

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 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 Ragen Shapiro, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Charles Tubbs, Sr., Commissioner Diane Rondini, Commissioner Ron Hermes
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Marcus Williams, Commissioner – DCF Youth Leadership Team Member, Commissioner Revelle Warren, Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner – DCF Youth Leadership Team Member, Commissioner Melinda Tempelis
DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Kiley Komro, Steve Wagner, Lara Kenny, Matt Allord

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Chair Jennifer Ginsburg welcomed commissioners to the meeting.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Chair Ginsburg requested a motion to approve the August 9, 2022, GJJC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve August 9, 2022, GJJC Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Carl Ashley and seconded by Commissioner Sharlen Moore to approve the August 9, 2022, GJJC Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

Subcommittee Sharing

Policy, Legislation and Compliance (PLC) Subcommittee – Commissioner Carl Ashley reported that the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center presentation by Dr. Gregory Van Rybroek at the September PLC meeting was very informative and is looking forward to hearing more from Dr. Van Rybroek at today's GJJC meeting. Commissioner Ashley reported that the subcommittee would like to have more information about subgrants' results and would like stakeholders to help promote the available GJJC subgrants.

Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee – Commissioner Moore reported the ERD Subcommittee scheduled an additional meeting in October to continue discussion on what areas to focus on in the Title II application. Commissioner Moore reported she and Kiley Komro

attended the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Racial and Ethnic Disparities Annual Conference in November. Commissioner Moore spoke highly of the conference sessions and looks forward to sharing what she learned at the next ERD Subcommittee meeting.

Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Updates

Staff Update – Lara Kenny introduced Matt Allord, Juvenile Justice Supervisor, to the Commission. Allord previously worked at the Department of Corrections in probation and parole and at the Grow Academy, a residential program offering comprehensive treatment for County and State supervised youth as an alternative to incarceration as well as a step down for youth returning to the community. Allord will supervise the juvenile justice team and do juvenile justice compliance monitoring mostly in Dane, Rock, and other southwest counties.

The Commissioners welcomed Allord to the department and look forward to working with him.

Grants Update – Kiley Komro reported there were two subgrants awarded in Fall of 2022.

1. Pierce County Department of Human Services was awarded a community-based programs and services subgrant for \$50,000. Funds will be used by Pierce County Department of Human Services to expand the use of Family Centered Treatment for Pierce County youth and their families that are involved in the Youth Justice system. The goal is to keep families intact by improving family functioning and eliminating the need for an out-of-home placement.
2. Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa was awarded an Indian Tribes subgrant for \$28,597. Funds will be used by the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians to implement a youth mentoring program at the Boys and Girls Club of Gitchigami. The youth mentoring project will improve self-esteem, confidence, life skills and social skills of tribal youth mentees; enhance youth connection and commitment to school, family and community; and maintain the Ojibwe language, tradition, customs, community and tribal youth activities.

Komro reported the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction (FY2019) funding was not awarded and the grant announcement will be reposted in 2023. This program will provide funding to Wisconsin county agencies, tribal governments and agencies, any unit of local government, and nonprofit organizations to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their community's juvenile justice system at a specific contact point and develop and implement an innovative program or initiative to reduce the identified disparities in their community.

Komro responded to questions from the Commission regarding the grant awards.

State of Title II Federal Funding

Komro used a PowerPoint to present on the 2022 Title II Year End Summary. Komro highlighted the subgrants that were awarded with 2018, 2019 and 2020 funding and reviewed the balances

of FY18, FY19, FY20 and FY21 awards including the allocations for each purpose area. OJJDP has not yet determined the amount of the FY22 award.

Title II Subgrant presentation – Wisconsin Community Services

Sara Carpenter

Dr. Troy Washington

Sara Carpenter and Dr. Troy Washington used a PowerPoint to present on their program funded through a GJJC and DOJ Title II technical assistance grant. Wisconsin Community Services (WCS), through its Project Excel program, implemented the evidence-based Credible Messengers Mentoring Program. The technical assistance funding was used to train five Credible Messenger Mentors who have life experience in the justice system. After the presentation, Commissioners engaged the presenters in a brief discussion about the demographics of youth served by the program and the average length of stay in the program.

Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center –

Dr. Gregory Van Rybroek

Dr. Rybroek used a PowerPoint to present on the expansion of the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center update and treatment philosophy for the youth. The presentation was for 90 minutes and included time for questions and answers. Commissioners engaged Dr. Van Rybroek in a discussion regarding next steps for the facility once construction ends, treatment policies around LGBTQ and youth who experienced trauma or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and the expected population and referral process for the facility.

Public Comment

The Commission received public comment.

Announcements

Commissioner Ron Hermes reported the Department of Corrections will be facilitating multiple community input sessions to provide the public an opportunity to review plans, ask questions and submit comments regarding the location and construction of a Type 1 juvenile facility in Milwaukee. The sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022 and Saturday November 19, 2022. Commissioner Hermes shared the [public notice](#) with the Commission and encouraged anyone interested to attend.

Commissioner Hermes reported the next court ordered Monitor's Report for Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools could be filed shortly after Thanksgiving. Commissioner Hermes will send a copy to Komro so she can distribute to the Commission.

Komro reported that the 2023 GJJC meeting schedule is being prepared. Once a draft is prepared, DOJ staff will contact Commission and Subcommittee Chairs to confirm scheduling.

GJJC 2023 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates are to be determined.

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 Hermes and seconded by Commissioner Moore to adjourn.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No