

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Subcommittee Chair: Commissioner Sharlen Moore

Subcommittee Members Present:	Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Melissa Graham, Wendy Volz Daniels, Dr. Aaron Schutz, Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Amandla Daniels
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Brandon Gross, Doreen Goddard, Commissioner Sam Benedict, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Sean Wilson
DCF Youth Leadership:	N/A
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Katie Hawkins, Kiley Komro

Convene

The Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee convened at 10:30 a.m.

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Subcommittee Chair Sharlen Moore welcomed members to the meeting. DOJ staff member Sabrina Gentile conducted the roll call. Quorum was present.

Motion to Approve October 6, 2021, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Moore requested a motion to approve the October 6, 2021, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg and seconded by Wendy Volz Daniels to approve the October 6, 2021, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No

Subcommittee Sharing and Updates

Commissioner Moore reported that the Department of Corrections continues to work on identifying a site for the Type 1 Facility that was approved in 2017 Wisconsin Act 185.

Grant Announcements

Kiley Komro reported the *JJ Formula: Positive Youth Development: Mentoring Programs* Grant Announcement has been posted to the [Grants page](#) on the [DOJ Website](#).

The funding for the grant proposals of up to \$50,000 each is available to any unit of local government, including counties and tribes, and nonprofits to implement new or enhance existing positive youth development mentoring initiatives for youth involved or at-risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through February 18, 2022. The aim of the program is to support mentoring programs that assist delinquent and at-risk youth in obtaining a sense of safety and structure, belonging and membership, self-worth and social contribution, independence and control over ones' life, and closeness in interpersonal relationships. There is promising research that indicates mentoring programs promote positive impacts on these protective factors in participating youth, according to OJJDP "Youth Mentoring and Delinquency Prevention Literature Review", 2019.

Komro asked the subcommittee to share the grant opportunity with eligible organizations in their networks and encourage them to apply.

Applications must be submitted through Egrants.

Komro also reported she has started initial research and conversations about developing a grant announcement regarding restorative justice and treatment court initiatives for the Title II Juvenile Justice Formula Grant Delinquency Prevention program area funding. Komro will provide more information as the program is developed.

Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis (BJIA) Presentation

Derek Veitenheimer, Bureau Director

Ashley Billig, Research Analyst – Senior

Ashley Billig and Derek Veitenheimer used a power point to give an overview on uniform crime reporting data. Billig and Veitenheimer focused on understanding the data gathered through Summary Based Reporting (SBR) and Incident Based Reporting (IBR) and the differences between them. IBR contains more detailed information than SBR but is limited to agency-level analysis as not all agencies collect IBR data. All statewide data analysis uses the SBR data format at this time, though a transition to statewide use of IBR data is underway.

BJIA staff listed the types of crimes against persons, crimes against property and crimes against society that is included in IBR. Veitenheimer reported that Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) federal program created the uniform and standard process to define violent crimes.

BJIA staff gave context on what questions can be answered, and which cannot, by the data available. They listed their current projects and noted more needs to be done regarding juvenile justice.

DOC Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake School Data

The Department of Corrections submitted the populations of residents at Lincoln Hills School (LHS) and Copper Lake School (CLS) as of January 1, 2022. Komro prepared a spreadsheet that included the population numbers from 2021 and the populations on January 1, 2022, for the subcommittee to review.

January 1, 2022, Populations

CLS – 12 girls

Race:

American Indian/Alaskan Native	1
Black	8
White	3

Ethnicity:

Hispanic or Latino	1
Not Hispanic or Latino	11

LHS – 37 boys

Race:

American Indian/Alaskan Native	2
Black	26
White	9

Ethnicity:

Hispanic or Latino	1
Not Hispanic or Latino	30
Unknown	6

The Subcommittee discussed the low population numbers at LHS and CLS, detention and mid-level treatment placements available, and the confluence of mental health, community-based programs, and needs for secure facilities. Subcommittee members are interested in where children are being detained if not at LHS and CLS, and whether they have the services they need if they are not at LHS and CLS.

DOJ Update on Title II Formula 2021 Grant Application Approval Process

OJJDP has not yet approved the 2021 Title II application. OJJDP has not requested additional information or indicated needed changes for the RED plan at this time. DOJ Staff provided OJJDP additional information for a few items in the Three-Year-Plan and the Wisconsin Compliance Manual.

DOJ Staff reported that OJJDP released a compliance manual template to all states and has asked states to review their compliance manuals by using the template format. There is a hold on a formal review of our application and the award for FY21 funds until the DOJ staff resubmit the compliance manual in the template. The revised manual must be submitted to OJJDP by June 13, 2022. DOJ Staff hopes to have it completed earlier so OJJDP can determine Wisconsin's FY21 award amount.

Sabrina Gentile has started updating the compliance manual template and has contacted OJJDP to ensure the changes meet OJJDP's format requirements for the compliance manual.

DOJ Staff will keep the commission and subcommittees updated as we learn more or complete parts of this extended new process.

Upcoming Meetings

2022 Meeting Schedule:

- March 2, 2022, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- April 6, 2022, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- June 1, 2022, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- September 7, 2022, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Ann McCullough reported the COVID-19 Impact on Deinstitutionalization Report #2 has not been released. McCullough said the report should be posted on the Youth Justice Wisconsin website this month and a webinar could be scheduled in February to discuss the report.

Adjourn

Commissioner Moore thanked subcommittee members for their time and participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.