

# Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

## Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 2, 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, Aaron Schutz, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Amandla Daniels, Brandon Gross
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Doreen Goddard, Commissioner Sam Benedict, Commissioner Sean Wilson, Commissioner Charles Greer, Kyle Peaden, Wendy Volz Daniels, DCF Youth Leadership Team Commissioner, Commissioner Damien Wilson.
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Katie Hawkins, Kiley Komro, Lara Kenny, Frank Sullivan, Derek Veitenheimer

#### 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 Kiley Komro conducted the roll call. Quorum was not present.

#### Approval of January 5, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Minutes Postponed to April meeting

#### Subcommittee Sharing and Updates

Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg reported she and Commissioner Benedict testified at the Wisconsin Supreme Court rule hearing to end indiscriminate shackling. Commissioners Ginsburg and Benedict represented the Commission. Commissioner Ginsburg thought the hearing went well and is pleased the court will announce a new rule to end indiscriminate shackling in May.

Commissioner Moore reported she participated in a panel with other juvenile justice stakeholders organized by Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley to discuss youth justice in Milwaukee County.

Commissioner Moore reported the state Assembly approved Senate Bill 520, creating a Type 1 juvenile corrections facility in Milwaukee County. The bill must receive approval from the Joint

Finance Committee and pass in the Senate before it can be sent to the Governor for his signature.

### **DOJ Staff Report**

Kiley Komro reported the competitive *School-Based Restorative Justice Program* grant announcement has been posted on the [DOJ Grants website](#). Komro encouraged subcommittee members to share the grant announcement with their stakeholder groups.

Komro reported the non-competitive *Restorative Justice to Address Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)* has been posted for Jefferson County to continue training in restorative justice and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in school-based youth justice referrals.

### **DOC Copper Lake School (CLS) and Lincoln Hills School (LHS) Population Report**

Komro reviewed the spreadsheet with January, February, and March data.

**Youth Justice Wisconsin: “COVID-19 and Youth Justice in Wisconsin: What are We Learning?”**  
Presentation was cancelled due to presenter’s illness.

### **RED Plan Implementation**

Commissioner Moore reported she reviewed the RED Plan with DOJ Staff and would like to move forward with the following goals of the RED Plan. The subcommittee discussed possible subcommittee actions to achieve the goals and provided comments.

#### *Mapping Services and Developing County Capacity:*

The Subcommittee broadly supports an expansion of services for youth statewide. They indicated that children, youth, and families need more access to low or no-cost prosocial activities in their community. Where these activities exist, there is evidence that there is an opportunity to provide awareness and connect youth to programs.

Subcommittee members reported that family or parent support can be important in ensuring youth participate in such activities.

Subcommittee member Brandon Gross reported on Door County’s *Youth Connection Center*. The Center works with the school districts to help connect youth with programs and activities and could be used as a model for future programs.

#### *Family Engagement Initiatives:*

Subcommittee members expressed concern that children will receive services in detention and then are sent home where there may not be any continuity of care for the youth. More

family support is needed to help the family when the youth is sent home, as well as alternatives for children who do not have a supportive adult in their lives.

*Law Enforcement Trainings:*

Subcommittee members reported on the importance of relationship building between law enforcement and youth in detention and in the community.

Commissioner Pearson reported that Madison Police have existing engagement activities with the children that are in Dane County Juvenile Detention Center.

There is opportunity to research information on law enforcement trainings that have been identified to help relationships with justice-involved and at-risk youth.

*Collaborative Work Group:*

No comments were made regarding this topic.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

GJJC ERD Virtual 2022 Subcommittee Meetings:

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.

GJJC TBD Hybrid Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Moore and DOJ Staff person Komro encouraged members to invite youth from their programs to attend GJJC meetings.

**Public Comment**

Members received testimony from the public.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Moore thanked subcommittee members for their time and participation. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.