles specifically for people—youth, or parents and/or guardians of youth—with experience in the juvenile justice system. Youth may join the commission either through applying for appointment by the Governor or by joining the DCF Youth Leadership Teams (YLT). Komro will assist youth applying for appointment upon request.

Komro prepared and presented a summary of Title II Subgrant awards for the Commission. Komro reported there are three Title II subgrant opportunities currently open for county, local, and tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations. The following grants are posted on the Wisconsin DOJ Grants page.

- Community-Based Programs and Services: \$50,000 for one award to help an agency implement a new or enhance an existing family-centered alternative to detention or reentry program
- Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction: \$50,000 for one award to help an organization identify and reduce disparities in their community
- Indian Tribes: \$28,597 for one award to support a tribe in implementing a new or enhance an existing program that aims to address juvenile justice and delinquency prevention issues for Native American and Alaska Native youth

Komro reported that DOJ will post the Juvenile Justice Program and Juvenile Justice Compliance Supervisor and the Criminal Justice Program Supervisor positions soon. The DOJ Human Resources is finalizing announcements. Komro will forward the positions to the GJC and stakeholders to assist recruitment.

### **OJJDP FY22 Title II Formula Grant Application**

Komro reported that the FY2022 Title II Formula Grant Application was approved by the GJC Executive Subcommittee on July 20, 2022 and was submitted to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Komro thanked the Commission for their input and contributions at subcommittee meetings. OJJDP should notify Wisconsin of approval by end of September.

Komro reported that WI DOJ received the Title II Fiscal Year 2021 award determination letter announcing that Wisconsin is in compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP and will receive an award of \$808,287 pending WI DOJ award acceptance and submission of an updated budget detail. Commissioners Ginsburg and Moore offered encouragement regarding the news.

### **Closing Comments**

Commissioners Moore, Dorinthia Robinson, and Edjron Pearson and DOJ staff member Kiley Komro shared information about their experience attending the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual Conference. The commissioners emphasized the value of connecting with other communities to learn about shared issues and innovating programming. The commissioners returned reinvigorated to make progress on the GJC's strategic goals and with a clearer perspective of how Wisconsin measures up against other states, especially as regards to the GJC priority to return 17-year-olds to juvenile justice jurisdiction.

Commissioners Moore, Pearson, Robinson, McCulley, and Ginsburg discussed the GJC goal to raise the age of juvenile justice jurisdiction to 17. They encouraged a perspective shift away from where the system should put a child to what does a child need.

Commissioner Shuman shared out regarding big issues with drug and alcohol abuse for youth in tribal communities and the immense need for alternative services.

### **Public Comment**

The Commission thanked Commissioner Sam Benedict for his service on GJC and wish him well in retirement.

### **GJC 2022 Meeting Date**

- Nov 15, 2022 (3rd Tuesday of the month due to November 9<sup>th</sup> General Election)

### **Adjourn and Wrap Up**

Chair Ginsburg thanked members for their time.

Chair Ginsburg requested a motion to adjourn.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Commissioner Benedict and seconded by Commissioner Edjron Pearson to adjourn.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 13 Ayes, 0 No