

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 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 Emilie Amundson, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Charles Tubbs, Sr., Commissioner Diane Rondini, Commissioner Kevin Carr, Commissioner Melinda Tempelis
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Marcus Williams, Commissioner – DCF Youth Leadership Team Member, Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner – DCF Youth Leadership Team Member, Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Commissioner JP Rotatori
DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Kiley Komro, Steve Wagner, Lara Kenny, Matt Allord
Agency Partners and Agency Staff	Ron Hermes, DOC; Shelby McCulley, DCF; Kyle Peaden, DPI; Jamie McCarville, DHS; Kris Moelter, CANPB

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Chair Jennifer Ginsburg welcomed commissioners to the meeting. Kiley Komro announced the appointment of a new Commissioner, JP Rotatori.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Chair Ginsburg requested a motion to approve the November 15, 2022, GJJC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve November 15, 2022, GJJC Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Sharlen Moore and seconded by Commissioner Carl Ashley to approve the November 15, 2022, GJJC Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

Subcommittee Sharing

Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee – Commissioner Moore reported the ERD Subcommittee has been reviewing the R/ED Plan and is prioritizing efforts to collect and analyze data relating to the five contact points of the juvenile justice system (Arrest, Diversion, Pre-trial Detention, Secure Confinement, and Transfers to Adult Court). Commissioner Moore reported that the ERD Subcommittee is working to identify ways to increase the use of diversion for youth in the justice system.

Commission members shared support for the focus on prevention and supporting youth mental health resources.

Policy, Legislation and Compliance (PLC) Subcommittee – Commissioner Carl Ashley reported that the subcommittee reviewed previous GJC letters and statements that have been distributed regarding the state budget and juvenile justice system policies. The subcommittee will work to draft a GJC statement for the 2023 – 2025 Biennial State Budget.

Commissioner Diane Rondini reported the Raise the Age Coalition is monitoring a bill draft being shared among legislators to return all 17-year-olds to the juvenile justice system. Commissioner Rondini did not have information regarding a timeline of when the bill draft could be circulated for co-sponsorship in the legislature and if the legislation may be included in the Governor's biennial state budget.

Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Updates

Grants Update – Kiley Komro reviewed the Title II Formula subgrants that were awarded last year and reminded the commission that subgrants that have been awarded since 2019 are displayed on the *GJC Initiatives by County/Tribe* webpage. Komro then displayed the GJC Initiatives by County/Tribe webpage.

Komro reported the Youth Program Evaluation Study grant announcement has been extended to February 24, 2023. This program will fund a Wisconsin county agency, tribal government or agency, any unit of local government, or nonprofit organization to conduct an evaluation study on an existing program serving youth at-risk of or currently involved in the juvenile justice.

GJC Youth webpage – Komro displayed the new GJC Youth webpage on the GJC website. This page contains information on youth and young adults' membership on the GJC and how to apply to be a youth member on the commission.

GJC Youth Voice Commission – Komro reported the GJC Youth Voice Commission has been created for youth passionate about learning, raising their voice, and effecting change in the local, state, and national juvenile justice system. Additional information regarding the GJC Youth Commission is on the GJC Youth webpage.

JJDP A Compliance – Matt Allord reported the compliance monitors are near the end of site visits and will finalize reports in February and March. Allord reported that there have not been any major compliance irregularities and anticipates being in compliance with the core requirements. Allord shared that there is currently a vacancy on the Compliance team for an LTE part time Compliance Monitor.

JJDP A Compliance – Sabrina Gentile reported that she visited La Crosse County Juvenile Detention Center. The last physical audit visit of the detention center was in November of 2017. Gentile noted that the number of holds was 245 in 2017 and for the current reporting period the number of holds is 45.

Commission members discussed the changes in practices that encourage less detention and how the coronavirus pandemic played a role in system changes.

New Business

GJJC By-Laws Review and Proposed Changes

Chair Ginsburg reported the Executive Subcommittee is working with DOJ Staff to revise and update the GJJC By-Laws. The revisions and updates should be ready for the Commission to review at the May meeting.

Governor's Biennial Budget

Chair Ginsburg reported in previous years, the GJJC approved authority for the Policy, Legislation and Compliance Subcommittee to draft and approve a statement regarding the Governor's Biennial Budget. This was done to ensure any policy memo was drafted, approved, and distributed during the legislation's public hearing period.

