

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Madison, WI

Chairperson: Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg

Commission	In-Person: Commissioner Jennifer Ginsburg, Commissioner Ben
Members Present:	Gonring, Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Shelby McCulley, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Ron Hermes Virtual: Commissioner Sam Benedict, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Commissioner Melinda Tempelis, Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Damien Wilson – DCF Youth Leadership Team Member, Commissioner Charles Tubbs, Sr.
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Marcus Williams, Commissioner – DCF Youth Leadership Team Member, Commissioner Reville Warren
DOJ Staff:	Katie Hawkins, Sabrina Gentile, Lara Kenny, Kiley Komro

Chair's Update and Commissioner Updates

Chair Jennifer Ginsburg welcomed commissioners to the meeting. Quorum was present. Chair Ginsburg asked Commissioners to introduce themselves and provide any updates they may have.

Commissioner Carl Ashley reported the Milwaukee County Race, Equity, and Procedural Justice Annual Conference took place on April 8, 2022. Meeting organizers received positive feedback and will plan for an event next year.

Commissioner Ashley also acknowledged Commissioner Sam Benedict is resigning from the GJJC and thanked Commissioner Benedict for his invaluable service.

Commissioner Sam Benedict announced his official resignation effective September 1, 2022.

Commissioner Shelby McCulley reported the Department of Children and Families will be posting the 2022-2023 Innovation Grant applications soon. Youth Innovation grants funding comes from underspending in the Youth Aids Program.

Commissioner McCulley reported the department continues to implement the Youth Assessment Screening and Instrument (YASI). Booster training and data collection for Phase 4 counties will continue into 2022.

Commissioner McCulley announced that DCF issued a policy brief regarding [working with LGBTQ+ youth and families in the child welfare](#) system. The brief was published in response to a new information memo from the US Department of Health and Human Services on the topic.

Commissioner Ron Hermes reported four staff at Lincoln Hills School (LHS) tested positive for COVID-19. No youth have tested positive at this time. LHS is still understaffed and recently did not have enough staff to supervise youth leaving their rooms on a Saturday morning. The current population at LHS is 56 boys and population at Copper Lake School (CLS) is 13 girls.

The Monitor visited on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Commissioner Hermes will share the report for the May 5 visit. Juvenile Corrections continues to implement the Utah Model – Behavior Management System. The model is based on identifying pro-social behaviors and responding to positive behaviors rather than negative ones.

Commissioner Hermes responded to a question that the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (MJTC) population is not included in population numbers of LHS and CLS. MJTC is usually at or near capacity with 29 youth.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Chair Ginsburg requested a motion to approve the February 8, 2022, GJC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve February 8, 2022, GJC Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Shelby McCulley and seconded by Commissioner Sharlen Moore to approve the February 8, 2022, GJC Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 14 Ayes, 0 No

Subcommittee Sharing

Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee – Commissioner Moore reported the Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee is working on the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Reduction Plan for the Title II Formula Application. Discussion centered on identifying funding priorities. The next subcommittee meeting is May 17, 2022. The meeting will cover the 2021 data analysis and provide an opportunity for the subcommittee to provide feedback regarding the strategic action plan to reduce disparities in the next year.

Policy, Legislation and Compliance Subcommittee – Commissioner Carl Ashley thanked Commissioner Benedict for his leadership as Co-chair of the subcommittee and mentioned the most recent accomplishment of the Wisconsin Supreme Court order regulating the use of restraints in juvenile court.

Commissioner Benedict reported the Wisconsin Supreme Court has published the decision to end indiscriminate shackling and regulate the use of restraints on youth in juvenile court. Commissioner Benedict and Chair Ginsburg testified at the hearing. The decision included language from the GJC testimony regarding the GJC membership which includes law enforcement and corrections professionals, and that the GJC unanimously supported the petition. The full decision can be read on the [Wisconsin Supreme Court website for Rule Petition 21-04](#).

Commissioner Goring reported the counties are now responsible for implementing the shackling order in the court system. The rule is effective July 1, 2022.

