

# Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

## Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 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, Wendy Volz Daniels, Brandon Gross, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Commissioner JP Rotatori, Aaron Schutz, Kyle Peaden, Commissioner Kenna Tripple, Commissioner Charles Tubbs, Jr.
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Melissa Graham, Commissioner Charles Greer
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Kerry Fanning, Sabrina Gentile, Lara Kenny

#### **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**

##### **Grants**

Kiley Komro Kiley reported three Juvenile Deflection and Diversion grants have been awarded.

Komro reported there are three grant announcements posted on the GJJC website and the DOJ Grants website.

1. Family-Based Youth Incarceration Prevention and Reentry Services – This grant program will support tribal, county, and local (including school districts, and law enforcement) government agencies, and youth serving nonprofits in implementing a new or expanding existing programs. Programs must aim to serve youth and families to divert youth from out of home placement (including secure detention and incarceration) or support youth with reentry and reintegration into their families and communities. The aim of this grant is to increase the number of youth successfully served at home with their family, decrease the number placed in out of home care including secure detention or secure correctional facilities, and increase the number who successfully transition from secure or non-secure out of home care back to their families. A total of \$125,000 is available through this initiative to support one or more awards of up to \$125,000.

2. Local Delinquency Prevention Program – Funding is available for Tribal, county, and local government agencies, and youth serving nonprofits to implement new or enhance existing programs that aim to meet the needs of at-risk youth through the collaboration of the many local systems before which a youth may appear, including schools, courts, law enforcement agencies, child protection agencies, mental health agencies, welfare services, healthcare agencies, and private nonprofit agencies offering youth services. Programs should reflect the needs of the applicant community and could include mentoring programs, mental health and substance abuse services, family-strengthening support and therapy, afterschool programs that provide cultural, educational, recreational, or employment activities, and others. A total of \$58,070 is available through this program to support one award up to \$58,070.
3. Compliance System Improvements – Funding is available to help local police departments maintain compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDA). Funding will support facility improvements that better ensure compliance with the JJDA when juveniles, status offenders, and non-offending minors are present. A total of \$5019 is available through this program.

The application deadline for all three grants is February 2, 2024.

### **Compliance**

Sabrina Gentile reported that Matt Allord and Jeff Sauer continue compliance audits of secure agencies. Gentile reported Chair Sharlen Moore joined Allord and Sauer on a juvenile detention center audit and a secure law enforcement agency audit. Gentile invited Chair Moore to share her audit experiences with the subcommittee.

Gentile reported Allord distributed an updated Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Core Requirement Update - 223(a)(11)(B), Removing Juveniles Charged as Adults memo to sheriffs, jail administrators, judges, district attorneys, public defenders and other juvenile justice stakeholders. The memo was also sent to the GJJC and is posted on the GJJC website.

Commissioner Edjron Pearson extended an invitation to the subcommittee to visit the Dane County Juvenile Detention Center. Commissioner Pearson is the Superintendent.

### **Business**

Commissioner Pearson asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the October 11, 2023, meeting.

#### **Motion to Approve October 11, 2023, ERD Subcommittee Minutes**

Motion was made by Subcommittee member Brandon Gross and seconded by Subcommittee member Kyle Peaden to approve the October 11, 2023, ERD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 9 Ayes, 0 No

### **R/ED Disparity Data Factsheet: Resource List and Talking Points**

Komro reported the R/ED Disparity Data Factsheet has been revised to include a resources section including links to research, example resources, and grant opportunities related to disparities reduction. Subcommittee members requested a PowerPoint covering the information in the factsheet that can be used to present the information to stakeholder groups and decision-makers by Subcommittee members.

### **Juvenile Deflection and Diversion Factsheet**

Komro presented a data chart illustrating disparities in the use of deflection and diversion for youth. Subcommittee members provided specific requests for sections and information to be included in the factsheet including best practices.

### **ERD Meeting Duration**

Commissioner Pearson reported the current subcommittee meetings are scheduled for two hours. Commissioner Pearson and Commissioner Moore understand that everyone is busy and asked the subcommittee how they feel about shortening the meetings to 90 minutes. The subcommittee is supportive of shortening the meeting time if a shorter agenda is planned to accommodate subcommittee workloads.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Announcements**

Kiley Komro reported that an invitation to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual Conference at the end of May has been emailed to Commissioners. Komro requested Commissioners contact her directly if they are interested in attending the conference.

### **GJJC ERD Subcommittee Virtual Meetings:**

- March 20, 2024
- April 17, 2024
- September 18, 2024
- October 16, 2024

### **GJJC In-Person Meeting**

- February 13, 2024: Virtual
- May 14, 2024: Location TBD
- August 13, 2024: Location TBD
- November 12, 2024: Location TBD

Commissioner Pearson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Commissioner JP Rotatori and seconded by Commissioner Kenna Tripple to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 8 Ayes, 0 No

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.