

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual

Chairperson: Commissioner Sharlen Moore

Commission Members:	Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Commissioner JP Rotatori, Commissioner Kevin Carr, Commissioner Shelby McCulley, Commissioner Diane Rondini, Commissioner Dana Brown, Commissioner Lesley Chapin, Commissioner Abigail Gosetti, Commissioner Kenna Tripple, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner Meaghan Henry, Commissioner Aidan Raney
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Charles Tubbs, Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Commissioner Ben Gonring, Commissioner Andrew Miller
DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Kiley Komro, Lara Kenny, Matt Allord, Steve Wagner, Leslie Tlahuel
Agency Partners and Agency Staff:	Commissioner Ron Hermes, Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel (DHS), Beth Rudy (DHS), Jamie McCarville (DHS), Greg Bucholz (DOC), Kris Moelter (CANPB)

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Chair Sharlen Moore welcomed commissioners to the meeting. Quorum was present.

Chair Moore requested a motion to approve the November 14, 2023, GJJC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to Approve November 14, 2023, GJJC Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Carl Ashely and seconded by Commissioner Dana Brown to approve the November 14, 2023, GJJC Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 15 Ayes, 0 No

Subcommittee Sharing

Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee – Commissioner Edjron Pearson reported the ERD Subcommittee has been working on the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Fact Sheet. DOJ Staff is developing presentation materials to be used with the R/ED Fact Sheet.

Chair Moore commented the report continues to show the large racial disparities in the juvenile justice system.

Policy, Legislation and Compliance (PLC) Subcommittee – Commissioner Carl Ashley reported the PLC Subcommittee voted to recommend approval by the GJJC the GJJC statement in support of companion bills, Senate Bill 801 and Assembly Bill 845, relating to sentencing for crimes committed by a person who is under the age of 18. The proposed legislation takes up policies the GJJC recommended to incorporate into the 2020 Legislative Interim Research Report on Criminal Sentencing of Juvenile Offenders and in a letter supporting SB862 and AB856 in 2022. Approval of the GJJC statement in support of SB801/AB845 is scheduled later during today's meeting.

The PLC Subcommittee discussed companion bills, SB 836 and AB 896, relating to imposing conditions on a juvenile between a plea hearing and a fact-finding hearing or disposition hearing. Commissioner Shelby McCulley reported the Department of Children and Families (DCF) submitted testimony for information only at the hearing for the companion bills. DCF is concerned that additional, untargeted court conditions could increase youth justice system involvement and the potential for reoffending.

Subcommittee members shared many views of the legislation and decided to not take a position.

Commissioner Diane Rondini asked DOJ Staff about other legislation that was being monitored by the GJJC. DOJ Staff reported the legislation to return 17 year olds to the juvenile justice system has not been introduced; and, the Speaker's Task Force on Human Trafficking bills are moving through the legislative process, and many are scheduled for floor action this week.

Matt Allord reported DOJ Staff is still working with DOC regarding the phone call fees charged at juvenile detention centers.

Youth Voice Commission (YVC) – Kiley Komro reported at the last YVC meeting a presentation was made on government and policy advocacy. Komro reported Commissioner JP Rotatori is researching the brain development of youth and young adults under the age of 25 and how that affects decision making. Commissioner Rotatori shared information regarding his research project.

DOJ Updates

DOJ Staff – Allord reported Sabrina Gentile has been named Outreach Coordinator, a new position in the Bureau of Justice Programs. Gentile will continue her current responsibilities for the GJJC and the juvenile justice compliance program. Gentile's new responsibilities include working with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Allord reported he has created a position description for a compliance monitor and other GJJC responsibilities. The position description has been approved by DOJ Human Resources. Allord is

finishing the other hiring tasks before the position is posted for applicants. Allord will distribute the position when it is posted.

Allord reported Leslie Tlahuel is an intern for the Juvenile Justice Team during the second semester. Allord reported Tlahuel is working on research for GJJC position papers, and other tasks. Tlahuel began her internship on January 26, 2024, and works on Mondays and Fridays.

In-Person Meetings – Kiley Komro reported the GJJC Executive Subcommittee would like to host two in-person meetings preferably in the northern part of Wisconsin, and/or at a tribe. The Executive Subcommittee also indicated they would like to visit a completed program that was funded by the GJJC. Komro reported she has been in contact with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa regarding hosting the GJJC May meeting and presenting on their program that was funded by the GJJC. Komro noted the tribe is in Bayfield, Wisconsin which is a six-hour drive from Madison. GJJC members would need to drive to Bayfield the day before and possibly miss two days of work to attend the GJJC meeting.

