

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Commissioner Diane Rondini and Commissioner Carl Ashley

Subcommittee	Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Ben Gonring,
Members Present:	Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Kyle Peaden, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Diane Rondini, Commissioner Ron Hermes
Subcommittee	Commissioner Melinda Tempelis, Greg Bucholtz, Commissioner
Members Not Present:	Shelby McCulley,
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Lara Kenny, Sabrina Gentile

Convene

The Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee convened at 12:00 p.m.

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioner Carl Ashley welcomed subcommittee members to the meeting. Quorum was present.

Commissioner Ashley requested a motion to approve the January 24, 2023, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve January 24, 2023, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Ben Gonring and seconded by Commissioner Ron Hermes to approve the January 24, 2023, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 7 Ayes, 0 No

DOJ Staff Updates

Kiley Komro reported the Positive Youth Development subgrants grant period ends on March 31, 2023. The subgrantees will submit a final report in April and Komro hopes to schedule subgrant presentations at a future meeting. The grants funded positive youth development and mentoring initiatives for youth involved or at-risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Komro reported there will be new grant opportunities posted in the coming months.

Sabrina Gentile reported the juvenile justice compliance staff is finishing final audit reports of site visits. Gentile said she expects Wisconsin to be in compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act).

Wisconsin State Biennial Budget

Chair Ashley asked DOJ Staff to review the draft GJJC budget statement memo to the Joint Finance Committee.

The letter workgroup members added additional information and provided feedback. The draft memo includes items that are in the Department of Children and Families, Department of Corrections, the Office of Children's Mental Health budget requests and supports fully funding the state courts, criminal justice system and juvenile justice system so Wisconsin can meet its constitutional obligations to all citizens impacted by the justice system.

The subcommittee discussed adding wording to the letter in support of salary increases for youth counselors and other juvenile correctional staff to ensure effective daily operations of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools. Commissioner Hermes supported the addition. Commissioners Gonring and Moore raised concerns that the budget items extended beyond the juvenile justice system to include other Department of Corrections staff serving in adult facilities and would be outside the scope of the GJJC's work.

Commissioner Ashley requested a motion to approve the GJJC Biennial Budget statement.

Motion to GJJC Biennial Budget Statement

Motion was made by Commissioner Diane Rondini and seconded by Commissioner Ben Gonring to approve the GJJC Biennial Budget Statement as written with no additions and direct the DOJ Staff to distribute to the Joint Finance Committee and Wisconsin Legislature during the public comment period of the biennial budget.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 7 Ayes, 0 No

DOJ staff described the next steps to distribute the approved letter to the Joint Finance Committee and legislative offices. DOJ staff provided the public hearing schedule and locations and Commissioner Hermes provided additional context about public hearing location choices.

Assembly Bill 48/Senate Bill 55

Commissioner Diane Rondini reported the legislature is considering AB 48/SB 55 which relates to prosecuting or adjudicating delinquent a person under the age of 18 for committing an act of prostitution. This legislation, also referred to as Safe Harbor legislation, is primarily designed to steer young victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking away from juvenile

justice system involvement by prohibiting their arrest and prosecution as criminals. Currently 30 other states have Safe Harbor Laws.

Commissioner Rondini offered a motion for the PLC Subcommittee to draft a memo supporting AB 48/SB 55 and distribute to the Wisconsin Legislature.

Subcommittee members discussed the legislation and thanked Commissioner Rondini for bringing this legislation to the subcommittee's attention.

Motion to Draft a Memo to the Legislature in Support of AB 48/SB 55

Motion was made by Commissioner Diane Rondini and seconded by Commissioner Ben Gonnring to draft a memo to support AB 48/SB55 and to distribute the memo to the Wisconsin Legislature.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 7 Ayes, 0 No

Commissioner Diane Rondini, Commissioner Sharlen Moore and Commissioner Ashley will collaborate to draft the memo. The memo will be presented at the next PLC Subcommittee meeting on April 25, 2023, for consideration of approval.

Announcements

Commissioner Carl Ashley reminded the subcommittee that the Milwaukee County Race, Equity, and Procedural Justice Annual Conference will be Friday, April 21, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The conference will be in-person at the Milwaukee Area Technical College. Jeff Robinson, founder of "The Who We Are Project," is the featured speaker. Robinson's talk and feature-length documentary film, "Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America," about the history of anti-Black racism and white supremacy in the United States, will be presented at the conference. Commissioner Ashley will send registration information to DOJ Staff to forward to the Commission and subcommittee members.

Commissioner Ron Hermes reported the 16th Monitor's Report showed Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools being in substantial compliance with 60% of the 50 items in the consent decree, and in partial compliance with the remaining items. Commissioner Hermes acknowledged the amount of work being done by Division of Juvenile Corrections Staff to improve outcomes at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upcoming PLC Subcommittee Meetings

April 25, 2023, 12:00-1:30 PM

June 27, 2023, 12:00-1:30 PM

September 26, 2023, 12:00-1:30 PM

October 24, 2023, 12:00-1:30 PM

Upcoming GJJC Quarterly Meeting

May 9, 2023, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn

Commissioner Rondini moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 7 Ayes, 0 no.