

Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 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, Kim Jenkins, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Sharlen Moore
Subcommittee	
Members Not Present:	Judge Everett Mitchell, 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 12:02 p.m.

Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Co-Chairs Diane Rondini and Judge Carl Ashley 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 GJJC 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 (NOFO) is posted. The CMT is a reporting tool for states to upload their compliance data.

Allord reported that he and Jessical Reindl visited the Waukesha County Juvenile Detention Center that has re-opened. The detention center has 18 beds and Waukesha County staff indicated it will only be used for emergency purposes.

Subcommittee member Greg Bucholtz commented on the opening of the Waukesha County Juvenile Detention Center.

Allord reported at the March PLC Subcommittee meeting that he contacted the Governor's office to update them on the Type 1 statute proposed change. The Governor's office reached out to DOJ staff to convey that there are no concerns with pursuing this proposed change in the future.

Legislation – Sabrina Gentile used a PowerPoint with her legislative and state budget presentation.

In the Governor's Budget Proposal, the GJJC supports:

1. Raise the age of civil, municipal, and juvenile court jurisdiction to all persons under the age of 18.
2. Fully reimburse counties for the costs associated with services for 17-year-olds.
3. Create a Juvenile Justice Reform Review Committee to study and recommend juvenile justice reforms to DCF and DOC.
4. Provide funding for school-based mental health services to expand the capacity of schools to offer mental health services and support to pupils.
5. Increase funding for Youth Aids and refocus Community Intervention Program funding towards prevention, early intervention, diversion, and other services that improve outcomes for youth.
6. Close Lincoln Hills School/Copper Lake School and shift the juveniles to the new DOC Type 1 facility in Milwaukee, and the Racine and Milwaukee County Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs).

Gentile reported the GJJC support letter was distributed to the Legislature, the Governor and submitted into Joint Finance Committee public record for the State Budget hearings. Gentile provided Joint Finance Committee state budget hearings information to the subcommittee.

Gentile provided information on the following bills:

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

The Legislative Council Study Committee on Emergency Detention and Civil Commitment of Minors 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

Gentile reported Kathy Markeland, from the Wisconsin Association of Children's and Families Association (WAFCA), will provide more details on these bills later in the meeting.

Grants – Kiley Komro reported that four grants are currently open for applications. The Youth Crisis Stabilization and Reentry grant is a non-competitive grant open to three juvenile detention centers to implement mental health and substance use disorder screenings, assessments, treatment, and reentry services for youth in the facilities. The Indian Tribes Grant will fund one award to a federally recognized tribe to implement prevention and intervention programs in their communities. The Positive Youth Development Grant will fund three awards to a local or county government agency or youth serving nonprofit to implement positive youth development programming. The Deflection and Diversion Grant will fund one award to a local or county government agency to expand or develop a deflection or diversion program.

Two awards were made from the School-Based Restorative Justice grant. One to Augusta School District, the other to Blair-Taylor School District, both in the northwest region of Wisconsin. The program expands on a pilot implemented in Wauwatosa School District, Rio Community School District, and Jefferson County.

Co-Chair Rondini asked for a motion to approve the March 25, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve March 25, 2025, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Lesley Chapin and seconded by Commissioner Carl Ashley to approve the March 25, 2025, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Consideration of Position Statement Regarding AB79/SB73 Decriminalizing Prostitution for Minors

Co-Chair Rondini asked the subcommittee for input on the draft statement to support SB73/AB79. The subcommittee made suggestions to the statement.

Commissioner Rondini asked for a motion regarding the statement.

Motion to Approve the Position Statement Regarding AB79/SB73 as Amended

Motion was made by Commissioner Lance Horozewski and seconded by Commissioner Dana Brown to approve the position statement regarding AB79/SB73 as amended.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Presentation on Legislative Council Study Committee on Emergency Detention and Civil Commitment of Minors Legislation

Kathy Markeland, Wisconsin Association of Family and Children's Agencies

Co-Chair Rondini reported the workgroup reviewed the six bills. Commissioner Lesley Chapin summarized the bills for the subcommittee. The workgroup and DOJ Staff prepared a draft statement for the subcommittee to consider regarding the bills.

Kathy Markeland used a PowerPoint to provide more information regarding the bills. SB106/AB111, relating to psychiatric residential treatment facilities; and SB110/AB115, relating to authorizing youth behavioral health program under the Medical Assistance Program were included in the Governor's Budget Proposal.

Markeland expressed how much work was done by the Legislative Council Study Committee and said that some bills still could change during the legislative process. Markeland responded to questions about how the proposed legislation would overlap with or fill gaps in other services available in the counties.

Co-Chair Rondini briefly summarized the workgroup process and asked for a motion for the subcommittee to weigh in on the legislation with a general statement.

Co-Chair Rondini moved that the PLC and GJJC should weigh in either generally or specifically on the proposed emergency detention and civil commitment legislation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Diane Rondini and seconded by Commissioner Meghan Henry to weigh in either generally or specifically on the proposed Legislative Council Study Committee on Emergency Detention and Civil Commitment of Minors bills.

The vote was 12 approve, 1 oppose (Commissioner Ben Gonring).

The motion was approved.

The subcommittee discussed how best to draft the statement, including what to include and how general or specific it should be. A workgroup will be formed to explore the issue and bring back information to the subcommittee.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

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

- 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 Diane Rondini and seconded by Commissioner Lesley Chapin to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed on a voice vote.