

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

In-person

Risser Justice Center, Room 437

Madison, WI

Chairperson: Commissioner Sharlen Moore

Commission Members:	Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Edjon Pearson, Commissioner Ron Hermes, Commissioner JP Rotatori, Commissioner Ben Gonring, Commissioner Andrew Miller, Commissioner Shelby McCulley, Commissioner Diane Rondini, Commissioner Dana Brown, Commissioner Lesley Chapin, Commissioner Abigail Gosetti, Commissioner Kenna Tripple
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Charles Tubbs, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Commissioner Charles Greer
DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Kiley Komro, Lara Kenny, Matt Allord
Agency Partners and Agency Staff:	Carlton Frost-DCF

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Chair Sharlen Moore welcomed commissioners to the meeting.

Chair Moore requested a motion to approve the August 8, 2023, GJJC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to Approve August 8, 2023, GJJC Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Ben Gonring and seconded by Commissioner Edjon Pearson to approve the August 8, 2023, GJJC Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 13 Ayes, 0 No

State Advisory Group 101 Training

Kiley Komro and Matt Allord used a PowerPoint presentation to inform the Commission on the history of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency and Prevention Act (JJDP Act); the role of the Designated State Agency and State Advisory Group; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice's juvenile justice compliance monitoring policies and procedures. Komro and Allord answered questions from the Commission.

Komro used a PowerPoint presentation to lead a training and discussion on Robert's Rules of Order, meeting etiquette and community agreements. Commission members participated in the training and shared ideas for more engaged and effective meetings.

Three-Year Strategic Planning

Data Presentation

Komro used a PowerPoint presentation to inform the Commission on the juvenile justice stakeholder survey results; youth risk behavior data; and arrest data. Carlton Frost, Department of Children and Families, provided information regarding the youth justice referral data and answered questions from the Commission.

The presentation highlighted stakeholder reported needs for more service providers, especially mental health professionals. Commissioner Chapin and others discussed the lack of service providers and interventions for youth including licensing delays for prospective providers working with Wisconsin Division of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), with some improvement recently.

LUNCH BREAK 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Three-Year Strategic Planning continued

Subcommittee Sharing

Youth Voice Commission (YVC) – Commissioner Abigail Gosetti, Commissioner JP Rotatori and Commissioner Kenna Tripple reported on YVC activities. The youth Commissioners shared YVC's vision for the YVC including how it can educate young people about the justice system and life skills. The Commissioners described the goals and funding priorities set by YVC members and discussed current projects.

Policy, Legislation and Compliance (PLC) Subcommittee – Commissioner Diane Rondini, reported the GJJC re-affirmed statement to return 17-year-olds to the juvenile justice system was distributed to the legislature and the Governor. The *Raise the Age Coalition* has shared a bill draft and hopes the bill draft is circulated in the legislature for co-sponsorship soon.

The subcommittee has a goal of addressing per-minute fees for phone use by youth in some of the juvenile detention centers across the state. The Commission discussed strategies moving forward and Commissioners Hermes and Pearson gave their input as staff overseeing detention or correctional facilities. DOJ will work with the subcommittee and Commissioner Pearson on potential paths forward to better understanding the costs and strategies to eliminate phone call fees in juvenile detention centers.

The Commission drafted and shared a letter with the legislature supporting AB 48 and SB 55 relating to prosecuting or adjudicating delinquent a person under the age of 18 for committing

an act of prostitution. After a public hearing in June of this year there has been no further legislative movement of note.

Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee – Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Edjron Pearson reported the ERD Subcommittee is developing a *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Wisconsin Fact Sheet*. Commissioner Moore hopes the subcommittee will have a final document early in the new year.

Priorities, Goals and Objectives

The Commission split into two groups to create a list of priorities for the three-year plan and Title II Formula Grant. After much discussion, the two groups prioritized mental health services and delinquency prevention services with a strong preference for family-based and early intervention programs. The Commissioners placed additional emphasis on streamlining the grant process to ensure smaller subgrantees have ample opportunity to apply, and applicants are encouraged to incorporate local level data, planning and racial and ethnic disparity reduction into their applications.

The priorities discussed during the meeting will be incorporated into the 2024-2026 Three-year Plan and Title II Formula Grant application.

Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Updates

Commissioner Ron Hermes reported Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools are in substantial compliance with 36 of the 50 recommendations in the consent decree according to the last Monitor's Report. Hermes reported the staff vacancy rate is at 10%. Last year at this time the vacancy rate was at 47%. The population on November 14 was 45 boys and 6 girls, although 6 more boys were arriving today.

Commissioner Hermes invited the Commissioners on the YVC to Lincoln Hills School for a tour and potentially meet with some of the youth.

Announcements

The Commission did not have any announcements.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2024 GJJC Quarterly Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024
- Tuesday, August 13, 2024

- Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Adjourn and Wrap Up

Chair Moore asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Hermes and seconded by Commissioner Tripple to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 13 Ayes, 0 No

Chair Moore thanked members for their time.