

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Meeting Minutes

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

Chairperson: Commissioner Diane Rondini

Commission Members:	Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Edjron Pearson, Commissioner Jared Hoy, Commissioner Diane Rondini, Commissioner Dana Brown, Commissioner Lesley Chapin, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Charles Greer, Commissioner Meaghan Henry, Commissioner Ben Gonring, Commissioner Andrew Miller, Commissioner Charles Tubbs, Commissioner Aidan Raney, Commissioner Evelyn Coker
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Tweed Shuman, Commissioner Mariama Ceesay, Commissioner Muskadee Montano
DOJ Staff:	Sabrina Gentile, Kiley Komro, Matt Allord, Steve Wagner, Jess Reindl
Agency Partners and Agency Staff:	Ron Hermes (DOC DJC Administrator and Commissioner-designee), Kim Jenkins (DPI), Jacob Hanifl (Dane County), Kim Moelter (Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board)

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Chair Diane Rondini welcomed commissioners to the meeting. Chair Rondini announced WisEye is streaming the GJJC meeting today and asked commissioners and other attendees to introduce themselves.

Quorum was present. Chair Rondini requested a motion to approve the May 14, 2024, GJJC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to Approve May 14, 2024, GJJC Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Ben Gonring and seconded by Commissioner Ron Hermes to approve the May 14, 2024, GJJC Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 14 Ayes, 0 No

Subcommittee Sharing

Ethnic and Racial Disparities (ERD) Subcommittee – Commissioner Edjron Pearson reported the DOJ Staff is developing presentation materials to be used with the R-ED Juvenile Deflection and Diversion factsheet. The Commissioners commented they look forward to sharing the factsheet with the public. The DOJ Staff reported the R-ED Deflection and Diversion factsheet, and the Wisconsin R/ED Summary factsheet are posted on the GJJC Resource webpage. DOJ staff shared

that they presented 2023 disparities data to the subcommittee and confirmed action items to be included in the 2024 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction Plan.

Policy, Legislation and Compliance (PLC) Subcommittee – Commissioner Carl Ashley acknowledged the staff incident at Lincoln Hills School and expressed his and the Commission's support for our partners at the Department of Corrections. Commissioner Ashley reported the discussion of POSC and the Mandt Systems is tabled at this time and may be revisited in the future once more information about the methods is available. Commissioner Ashley reported the Executive Subcommittee has been discussing changing the name of the Commission to Governor's Youth Justice Commission and the steps involved in changing the Commission's name.

Youth Voice Commission (YVC) – Kiley Komro reported the YVC is meeting on Mondays instead of Wednesdays. At the last meeting, there was a presentation on Wisconsin's Juvenile Justice System and the members discussed a survey that is for youth in out of home placements. Komro also reported Commissioner Aidan Raney is now the chair of the Youth Voice Commission.

Komro reported the GJJC Executive Subcommittee approved a new payment plan for youth participating in GJJC activities. The youth will now be paid per hour instead of per meeting. Komro also reported a new payment system that will reimburse the youth in a timely manner.

DOJ Updates

DOJ Staff – Matt Allord reported Jess Reindl started as the Compliance Monitor and R/ED Coordinator. Reindl introduced herself to the Commission.

Compliance Update – Allord reported he will provide an annual compliance report later in the meeting.

Legislation – Sabrina Gentile reported the Joint Finance Committee approved the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (MJTC) funding for 124 positions, estimated to cost about \$12 million. The funding will increase beds from 29 to 94. Funding was held up for 6 months.

Commissioner Hermes reported hiring new employees and then training will need to happen before more youth are admitted to MJTC.

Gentile reported DOC 374 and 376 draft rules have been submitted to the legislative standing committees. The standing committees may choose to hold a public hearing. Commissioner Hermes provided additional information on the administrative rules process.

Grants – Komro provided a summary of completed and on-going Title II subgrants in advance of the meeting. Komro reviewed the report for the Commission.

Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Updates

Ron Hermes, Administrator of Juvenile Corrections and Commissioner designee

Commissioner Ron Hermes reported there were 37 boys at Lincoln Hills School and 13 girls at Copper Lake School. Commissioner Lesley Chapin provided updated numbers and reported 42 boys and 13 girls at the facility as of August 13, 2024. Commissioner Hermes acknowledged the number of girls has increased. Commissioner Hermes also provided residency information for the girls. Commissioner Hermes shared information about DJC at a glance which provides publicly available data about youth at the DJC. Commissioner Hermes responded to questions from other commissioners and confirmed that training and psychological support is provided to staff and youth.

Business

Annual Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Compliance Report

Matt Allord, DOJ Staff

Matt Allord used a PowerPoint to present the Summary and Data of 2024 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) Compliance Report.

Making Justice Program: Presentation and Discussion

Jesse Vieau and Carlee Latimer used a PowerPoint to present on an Intro to Madison Public Library & the Bubbler; Making Justice Weekly Workshops & Project Residencies; We Wish You Knew mural project; Metro Panthers identity project and showed before/after photos.

Pierce County Family Centered Treatment for Youth Justice Program

Joy Lynn George used a PowerPoint to present on the Pierce County Family Centered Treatment for Youth Justice Program. Family Centered Treatment (FCT) is an in-home, intensive, evidence-based program that has proven results of working with youth and their families that are involved with the youth justice system.

Announcements

Komro reported the Coalition for Juvenile Justice 2024 R/ED Conference is October 16-17, 2024, in Seattle, Washington and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Conference on Juvenile Justice is November 19-21, 2024, in Washington, DC. DOJ Staff and GJJ members will be attending.

Komro reported there is Title II funding for GJJ Members to attend conferences that provide continuing education for juvenile justice stakeholders.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2024 GJJ Quarterly Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Adjourn

Commissioner Rondini asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Aidan Raney and seconded by Commissioner Andy Miller to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 12 Ayes, 0 No