

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Subcommittee Chair: Commissioner Sharlen Moore

Subcommittee Members Present:	Amandla Daniels, Doreen Goddard, Kyle Peaden, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Melissa Graham, Brandon Gross, Wendy Volz Daniels, Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Aaron Schutz
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner Sharlen Moore
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Kiley Komro, Lara Kenny, Derek Veitenheimer

Convene

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

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg welcomed members to the meeting. Subcommittee Chair was not able to attend. Quorum was present.

Motion to Approve June 1, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Minutes

Commissioner Ginsburg requested a motion to approve June 1, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Edjron Pearson and seconded by Dorinthia Robinson to approve the June 1, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

Updates and Announcements

Kiley Komro reported she is currently reviewing applications for the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction, Community-based Programs and Services, and Indian Tribes Title II subgrant opportunities.

Lara Kenney reported recruitment for the Juvenile Justice and Compliance Program Supervisor position is continuing and interviews will be conducted soon.

Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools Population Data

Komro shared June, July, and August data with the subcommittee.

Wisconsin Title II Formula Grant Program Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Reduction Plan

Commissioner Ginsburg opened discussion regarding the R/ED Reduction.

Komro presented the background and context for bringing the action proposals to the table. It complements the Three-Year plan developed by the GJJC and included in the 2021 and 2022 Title II Formula Grant application.

The proposals are:

1. To improve data collection and fill data gaps
2. To collaborate with direct service providers to identify best practices for serving youth at a particular contact point and gaps in services, and use that information to develop grant opportunities to fill gaps
3. To educate stakeholders on the presence, causes, and solutions of racial and ethnic disparities at a specific contact point

Commissioners Edjron Pearson and Subcommittee member Kyle Peaden discussed proposals 1 and 3 stating that they are complementary. The proposals tap into the goal of understanding the trajectory of a youth through the system, to better identify disparities and service gaps. Peaden added filling in data gaps can inform the causes of disparities and then inform proposal 2 regarding service gaps.

Komro encouraged members to consider their professional capacity to do work to develop and implement these proposals and ensure an assessment of capacity informs project choice.

Commissioner Ginsburg reminded the subcommittee that the goal for the meeting is to pick one proposal to move forward with and noted that the point of contact would be selected and defined in the action planning stage and not during this proposal selection process.

Commissioner Pearson commented that proposal 3 is filling a gap not already worked on by the GJJC or DOJ staff and is more prevalent at this time. Commissioner Pearson commented that proposals 1 and 2 are already being worked on by the Wisconsin Department of Justice and the GJJC.

Subcommittee member Wendy Volz Daniels expressed concerns that the action steps listed in the proposals are vague and do not include measurable objectives and outcome targets to assess success.

Komro responded to this concern by explaining that objectives and specific action steps would be identified and assigned during the planning process, not during the proposal selection process.

Commissioner Tweed Shuman is concerned about points of contact post-arrest, especially at sentencing and confinement. Commissioner Shuman is interested in identifying and supporting alternatives to detention and incarceration, including opportunities to provide education about alternative programming and rehabilitative sanctions.

Overall, subcommittee members gravitated towards proposal 3: Educate partners on the presence, causes, and solutions of racial and ethnic disparities.

Commissioner Ginsburg requested a motion to choose a proposal.

Commissioner Edjron Pearson moved to develop and implement proposal 3.

Subcommittee member Amanda Daniels made a friendly amendment to

Commissioner Pearson's motion on the table to include action steps.

Amended motion was seconded by Subcommittee member Amanda Daniels to develop and implement proposal 3 with an addition to include action steps.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

Subcommittee members A. Daniels and Shuman requested that another ERD Subcommittee meeting be scheduled to discuss the proposal 3 action steps this year. Komro will confer with Director Lara Kenny and Subcommittee Chair Moore regarding scheduling and will send additional information via email.

Public Comment: there was public comment.

GJJC Virtual Meeting:

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

Adjourn

Commissioner Ginsburg thanked subcommittee members for their time and participation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Subcommittee member A. Daniels to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No