

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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

Subcommittee Members Present:	Wendy Volz Daniels, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Kim Jenkins, Commissioner Charles Greer, Muskadee Montano
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Brandon Gross, Aaron Schutz, Melissa Graham, Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Charles Tubbs, Commissioner Mariama Ceesay
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Kerrie Fanning, Lara Kenny, Matt Allord, Sabrina Gentile, Jessica Reindl
Other Agency Staff:	Evelyn Coker (DCF)

Convene

The Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee convened at 10:02 a.m.

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioner Edjron Pearson welcomed members to the meeting. Quorum was not present.

The ERD April 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes approval will be added to the October 16, 2024, agenda.

DOJ Updates

Grants - Kiley Komro reported Your Move MKE was awarded the Implicit Bias and Disparity Reduction Grant. The grant award review process has started for the Indian Tribes Passthrough grant and the Positive Youth Development Program grant.

Komro reported the next round of grant announcements will be in 2025.

Compliance – Matt Allord reported DOJ Staff is planning for the compliance audits and will send out the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act Annual Survey in October 2024. The compliance time period is October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024.

Staff – Matt Allord introduced Jessica Reindl as the new Juvenile Justice Coordinator. Reindl will be a compliance monitor, do compliance audits and will be the Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Coordinator. Reindl added information regarding her previous employment and experience in the criminal justice system.

Business

The Sentencing Project: Diversion and Best Practices – Dick Mendel

Mendel used a PowerPoint to discuss the benefits of diversion programs and why more programs will improve the juvenile justice system. Mendel described factors influencing disparities at the point of diversion. Subcommittee members were able to ask questions for more information.

Disparities Factsheet Distribution

Komro reported the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Factsheet and a PowerPoint is available for Subcommittee members to use for outreach and presentations at meetings and conferences. These documents can be used with the *RED Factsheet – WI Diversion* and the *RED Factsheet – WI Petition* documents that were emailed with meeting documents.

Commissioner Pearson reported he is planning to present the R/ED Factsheet to Judge Mitchell's law school class at the UW – Madison Law School.

Subcommittee member Wendy Voz Daniels suggested presenting to the Milwaukee Community Justice Council and to contact Commissioner Carl Ashley who is also the Chief Judge in Milwaukee County to see if a presentation could be made at the Milwaukee County Race, Equity, and Procedural Justice Annual Conference in Spring 2025.

Subcommittee member Kim Jenkins reported she has shared the R/ED Factsheet internally at the Department of Public Instruction.

DOJ Bureau of Justice and Information Analysis Staff Kerrie Fanning suggested sharing the R/ED Factsheet with UW Extension because they have programming focused on families and youth involved in the justice system.

Wendy Volz Daniels suggested sharing with the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin County Human Services Association.

Commissioner Muskadee Montano reported she will share with her local partners including local schools, tribal partners, and medical centers.

October ERD Meeting Agenda Items

DOJ staff explained that there is an opportunity to invite a technical assistance provider to the October meeting to support the R/ED education initiatives. The subcommittee was supportive, and DOJ staff will invite the presenter for the October meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Announcements

Commissioner Pearson announced Juvenile Court Administrator John Bauman is retiring from Dane County. There will be an open house for John on Tuesday, September 24 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM at the Juvenile Detention Center and encouraged all to stop by and wish John well. Commissioner Pearson has been named Acting Administrator.

Matt Allord reported Ron Hermes started a new job at Department of Children and Families. Lance Horozewski has been named the Administrator of Juvenile Corrections. Horozewski was the previous Assistant Administrator.

Carlton Frost has taken on the role of Youth Justice Section Manager for the Department of Children and Families. He will continue to support our work with racial and ethnic disparities data and compliance work.

GJJC ERD Subcommittee Virtual Meetings:

- October 16, 2024

GJJC Quarterly Meeting

- November 12, 2024: Virtual

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.