

Governor’s Juvenile Justice Commission

Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Commissioner Diane Rondini and Commissioner Carl Ashley

Subcommittee	Commissioner Ben Gonring, Commissioner Meaghan Henry,
Members Present:	Commissioner Diane Rondini, Greg Bucholtz, Commissioner Lance Horozewski, Commissioner Lesley Baird Chapin, Commissioner Andrew Miller, Commissioner Evelyn Coker, Commissioner Dana Brown
Subcommittee	Judge Everett Mitchell, Kim Jenkins, Commissioner Dorinthia
Members Not Present:	Robinson, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Aidan Raney
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Sabrina Gentile, Matt Allord, Lara Kenny, Jessica Reindl

Convene

The Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee convened at 12:01 p.m.

Chair’s Welcome and Roll Call

Co-Chair Diane Rondini welcomed subcommittee members to the meeting. Co-Chair Rondini confirmed quorum with DOJ Staff. Co-Chair Rondini asked DOJ Staff for the DOJ updates.

DOJ Updates

Compliance – Matt Allord reported that DOJ staff have completed compliance audits for the period of 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024. Allord will create a summary of audits and data collected to share with the GJC and Subcommittees.

Allord reported the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) expects to open the Compliance Monitoring Tool (CMT) before the Notice of Funding Opportunity is posted. The CMT is a reporting tool for states to upload their compliance data.

Allord reported that DOJ staff continue to work with OJJDP to clarify recent guidance as to the definition of “adult inmate,” for sight and sound separation core requirement purposes. Allord summarized the issue that may change whether certain adult convicted youth in Type 1 facilities qualify as “adult inmates.” More information will be shared when OJJDP reschedules a meeting that they postponed.

Allord reported he contacted the Governor's office to update them on the Type 1 statute change suggestion. The Governor's office confirmed receipt but has not replied.

Legislation – Sabrina Gentile used a PowerPoint with her legislative presentation. Gentile provided information on the following bills:

1. AB79/SB73 – to eliminate prosecution or adjudication of minors for committing an act of prostitution. The GJC position paper will be reviewed in today's meeting.
2. AB91/SB100 – requiring SROs in Milwaukee Public Schools.

Staff responded to questions about SRO oversight and training requirements.

The Legislative Council Study Committee on Emergency Detention and Civil Commitment of Minors introduced six bills.

1. AB111/SB106: psychiatric residential treatment facilities
2. AB112/SB107: consent to mental health treatment by minors who are age 14 or older
3. AB113/SB108: sharing minors' safety plans
4. AB114/SB109: clinician initiation of emergency detention of a minor and providing a penalty
5. AB115/SB110: authorizing youth behavioral health program under the Medical Assistance program
6. AB116/SB111: transportation of minors for emergency detention

The six bills have been referred to the Assembly Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention Committee and the Senate Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families Committee.

Gentile reported a speaker from the Wisconsin Association of Children's and Families Association (WAFCA) is already scheduled to provide more information on the bills at the April 22, 2025, meeting so the subcommittee can consider recommendations to support or oppose the bills. Co-Chair Rondini encouraged the subcommittee to take a position on the bills and would like more information before the April 22, 2025, meeting.

DOJ Staff asked who would like to participate in a workgroup to start the process of learning more about the bills before the April 22, 2025, subcommittee meeting. DOJ Staff compiled a list of subcommittee members for a workgroup.

Grants – Kiley Komro reported two JJ Formula: School-Based Restorative Justice Programs grants were awarded, one to the Augusta School District and the other to Blair-Taylor School District.

The Augusta School District will use the funds to hire a Restorative Justice Coordinator for grades 6-12 to address critical student issues. This role aligns with the funding objectives to enhance youth connectedness to school, reduce justice system involvement, and address disparities in school discipline related to socio-economic status, disabilities, and race.

The Blair-Taylor School District will use the funds to implement a School-Based Restorative Justice Program aimed at reducing exclusionary discipline practices, addressing racial and ethnic disparities in school discipline, and promoting early intervention for students exhibiting behavioral challenges.

Kiley Komro reported three grant announcements will open on April 1, 2025.

1. Youth Crisis Stabilization and Reentry Program – This program aims to fill gaps in Juvenile Detention Centers (JDCs) and Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs) mental health and substance use disorder screening, assessment, treatment, and reentry services. This is a non-competitive grant. Only the Rock County JDC, Racine County JDC and SRCCCY, and Northwest Regional JDC are eligible to apply.
2. JJ Formula: Positive Youth Development Programs – This funding will support local positive youth development programs that support delinquent or at-risk youth. Programs must use a positive youth development framework for their programs. Program designs should reflect the needs and strengths of the community. This is a competitive grant.
3. JJ Formula: Indian Tribes - Funding is available for tribes to implement new or enhance existing programs that aim to prevent or address juvenile justice and delinquency issues for Native American and Alaska Native youth. Programs should reflect the needs and strengths of the applicant community and could include mentoring programs, community-based alternatives to detention, mental health and substance use disorder services, family-strengthening support and therapy, afterschool programs that provide educational, recreational, or employment activities, and others. This is a competitive grant.

Co-Chair Rondini asked for a motion to approve the January 28, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve January 28, 2025, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Lance Horozewski and seconded by Commissioner Charlen Moore to approve the January 28, 2025, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

SB73/AB79 – Relating to prosecuting or adjudicating delinquent a person under the age of 18 for committing an act of prostitution.

Co-Chair Rondini asked the subcommittee for input on the draft memo to support SB73/AB79. Komro reported the letter has been revised from last session. Subcommittee members discussed the nuances of the issues including the authority of law enforcement to take custody of youth in dangerous situations without arrest; the role of the child welfare system in child sex trafficking cases; and the resources available for child victim/survivors of sex trafficking outside of the juvenile justice system. Recommended revisions were made to the draft letter and will be considered at a future meeting.

Governor's Budget and Prison Reform Proposals

Co-Chair Rondini asked the subcommittee for comments on the GJJC State Budget memo to the Joint Finance Committee.

The subcommittee discussed the items and their descriptions in the memo that are listed to support. The subcommittee focused on the descriptions and how much information to include. The subcommittee supported deleting the item descriptions in the memo and focusing the letter on the individual provisions.

Gentile explained the timeline of distributing the memo to the Joint Finance Committee during the public hearings in order for it to be included in the public testimony and comments documents.

Motion to Approve the GJJC State Budget memo to the Joint Finance Committee

Motion was made by Commissioner Ben Gonring and seconded by Commissioner Dana Brown to approve the GJJC State Budget memo to the Joint Finance Committee as amended.

The motion passed on a voice vote with two abstaining (Commissioner Lance Horozewski and Subcommittee member Greg Bucholz).

Act 185 and SRCCCY Implementation

This agenda item was postponed until a future PLC Subcommittee meeting due to time needed for other agenda items.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Announcements – Administrative Code Updates

This agenda item was postponed until the next PLC Subcommittee meeting due to time needed for other agenda items.

2025 PLC Subcommittee Virtual Meetings: 12:00-1:30PM

- April 22, 2025
- June 24, 2025
- October 28, 2025

2025 GJJC Quarterly Meetings: 9:00AM-12:00PM

- May 13, 2025 (in person)
- August 12, 2025 (virtual)
- November 11, 2025 (virtual)

Co-Chair Rondini asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Sharlen Moore and seconded by Commissioner Lesley Chapin to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed on a voice vote.