Commissioner Ashley reported at the last PLC meeting, the subcommittee reviewed the Three – Year Plan priorities and approved recommendations to be considered by the full Commission. The subcommittee provided feedback regarding funding priorities, model programs, and goals and objectives for the next year.

Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Updates

Kiley Komro reported there are several vacancies on the GJC. Commissioner Sean Wilson has resigned effective immediately; Commissioner Benedict’s resignation is effective September 1, 2022; and Monika Audette resigned last year. The GJC is recruiting for three non-government positions, with roles specifically for people—youth or parents or guardians of youth—with experience in the juvenile justice system and youth. Commissioner Wilson recommended an individual to fill his position and Komro will invite them to apply. Diane Rondini-Harness has been appointed to the GJC and fills many similar roles as Commissioner Benedict. Youth may join the commission either through applying for appointment by the Governor or by joining the DCF Youth Leadership Teams (YLT). Komro will assist youth applying for appointment upon request.

Lara Kenny reported she hired Jeff Sauer as a Limited Term Employee (LTE) Compliance Monitor to help with the juvenile justice compliance monitoring facility audits. Sauer was the Ozaukee County Jail Administrator and retired at the end of 2021. Sauer started at DOJ on April 25, 2022.

Kenny reported that she plans to post the Juvenile Justice Compliance Manager position recruitment in the next two months.

OJJDP FY22 Title II Formula Grant Application Approval Process

DOJ Staff reported as in the past, the GJC Quarterly meetings are not timely to approve the Title II Formula Grant Application for submission to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). DOJ Staff recommends the Commission approve a motion to allow for the GJC Executive Subcommittee to schedule an additional meeting to approve the application. DOJ Staff will share all application documents with the full Commission to allow for

feedback from all members. DOJ Staff will invite the full Commission to the Executive Subcommittee Meeting to observe the application approval.

Chair Ginsburg asked for a motion regarding the application approval.

Motion to allow the GJJC Executive Subcommittee to approve the Title II Formula Grant Application

Motion was made by Commissioner Charles Greer and seconded by Commissioner Ben Gonring to allow the GJJC Executive Subcommittee to approve the Title II Formula Grant Application.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 14 Ayes, 0 No

Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award

Sabrina Gentile reported the Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award documents were distributed to the GJJC, Juvenile Justice Stakeholders, Juvenile Detention Superintendents and posted on the GJJC Website. Gentile reported the award presentation will take place at the next quarterly meeting on August 9, 2022. The meeting will be virtual.

The GJJC meetings are not timely to review applications and approve a recipient for the award by the August 9 meeting. DOJ Staff recommends the Commission approve a motion to allow for the GJJC Executive Subcommittee to schedule an additional meeting to review the applications and approve the Tony Maggiore Award recipient. DOJ Staff will share all application documents with the full Commission and invite the full Commission to the Executive Subcommittee Meeting to approve the award recipient.

Motion to allow the GJJC Executive Subcommittee to select the Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award winner.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sharlen Moore and seconded by Commissioner Shelby McCulley to allow the GJJC Executive Subcommittee to select the Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award winner.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 14 Ayes, 0 No

Youth Justice Wisconsin Presentation – COVID-19 and Youth Justice in Wisconsin: What Are We Learning?

Ann McCullough and Erica Nelson used a power point to provide an update on the COVID 19 Impact on Deinstitutionalization report. The GJJC approved the Title II Grant award funding for the two reports. Commissioners engaged the presenters in a question/answer discussion regarding the information presented.

Public Comment

There was public comment regarding in-person acoustics.

GJJC 2022 Meeting Dates

- August 9, 2022 (2nd Tuesday of the month)
- Nov 15, 2022 (3rd Tuesday of the month due to November 9th General Election)

Adjourn and Wrap Up

Chair Ginsburg thanked members for their time.

Chair Ginsburg requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Hermes and seconded by Commissioner Benedict to adjourn.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 14 Ayes, 0 No