

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Commissioner Edjron Pearson and Commissioner Sharlen Moore

Subcommittee Members Present:	Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Kyle Peaden, Wendy Volz Daniels, Melissa Graham, Brandon Gross, Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner Edjron Pearson
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg, Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Commissioner JP Rotatori, Aaron Schutz
GJJC members that are not on the subcommittee:	Commissioner Charles Tubbs
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Kerry Fanning, Matt Allord, Mark Rather, Lara Kenny, Sabrina Gentile

Convene

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

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioner Sharlen Moore introduced Commissioner Edjron Pearson as new subcommittee Co-Chair. Both Co-Chairs welcomed members to the meeting and shared their vision for the Subcommittee. Quorum was present.

DOJ Updates

Kiley Komro reported DOJ Staff are reviewing deflection program applications. After DOJ completes the review, Komro will send the applications to the GJJC Grant Review Workgroup. Komro reported once the grants are awarded, the programs will start in the Fall.

Matt Allord reported DOJ Staff distributed the JJCPA Compliance Summary Report to the GJJC at the August meeting. Allord summarized the core requirements and how many violations were found from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. Subcommittee members asked questions about term definitions, the new 223(a)(11)(B) requirement, and process for responding to violations. Allord answered questions from the subcommittee and provided context regarding compliance policies, procedures, and technical assistance for the police departments and municipal lockups. DOJ Staff posted the summary on the [GJJC website](#).

Commissioner Pearson asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to Approve June 14, 2023, ERD Subcommittee Minutes

Motion was made by Subcommittee member Kyle Peaden and seconded by Commissioner Charles Greer to approve the June 14, 2023, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The subcommittee discussed the motion.

Subcommittee member Kyle Peaden notified staff of an error in the minutes about DPI staff participation. An amendment was offered by Subcommittee member Kyle Peaden to the motion to delete the DPI member language in the minutes. Commissioner Charles Greer seconded the amendment to the motion.

Motion approved as amended.

The vote was: 8 Ayes, 0 No

Wisconsin Disparity Data Factsheet

Komro presented the *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Wisconsin's Juvenile Justice System* factsheet draft to the subcommittee. Komro summarized the data on the document and asked the subcommittee for distribution suggestions.

Subcommittee members suggested the Milwaukee Community Justice Council, schools, county human services directors, county executives and county boards, Wisconsin Association of School Boards, DPI, school social workers, Milwaukee County Race, Equity, and Procedural Justice Annual Conference and school resource officers' trainers.

Subcommittee members requested DOJ Staff create a talking points companion document for presenters to ensure a consistent message when presenting. Subcommittee members Volz Daniels, Graham, Greer, and Peaden volunteered to help Komro create the companion document.

Deflection and Diversion Factsheet

Komro described that diversion data was excluded from the Racial and Ethnic Disparities factsheet due to space constraints and interpretability concerns. To meet the Subcommittee's priority of educating decision-makers and stakeholders regarding the value of diversion and deflection, Komro proposed developing a second factsheet focusing on diversion. Subcommittee members were in favor of this effort and provided feedback regarding elements to include in the new document.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

GJJC ERD Subcommittee Virtual Meetings:

- October 11, 2023, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

GJJC In-Person Meeting

- Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Pearson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Subcommittee member Brandon Gross and seconded by Subcommittee member Melissa Graham to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 8 Ayes, 0 No