

# Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

## Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 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, Amandla Daniels, Doreen Goddard, Commissioner Sam Benedict, Commissioner Charles Greer, Kyle Peaden, Wendy Volz Daniels, Commissioner Tweed Shuman
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Commissioner Sean Wilson, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Melissa Graham, Aaron Schutz, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Brandon Gross
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Kiley Komro, Lara Kenny, Frank Sullivan, Derek Veitenheimer, Steve Wagner

#### 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 January 5, 2022, and March 2, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Minutes

Commissioner Moore requested a motion to approve the January 5 and March 2, 2022 ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg and seconded by Commissioner Charles Greer to approve the January 5 and March 2, 2022 ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No

#### Subcommittee Sharing and Updates

Public attendee Ann McCullough McKaig reported the [Raise the Age WI Coalition](#) will meet virtually on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Sharlen Moore reported she attended the groundbreaking on March 24, 2022, for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to mark the start of construction for the \$65.9 million expansion and renovation of the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (MJTC).

Located on the grounds of Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison, MJTC provides mental health treatment to the most troubled offenders in Wisconsin's youth justice system. Currently, the facility only serves boys. When this three-year construction project is completed, the facility's one-of-a-kind rehabilitative programming will be available to girls for the first time.

### **DOJ Staff Report**

Lara Kenny reported she is in the process of hiring another Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor Limited Term Employee candidate. The Juvenile Justice Compliance Manager position is still vacant.

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

Kiley Komro reviewed the spreadsheet with January, February, and March data. Subcommittee members requested more information regarding youth in the Serious Juvenile Offender (SJO) Program. Public attendee Danique Seymour from Milwaukee County Children, Youth and Family Services, offered to provide more information for Milwaukee County and the SJO Program.

Subcommittee members commented that more resources are needed for treatment and diversion programs; and for wraparound services for families with justice involved youth.

### **Wisconsin Title II Formula Grant Program Three – Year Plan R/ED Plan**

Komro used a power point to report on the Three-Year Plan timeline. 2021 was the first year in a three-year funding cycle. The GJJC worked closely with DOJ to develop a robust three-year plan and R/ED plan. The two plans were approved by the GJJC and submitted to OJJDP as part of the state's Title II application. The 2021 application has not yet been approved by OJJDP.

DOJ anticipates that OJJDP will publish the 2022 Title II solicitation by the end of April. In preparation for submitting the 2022 application, DOJ needs the GJJC and subcommittees' input and expertise to identify any necessary revisions to the three-year plan and will also require the ERD subcommittee to review the updated R/ED plan once the new data has been added.

Komro gave an overview of the past funding priorities and 2021 application.

DOJ recommends

- Maintain current funding program areas – subgrantees appreciate an option to continue funding for their programs; allows for data collection over years to see if a program has impact.
- Maintain focus on addressing arrest disparities through R/ED program area funding allocation.
- Identify evidence-based programs for R/ED.
- Maintain priority to incorporate R/ED measures into all subgrant opportunities.

Subcommittee members provided feedback and comments. The subcommittee did not provide final recommendations. Komro suggested an additional meeting to make suggestions of model programs to include in a grant announcement. Komro will schedule an additional meeting for subcommittee recommendations.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

GJJC ERD Virtual 2022 Subcommittee Meetings:

\*\*Additional May Meeting TBD

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.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjourn**

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