

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Subcommittee Chair: Commissioner Sharlen Moore

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

Convene

The Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee convened at 10:00 a.m.

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioner Sharlen Moore welcomed members to the meeting. Quorum was present.

DOJ Updates

Kiley Komro reported there are two new grant opportunities open to county human services, tribal, juvenile court, law enforcement, and youth serving nonprofit agencies.

- **Implicit Bias and Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction: \$50,000.**
 - This program provides funding to Wisconsin county agencies, tribal governments and agencies, any unit of local government including law enforcement and juvenile court agencies, and nonprofit organizations to expand an existing or design and implement a new program or system improvement to address and limit the impact of implicit bias on the community juvenile justice system and reduce racial and ethnic disparities.
- **Youth Program Evaluation Study: \$55,463**
 - This program provides funding to Wisconsin county agencies, tribal governments and agencies, any unit of local government, and nonprofit organizations to conduct an evaluation study on an existing program serving youth at-risk of or currently involved in the juvenile justice. The evaluation study must analyze the program's impact on recidivism, whether there are different outcomes for

program objectives for participating youth of any race and ethnicity, and if so, what factors contributed to the disparate outcomes.

Komro reported there is one new grant opportunity for Indian Tribes.

- **Indian Tribes Grant Opportunity: \$50,000**
 - Funding is available for tribes to implement new or enhance existing programs that aim to address juvenile justice and delinquency prevention issues for Native American and Alaska Native youth. Programs should reflect the needs of the applicant community and could include mentoring programs, community-based alternatives to detention, mental health and substance abuse services, family-strengthening support and therapy, afterschool programs that provide educational, recreational, or employment activities, and others.

Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Shuman briefly discussed grant announcement distribution lists and confirmed that DOJ staff shared the tribal grant opportunity with Wisconsin's tribal governments.

Business

Commissioner Moore requested a motion to approve October 20, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve October 20, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Edjron Pearson and seconded by subcommittee member Melissa Graham to approve the October 20, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No

ERD Decisionmaker Racial and Ethnic Disparities Education Project Work Plan

Komro reviewed Proposal #3 that was approved by the subcommittee on September 7, 2022. Komro reviewed the suggested action steps that the subcommittee could choose on how to proceed.

The subcommittee asked questions and made comments about the plan. The subcommittee discussed the current level of understanding of disparities in the juvenile justice system and particular areas of focus. Subcommittee member Graham asserted that decision making agencies and individuals are aware of disparities at a high level, but there is need to have productive conversations about trusting disparity data at the local level. Commissioner Shuman identified awareness of disparities within his community, but noticed challenges with moving from awareness to action.

Ragen Shapiro (DCF), Aaron Schutz, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, and Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson converged on diversion as a promising point of contact on which to focus education efforts.

Motion to Approve GJJC Hosted Education Effort

Motion was made by ERD Subcommittee member Melissa Graham and seconded by Commissioner Charles Greer to focus education efforts on the importance of diversion and programming options.

There was some discussion including caution on the scope of the educational project based on professional capacity. Several audiences for the education project were raised including District Attorneys and Law Enforcement. A Lunch and Learn format was offered as well. No amendments to the motion were made.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No

Matt Allord summarized how the subcommittee plan could move forward.

Commissioner Moore invited subcommittee members to join her in a workgroup to develop the educational plan. Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Greer, subcommittee member Wendy Volz Daniels and subcommittee member Aaron Schutz expressed interest in the workgroup.

Wendy Volz Daniels reported she would contact Melissa Graham for more information regarding the diversion program in Milwaukee County that was ended because of lack of utilization.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Announcements

Commissioner Moore reported she attended the City of Milwaukee Common Council Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Subcommittee meeting on January 10, 2022. Commissioner Moore was pleased to report the subcommittee unanimously recommended to approve the change in zoning to allow the development of the DOC Juvenile Correctional Facility. The item will now be considered by the full Common Council.

GJJC Virtual Meeting

- Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

GJJC ERD Subcommittee Virtual Meetings:

- March 8, 2023, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

- April 12, 2023, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- May 10, 2023, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- June 14, 2023, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- September 13, 2023, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- October 11, 2023, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Commissioner Moore thanked subcommittee members for their time and participation and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Edjron Pearson and seconded by Subcommittee Member Amandla Davis to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No