GJJC members discussed having a meeting in Bayfield and visiting the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to learn about the program that was funded by the GJJC. Komro appreciated the feedback and will send a survey regarding who would be able to attend a meeting in Bayfield and other locations in Wisconsin.

Compliance Update: 223(a)(11)(B) Changes – Allord reported the compliance update memo was distributed on January 8, 2024. OJJDP has recently changed the guidance associated with the core requirement, 223(a)(11)(B), removing juveniles charged as adults.

Allord reported the updated requirement, per section 223(a)(11)(B) of 34 U.S.C. § 11133, a juvenile who is charged as an adult cannot be detained or confined in an adult jail or lockup or have sight or sound contact with adult inmates in a secure adult facility unless a court determines, after a hearing, and in writing, that it is in the interest of justice to permit a juvenile to be detained or confined in a jail or lockup for adults or have sight or sound contact with adult inmates in a secure facility.

OJJDP has revised its guidance and informed Wisconsin DOJ that this core requirement applies to all individuals under the age of 17 (the age of full criminal responsibility in Wisconsin) charged as adults. Anyone under the age of 17 charged as an adult must have a 223(a)(11)(B) hearing prior to or within 6 hours of being detained or confined in an adult jail or lockup (48 hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, for facilities with a Wisconsin DOJ approved Rural Exception). This includes youth waived into adult court and individuals under the age of 17 charged under original adult jurisdiction statutes.

Legislation – Sabrina Gentile reported the Speaker's Task Force on Human Trafficking bills are moving through the legislative process as stated before during the PLC Subcommittee update.

Gentile reported other bills were introduced after the January PLC Subcommittee that the GJJC may want to review. Gentile said she would compile all the bills and send the list to the GJJC so members can continue to follow the bills as they make their way through the legislative process. Gentile noted most action on bills will end in February or March of the legislative session.

Grants – Komro reported the three grant announcements that were posted have closed and applications are now being reviewed for grant awards.

Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Updates

Commissioner Ron Hermes reported the population totals at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools and Grow Academy.

Commissioner Hermes reported DOC is reviewing Chapter DOC 376 (Security in Type 1 Secured Correctional Facilities) and Chapter DOC 374 (Youth Conduct in Type 1 Secured Correctional Facilities) as part of the consent decree requirements.

Breaking the Cycle Youth Mentoring, City of Madison Police Department

Sara Flugum, RISE WI and City of Madison PD Captain Michael Hanson and Jim Powell presented a summary of their Breaking the Cycle Youth Mentoring program funded by the Title II Formula Grant. The program aimed to provide mentoring services to siblings of youth involved in the juvenile justice system and help them avoid getting involved as well. The program faced several barriers including getting siblings referred to the program and with recruiting mentors to provide services. Despite the barriers, the program was able to positively impact two youth served.

Business

Commissioner Moore requested a motion regarding the GJJC statement in support of companion bills Senate Bill 801 and Assembly Bill 845.

Statement In Support of Companion Bills Senate Bill 801 and Assembly Bill 845, relating to sentencing for crimes committed by a person who is under the age of 18.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carl Ashely and seconded by Commissioner Edjron Pearson to approve the GJJC statement in support of companion bills, Senate Bill 801 and Assembly Bill 845, relating to sentencing for crimes committed by a person who is under the age of 18.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 15 Ayes, 0 No

Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award – Document and Timeline Review

Komro reported she is updating documents to distribute for the Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award. Komro listed the stakeholder groups that are part of her outreach to

distribute the documents. Komro will send the documents soon to the GJJC and stakeholder groups.

Announcements

Komro reported the Community Agreements that were discussed at the November GJJC meeting have been added to the GJJC Handbook.

Komro reported a bill has been introduced to ban shackling of women in prison giving birth. Komro noted that DOC has instituted policy to ban shackling of women in prison giving birth. This is required by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJCPA) and states are required to address the issue in their applications for the Title II Formula Grant.

Komro reported Aidan Raney and Meaghan Henry are new GJJC members and attended their first quarterly meeting today. Komro reported that Muskadee Montano was appointed to the GJJC last week. Montano was not able to join today's meeting but is looking forward to being on the Commission.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2024 GJJC Quarterly Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, May 14, 2024
- Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Adjourn

Chair Moore asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Motion approved.

The vote was: 15 Ayes, 0 No

Chair Moore thanked members for their time.