Commissioner Melinda Tempelis reported the State Public Defender's Office (SPD), Wisconsin District Attorney's Association (WDAA), Association of State Prosecutors (ASP), Department of Justice (DOJ), and Director of State Court's Office (DSCO) have collaborated to present a package of budget proposals that makes an efficient and systemic investment in a core Constitutional function of the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Commissioner Tempelis encouraged the Commission and the Policy, Legislation Subcommittee to include the coalition's recommendations in the GJJC Biennial Budget statement.

Commission members were supportive of the criminal and juvenile justice system meeting its constitutional obligations to all citizens impacted by the justice system.

Motion for GJJC to Authorize the Policy, Legislation and Compliance Subcommittee to Develop a GJJC Biennial Budget Statement

Chair Ginsburg requested a motion authorize the Policy, Legislation and Compliance Subcommittee to develop and distribute a GJJC biennial budget statement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kevin Carr and seconded by Commissioner Carl Ashley to authorize the Policy, Legislation and Compliance Subcommittee to develop a GJJC Biennial Budget Statement to be submitted during the public comment period of the biennial budget.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

2021-2023 Title II Three-Year Plan

Komro reviewed the 2021 – 2023 Proposal Narrative that was submitted for the FY2022 Title II Grant Application. Komro reviewed the implementation and revision processes that include GJJC participation and tasks. The Title II Solicitation has not been released yet so WI DOJ does not know the FY23 Application submission due date.

Lara Kenny provided more information on the Title II Solicitation and the application process.

Chair Ginsburg reported that in previous years, the GJJC approved authority for the Executive Subcommittee to approve the Title II Application materials to accommodate the federal deadline if needed. The Commission and subcommittee members will review and provide comments and suggestions during the development of the application materials. The

Commission and subcommittee can attend the Executive Subcommittee meeting when they consider the Title II Application materials.

Motion to Allow the Executive Subcommittee to Approve the FY2023 Title II Application

Chair Ginsburg requested a motion to allow the Executive Subcommittee to review and approve the FY2023 Title II Application materials.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carl Ashley and seconded by Commissioner Ben Goring to authorize the Executive Subcommittee to review and approve the final FY2023 Title II Application materials if needed to accommodate the federal deadline.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

Announcements

Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools

Commissioner Ron Hermes reported the 16th Monitor visit was on February 9, 2023.

Commissioner Hermes thought the visit went well and will share the Monitor's Report when it is available.

Commissioner Hermes used a power point to provide demographic information in juvenile corrections the past three years.

Milwaukee County Race, Equity, and Procedural Justice Conference

Commissioner Carl Ashley reported the Milwaukee County Race, Equity, and Procedural Justice Annual Conference will be Friday, April 21, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The conference will be in-person at the Milwaukee Area Technical College. Jeff Robinson is the featured speaker. Robinson is the founder of "The Who We Are Project." The organization is an outgrowth of a talk that Robinson has been giving for the past 10 years on the history of anti-Black racism and white supremacy in the United States. This talk forms the basis of the feature-length documentary film, "Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America." The film will be shown at the conference.

Mentor Greater Milwaukee Community Meeting

Commissioner Sharlen Moore reported Mentor Greater Milwaukee will be hosting a community meeting focused on engaging the youth voice on February 25, 2023, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 6550 North 76th Street in Milwaukee. Community leaders, youth leaders, youth serving organizations, educators, mentors, mentees, young people, pastors, and community leaders are encouraged to attend. Commissioner Moore will send the flyer to DOJ staff for distribution to the Commission.

DCF Youth Justice Vacancies

Commissioner Shelby McCulley reported the Department of Children and Families is hiring two Youth Justice Policy Coordinators. The job announcements are on the state employment website for interested stakeholders. Commissioner McCulley reported Ragen

Shapiro has been named the DCF Legislative Policy Advisor and DCF is hiring to fill her previous position of Youth Section Manager.

Youth Mental Health Research

Chair Ginsburg shared information regarding new statistics indicating increased concern for girls' mental health, suicidality, and sexual assault risks.

Chair Resignation

Chair Ginsburg announced she is stepping down as chair of the GJC but will continue to be a member of the Commission. Lara Kenny thanked Chair Ginsburg for her service as chair the past four years.

Public Comment

The Commission received public comment.

GJC 2023 Meeting Dates

May 9, 2023

August 8, 2023

November 14, 2023

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 Ashley and seconded by Commissioner Moore to adjourn.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No