

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Subcommittee Chair: Commissioner Sharlen Moore

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

Convene

The Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee convened at 9:00 a.m.

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

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

Commissioner Moore requested a motion to approve September 7, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve September 7, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg and seconded by Commissioner Edjron Pearson to approve the September 7, 2022, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No

Wisconsin Title II Formula Grant Program Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Reduction Plan

Kiley Komro reported the subcommittee will hear a presentation from Department of Children and Families (DCF) on the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) and then consider action steps for the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction Plan.

YASI Summary

Shelby McCulley, DCF Bureau of Youth Services Director and Ragen Shapiro, DCF Youth Services Section Manager

McCulley and Shapiro used a power point to report on why DCF is implementing a statewide risk/need strength assessment instrument; where it is in the implementation process; and how it will help achieve better outcomes for Wisconsin youth. The presentation included information regarding how the YASI, if used with fidelity, mitigates bias, and may have positive impacts on racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. The presenters explained that next steps for implementation could include educating decision makers, such as judges and District Attorneys, on the YASI assessment and case management system.

Komro reviewed Proposal #3 that was approved by the subcommittee on September 7, 2022. The Subcommittee began discussion on possible actions steps to implement Proposal 3. The steps were not finalized, and more work needs to be distributed among the subcommittee at future meetings.

Public Comment

Commissioner Moore encouraged subcommittee members to learn more about “I am a Voter Scholarship Competition” and shared the link in the chat.

GJJC Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Adjourn

Motion was made by Subcommittee Doreen Goddard and seconded by Commissioner Tweed Shuman to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No