

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

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

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Commissioner Sam Benedict and Commissioner Carl Ashley

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

Convene

The Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee convened at 12:03 p.m.

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioner Carl Ashley welcomed subcommittee members to the meeting. Commissioner Ashley began introductions and subcommittee sharing. Quorum was present.

Commissioner Carl Ashley reported the Milwaukee County Race, Equity, and Procedural Justice Annual Conference that took place on April 8, 2022, was a success. They are beginning planning for next year's conference.

Commissioner Ron Hermes reported that the population at Lincoln Hills School (LHS) continues to grow quickly. The male population at LHS will soon double since January 1, 2022. Commissioners Ben Gonring and Sharlen Moore engaged Commissioner Hermes in discussion regarding LHS placement hearings and staff capacity at the facilities.

Subcommittee Member Greg Bucholtz reported that Department of Corrections (DOC) Administrative Rule 346 for secure detention will be updated. Governor Evers signed a statement of scope to update the out-of-date rule.

Bucholtz announced the DOC Juvenile Superintendents Conference will be held for the first time in three years May 12-13, 2022, in Sturgeon Bay. The primary focus of the conference will be serving trans youth.

Commissioner Sharlen Moore announced the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual Conference is next month.

Commissioner Ashley requested a motion to approve the March 22, 2022, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve March 22, 2022, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Ron Hermes and seconded by Commissioner Ben Gonring to approve the March 22, 2022, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 8 Ayes, 0 No

DOJ Staff Updates

Kiley Komro reported that awards for the Title II Positive Youth Development Mentoring grant program have been made. There are four awards made to community organizations and local government agencies to create new or expand and enhance existing mentoring programs for at risk and justice involved youth.

Komro announced that the School-Based Restorative Justice grant program is open for applications until April 29, 2022, and encouraged eligible agencies to apply for funding. Additional details were available on the [Wisconsin DOJ grant website](#).

Lara Kenny announced that Paul Mergendahl was hired as an LTE Compliance Monitor to assist DOJ in performing necessary compliance visits.

GJJC Three-Year Plan Updates

Funding Priority Proposal

Komro presented Wisconsin DOJ's funding priority proposal based on feedback from the PLC and ERD subcommittees. The presentation included an overview of Title II funding available from fiscal years 2019-2021 awards and proposed budgets.

The subcommittee members discussed the impacts and implications of the proposed funding priorities for Title II FY2022 including: focusing funds where there is most need, using funding from previous years in a timely manner, and ensuring changes can be made in future fiscal years to pivot funding priorities.

Subcommittee members Ron Hermes, Sharlen Moore, and Kyle Peaden indicated that youth recidivism to correctional facilities and prevention in schools through early intervention are important priorities.

Subcommittee members Ben Gonring, Ron Hermes, and Shelby McCulley discussed the importance of alternatives to incarceration. They supported including the priority in the three-year plan, though preferred the inclusion of services and support for youth with their families in addition to alternative placement options.

Commissioner Ashley requested a motion to approve the DOJ Three-Year Plan Revision Proposal.

Motion to approve the DOJ Three – Year Plan Funding Priority Proposal

Motion was made by Commissioner Ron Hermes and seconded by Commissioner Ben Gonring to approve the DOJ Three – Year Plan Revision Proposal.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 8 Ayes, 0 No

Priorities, Goals, and Objectives Updates Proposal

Komro explained the relationship between the Title II Three-Year Plan and funding announcements developed for local organizations. The program area budget informs the budget DOJ provides for OJJDP with the Title II Formula Grant application. The budget program area selection determines which areas will have funding attached for the next year. DOJ staff reference the listing of model programs and funding priorities in Appendix A of the Three-Year Plan to develop grant announcements for locals. The version presented to the subcommittee was revised to ensure that the model programs were properly aligned with federal program areas.

Komro requested that the subcommittee provide additional model programs for the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction, Community-Based Programs and Services, and Indian Tribes program areas. Commissioner Shelby McCulley suggested the Family First [Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse](#) as a resource to identify model programs for specific program areas.

Commissioner McCulley and Subcommittee Member Greg Bucholtz expressed support for multi-year subgrant program periods.

Komro presented the priorities, goals, and objectives table in the 2021 Three-Year Plan. DOJ proposed to maintain priorities with minor revisions to reflect progress made on identified goals. Judge Ashley requested subcommittee members send DOJ any updates on progress for inclusion in the revised plan.

Lara Kenny noted that the Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee and Executive Subcommittee, and full Commission will have additional opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Three-Year Plan before the federal application is submitted.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upcoming Meetings

June 28, 2022, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

Meeting agendas are located on the GJC website at: <https://gjc.widj.gov/>

Commissioner Ashley requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Commissioner McCulley moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 8 Ayes, 0 No