

# Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

## Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Commissioner Diane Rondini and Commissioner Carl Ashley

Subcommittee	Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Dana Brown,
Members Present:	Commissioner Lesley Baird Chapin, Commissioner Ben Gonring, Commissioner Abigail Gosetti, Commissioner Ron Hermes, Commissioner Sharlen Moore, Commissioner Diane Rondini, Greg Bucholtz, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Meaghan Henry
Subcommittee	Commissioner Shelby McCulley, Commissioner Andrew Miller,
Members Not Present:	Commissioner Aidan Raney, Kyle Peaden, Judge Everett Mitchell
Other GJJC Members	
Present:	
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Sabrina Gentile, Matt Allord, Shelly Sandry

### Convene

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

### Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Co-Chair Carl Ashley welcomed subcommittee members to the meeting. Co-Chair Ashley introduced new Commission member Meaghan Henry to the subcommittee. Quorum was present.

### DOJ Staff Updates

#### Compliance: FY2024 OJJDP Compliance Thresholds

Matt Allord reported he and Jeff Sauer are finishing the compliance audits for the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP). Once all the data is collected, it can be compiled and sent to OJJDP. Allord summarized the core requirements, explained the compliance thresholds for the core requirements, and briefed Subcommittee members on the new 223(a)(11)(B) requirement.

### Legislation

Sabrina Gentile reported on legislation that was of interest to the Subcommittee. Gentile reported on three of the Task Force on Human Trafficking bills and a few other bills were sent

to the Governor for his consideration. Gentile reported many of the bills were not approved in the 2023 – 2024 session. Gentile will update the list and it will be sent to the Subcommittee.

### **Grants**

Komro reported there are three non-competitive grant announcements posted on the GJJC website and the DOJ Grants website.

1. Youth Gang Diversion Balance of the State – This funding opportunity is available to designated agencies for provide services “for the diversion of youths from gang activities into productive activities, including placement in appropriate educational, recreational, and employment programs.” Programs must serve youth and are encouraged to target specific at-risk youth based on identified risk factors, rather than all youth in a community.
2. Youth Gang Diversion and AODA Prevention Milwaukee – This funding opportunity is available to the Milwaukee Social Development Commission for provide services “for the diversion of youths from gang activities into productive activities, including placement in appropriate educational, recreational, and employment programs” and to support their programs designed to prevent and treat youth alcohol, and other drug abuse (AODA). The program must serve youth and are encouraged to target specific at-risk youth based on identified risk factors, rather than all youth in a community.
3. Juvenile Justice Deflection and Diversion Implementation – This funding is available to Manitowoc County Department of Human Services and Phillips School District or their designated partners to implement the comprehensive juvenile deflection and diversion program designed under the Juvenile Deflection and Diversion Program Grant (2023). The program implemented must aim to increase the community’s ability to effectively deflect youth away from arrest and justice system involvement. Programs should provide treatment and services that address youth’s risk factors and needs.

Komro reported the previous grant announcements received applications that have been reviewed by the Grants Workgroup and DOJ Staff. The applications are now being considered by the DOJ Front Office for final approval.

### **Staff Updates**

Allord reported the Juvenile Justice Coordinator position has been posted on the Wisconsin Jobs website and was emailed to the GJJC and stakeholders. Allord encouraged the Subcommittee to share the job posting with their groups.

Co-Chair Ashley requested a motion to approve the January 23, 2024, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

### **Motion to Approve January 23, 2024, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ron Hermes and seconded by Commissioner Lesley Chapin to approve the January 23, 2024, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No

### **Secure Detention Updates**

Allord presented a list of secure facilities that are under construction or are in the planning stage for future construction. Subcommittee member Greg Bucholz and Commissioner Ron Hermes provided additional information for the facilities' timelines on construction and number of beds.

Commissioner Hermes reported the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (MJTC) plans to move boys into the new space in May. Once the boys are moved into the new space, renovation can begin on the old space. The Department of Health Services still needs final approval from the Joint Finance Committee to hire the additional staff for MJTC. The Milwaukee County Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) will add eight more beds. The Milwaukee County Type 1 Facility request for proposal was posted on March 25, 2024. Commissioner Hermes will continue to update the Subcommittee on the bidding process.

Allord introduced Shelly Sandry, DOJ Training and Standards. Sandry manages the Secure Juvenile Detention (SJD) Advisory Committee. Allord attends the meetings which include reviewing curriculum for juvenile detention centers. The proposed updates includes additional training on adolescent brain development, officer wellness, and trauma informed care, among other additions and revisions. Sandry reported that one goal of the review is to update the curriculum to prepare to train SRCCCY staff.

Subcommittee member Bucholz reported the public hearing for DOC 346, Secure Detention for Juveniles, to review the revised rule is Friday, April 5, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The public hearing notice will be posted on Monday, April 1, 2024.

Allord summarized the process governing change of placements to Lincoln Hills and contextualized its inclusion in the agenda. Allord requested feedback from the subcommittee regarding the topic as a future item for discussion and action. Subcommittee members concluded that action is not needed to change the procedure due to the upcoming opening of the Racine SRCCCY. Commissioners Moore and Hermes and Subcommittee member Bucholz

discussed potential concerns about insufficient bed numbers for the number of youth ordered to secure placements, though no action was proposed.

### **DOC Division of Juvenile Corrections Presentation of Mandt System in Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools**

Kyle Hoff, Lincoln Hills School Quality Assurance Manager, and Commissioner Ron Hermes used a PowerPoint to explain the Mandt System and the benefits of using it at Lincoln Hills School. The Mandt System is a comprehensive, integrated approach to preventing, de-escalating, and if necessary, intervening when the behavior of an individual poses a threat of harm to themselves and/or others. Subcommittee members discussed the nonviolent crisis intervention system. The presentation included information about use of restraints, physical interventions, and worker's compensation claims at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools. Kyle Hoff and Commissioner Hermes credited the system with the positive trends in data and also with a change in attitudes amongst staff and youth at the facility, highlighting that the system is specially designed for work with youth and to avoid physical interventions.

Commissioner Hermes encouraged the Subcommittee to recommend using the Mandt System to the full GJJC.

Subcommittee members appreciated the presentation and would like to learn more about other systems before a recommendation is made to the GJJC.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Announcements**

Commissioner Hermes reported the 19<sup>th</sup> court-appointed Monitor visit was last week and he expects the final report in about ten days. Commissioner Hermes thought it went well and hopes to be in compliance with 80% of the items in the consent decree. Commissioner Hermes will send the report to Kiley Komro so she can share it with the GJJC.

### **2024 PLC Subcommittee Meetings**

- April 23, 2024
- June 25, 2024
- October 22, 2024

### **2024 GJJC Quarterly Meetings**

- May 14, 2024
- August 13, 2024

- November 12, 2024

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Commissioner Sharlen Moore and seconded by Subcommittee member Bucholz to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 11 Ayes, 0 No