

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 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, Wendy Volz Daniels, Melissa Graham, Brandon Gross, Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg, Commissioner JP Rotatori
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Aaron Schutz, Kyle Peaden
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Kerry Fanning, Matt Allord, 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 welcomed members to the meeting. Quorum was present.

Commissioner Moore asked for a motion to approve the minutes for two subcommittee meetings.

Motion to Approve May 10, 2023, ERD Subcommittee Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Edjron Pearson and seconded by Subcommittee member Brandon Gross to approve the May 10, 2023, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

Motion to Approve September 13, 2023, ERD Subcommittee Minutes

Motion was made by Subcommittee member Brandon Gross and seconded by Commissioner Charles Greer to approve the September 13, 2023, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

DOJ Updates

Grants

Kiley Komro reported that the GJC grants workgroup has recommended approval of two Juvenile Deflection and Diversion grant awards. The awards are being reviewed by the DOJ front office and once that approval is done, Komro will notify the award recipients. Komro said the next grant announcement will most likely be posted in November and will be noncompetitive for a specific program.

Compliance

Allord reported the DOJ staff has started the compliance monitoring tasks. The JJDP Annual Survey was sent to about 600 law enforcement agencies and compliance monitors are scheduling site visits. Allord gave a brief review of compliance practices and answered questions from subcommittee members.

Business

Wisconsin Disparity Data Factsheet

Komro reported the *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Wisconsin's Juvenile Justice System* factsheet was updated and highlighted the new information and layout. Subcommittee members asked if Komro is aware of other states' diversion programs that reduce disparities and if so, suggested those programs be added to the fact sheet. Komro will research other states for those programs and reported the factsheet will be finalized at a future meeting in 2024.

Three-Year Planning: Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Priority, Goals, and Objectives

Komro used a power point to summarize the 2023 Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Plan and information from the juvenile justice stakeholder survey that was completed in September. Komro used survey information to create the goals and objectives that were considered by the subcommittee for the 2024 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Plan.

Subcommittee members suggested local groups that would benefit from learning about R/ED Plan and data, and best practices in 2024. Some subcommittee members volunteered to partner with DOJ on delivering these presentations. DOJ staff will start a draft R/ED in Wisconsin presentation. Chair Pearson asked DOJ Staff if the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) makes racial and ethnic disparities presentations at states' conferences. DOJ said that OJJDP offers many webinars to juvenile justice stakeholders so they can be presenters at their own state's conferences. DOJ Staff will ask OJJDP if they are interested in presenting at state's conferences.

Chair Pearson requested that the Subcommittee incorporates Youth Voice Commission members and their feedback into Subcommittee activities. Komro highlighted GJC Youth Members on the Subcommittee and the feedback from YVC meetings shared in the presentation.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

GJJC ERD Subcommittee Virtual Meetings:

- 2024 Schedule to be determined.

GJJC In-Person Meeting

- Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Pearson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg and seconded by Subcommittee member Wendy Volz Daniels to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.