

Governor’s Juvenile Justice Commission

Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Commissioner Sam Benedict and Commissioner Carl Ashley

Subcommittee	Commissioner Ben Gonring, Commissioner Ron Hermes,
Members Present:	Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Revelle Warren, Commissioner Melinda Tempelis, Kyle Peaden
Subcommittee	Colleen Foley, Kari McKenna, Commissioner Sam Benedict,
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Shelby McCulley, Greg Bucholtz
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Kiley Komro, Mary Pat Lieven, Frank Sullivan

Convene

The Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee convened at 12:00 p.m.

Chair’s Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioner Carl Ashley welcomed subcommittee members to the meeting. Sabrina Gentile reported quorum was not present but will let the chair know when quorum is established for voting purposes. The motion to approve the January 25, 2022, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes was postponed until quorum was achieved during Subcommittee Sharing. Commissioner Ashley began introductions and subcommittee sharing.

Commissioner Carl Ashley reported the Milwaukee County Race, Equity, and Procedural Justice Annual Conference will take place on April 8, 2022, and will be a hybrid event with a virtual option. Commissioner Ashley added the event is open to select stakeholders, including GJC and subcommittee members, because of the hybrid format.

The conference will include a viewing of “When Claude Got Shot” documentary film as well as other speakers and workshops.

Commissioner Ashley will provide registration information when it is available.

Commissioner Ben Gonring reported that the Wisconsin Supreme Court is expected to approve Rule 21-04, Regulating the Use of Restraints on Children in Juvenile Court. Commissioner Gonring expressed gratitude for the Commission leading the charge to support this change and

noted the GJC was the first group to respond in support of the petition. The formal final order has not yet been issued regarding this rule.

Commissioner Ron Hermes reported the population at Lincoln Hills School (LHS) is increasing and there is over a 40% shortage of staff which leads to increased challenges for care of the youth.

Quorum was achieved during Subcommittee Sharing.

Motion to Approve January 25, 2022, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Ashley requested a motion to approve the January 25, 2022, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ron Hermes and seconded by Commissioner Ben Goring to approve the January 25, 2022, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

No discussion.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No

DOJ Staff Updates

Kiley Komro reported there is an open grant announcement for School-Based Restorative Justice Programs. This funding opportunity will support schools in introducing restorative justice principles and practices to their school discipline policies and procedures or expanding their use within the school. Applications will be reviewed, and grants awarded to complete and eligible projects in the order submitted, until all funds are awarded. Once all funding is awarded, no more applications will be accepted, and the opportunity will close.

Type 1 Milwaukee County Juvenile Correctional Facility

Commissioner Ron Hermes, DOC Division of Juvenile Corrections Administrator

Commissioner Hermes reported the legislature approved Senate Bill 520, relating to a new juvenile correctional facility in Milwaukee County with almost \$42 million in general fund supporting borrowing. The legislature has not yet sent the bill to the Governor for his signature. Commissioner Hermes anticipates the Governor will sign the bill but has not spoken to the Governor. Commissioner Hermes reported a tentative timeline of four to five years for location selection, facility design, and facility construction before the facility will be used.

Commissioner Hermes answered questions regarding the population capacity of the proposed facility and offered additional context regarding Lincoln Hills School (LHS) and Copper Lake School (CLS) population and operations.

GJJC Three – Year Plan Updates

Komro used a power point to review the GJJC Title II Three-Year Plan. The members discussed the program areas that do not have or have very few model programs.

Commissioner Hermes asked DOJ Staff to reach out to GJJC Tribal member and other tribal members for more input on the Indian Tribe Programs funding opportunities.

Subcommittee members reiterated interest in maintaining continuity of program areas and directing funding to prevention and diversion.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Hermes reported that DOJ Juvenile Corrections have been contacted by the “When Claude Got Shot” production team to show the film at LHS. Commissioner Hermes said he and his staff will be watching the documentary to see if it is appropriate for the youth at LHS.

Upcoming Meeting

April 26, 2022, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

June 28, 2022, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

September 27, 2022, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

All meeting materials are located on the GJJC website at: <https://gjjc.widoj.gov/>

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.