

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 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, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Diane Rondini
Subcommittee	Greg Bucholtz, Commissioner Shelby McCulley, Commissioner Ron
Members Not Present:	Hermes, Kyle Peaden
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Lara Kenny, Sabrina Gentile, Matt Allord

Convene

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

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioner Diane Rondini welcomed subcommittee members to the meeting. Quorum was not present.

DOJ Staff Updates

Matt Allord reported on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPa) compliance monitoring requirements and the compliance monitoring staff's activities. The compliance monitors have audited law enforcement agencies and juvenile detention centers and reviewed their records. The Department of Corrections Office of Detention Facilities' staff has completed physical audits of jails and court holdings (about 175 sites audited in total by DOJ/DOC staff during this reporting period). Audit reports have been sent to the agencies. DOJ Compliance Staff are finalizing site-specific follow-ups including technical assistance regarding appropriate facility logs/documentation, clarifying data discrepancies, and monitoring secure spaces for physical space adjustments or policy/procedure changes.

In addition to the audits, the JJDPa Annual Surveys have been reviewed by the compliance monitors. The Annual Surveys include all holds of individuals under 18-years-old for the reporting period of October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022.

Compliance staff are adding audit, record review, and survey data to the compliance monitoring universe and final data will be uploaded to the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention compliance monitoring tool. The online tool will determine if

Wisconsin is in compliance with the core requirements. Allord stated he expects Wisconsin to be in compliance with the core requirements. Once the data is finalized, Allord and compliance staff plan to present a full report and information related to the core requirements in the JJDPa are and how DOJ audits facilities.

Allord reviewed upcoming training and technical assistance events where DOJ compliance staff will present information about the JJDPa. These include the Wisconsin Juvenile Superintendents Conference, Statewide Prosecutors Education and Training Conference, Juvenile Court Clerks Conference, and a Juvenile Justice Seminar which will have predominantly judges in attendance.

DOJ Staff reported quorum was present.

Commissioner Carl Ashley requested a motion to approve the March 28, 2023, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve March 28, 2023, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Diane Rondini and seconded by Commissioner Charlen Moore to approve the March 28, 2023, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 5 Ayes, 0 No

AB 48/SB 55 Legislation Relating to Prosecuting Or Adjudicating Delinquent A Person Under The Age Of 18 For Committing An Act Of Prostitution Memo

Allord summarized the memo supporting AB 48/SB 55 legislation that relates to prosecuting or adjudicating delinquent a person under the age of 18 for committing an act of prostitution. This legislation, also known as Safe Harbor legislation, is primarily designed to steer young victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking away from delinquency or criminal justice system involvement.

DOJ Staff reported the bills have not been scheduled for a public hearing so there is time for the PLC Subcommittee to approve a motion to recommend to the GJJC to approve the memo and distribute to the legislature and Governor. The next GJJC meeting is May 9, 2023. If the GJJC approved the memo, DOJ Staff can distribute the memo on May 10, 2023.

Commissioner Carl Ashley requested a motion to approve the memo in support of AB 48/SB 55.

Motion to Approve the GJJC Memo to Support AB 48/SB 55

Motion was made by Commissioner Diane Rondini and seconded by Commissioner Ben Gonring to approve the GJJC Memo to Support AB 48/SB 55.

Commissioner Ashley asked if there was any discussion needed.

Commissioner Gonring proposed a friendly amendment to add a source for current best practices for working with victims of sex trafficking that are included in the memo.

Allord reported that he will add a footnote with source information regarding best practices.

Motion, as modified to include added language for best practices' sources, was voted on.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 5 Ayes, 0 No

DOJ Staff Updates

Kiley Komro used a spreadsheet to report on subgrants that are currently open and concluded this past year.

Positive Youth Development subgrants grant period ends on March 31, 2023. The subgrantees have submitted their final reports. Komro hopes to schedule subgrant presentations at a future quarterly GJJC meeting. The grants funded mentoring initiatives for youth involved or at-risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system.

School Based Restorative Justice subgrants are underway and will conclude on June 30, 2023. This funding opportunity supports schools in introducing restorative justice principles and practices to their school discipline policies and procedures or expanding their use within the school. Two subgrants have been funded.

There is currently a subgrant opportunity available to help local agencies maintain compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) and state law and adhere to best practices for interacting with juveniles. This funding opportunity application period closes on April 28, 2023.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upcoming PLC Subcommittee Meetings

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 Moore moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Gonring seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 5 Ayes, 0 no.