

***Meeting Minutes***  
***Executive Committee Conference Call***  
***South Dakota Council of Juvenile Services (CJS)***  
***February 6, 2018***

**CJS Executive Committee Members:** Beth O’Toole, Chair and Professor at the University of Sioux Falls; Sara McGregor-Okroi, Vice-Chair and Director of Aliive Roberts County; Judge Tami Bern, Circuit Court Judge in the First Circuit; Charles Frieberg, Director of Court Services; and Betty Oldenkamp, CEO of Lutheran Social Services.

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Chair Beth O’Toole, Vice-Chair Sara McGregor-Okroi, Judge Tami Bern, Charles Frieberg, and Betty Oldenkamp.

**Executive Committee Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Bridget Coppersmith and Heather Van Hunnik, South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC).

1. WELCOME

Chair Beth O’Toole called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM on Tuesday, February 06, 2018 and welcomed everyone to the call.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Bridget Coppersmith asked if any Council Members had conflicts of interest with the proposed agenda to disclose. No conflicts were disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL OF JUVENILE SERVICES PROBLEM STATEMENTS

Coppersmith reviewed the Council of Juvenile Services Problem Statements and suggested changes from the December Council Meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the statements and the recommended changes of:

Removing “Disproportionate Minority Contact” from the statement “Disproportionate Minority Contact – Minority youth are over-represented at most stages of South Dakota’s juvenile justice system.”

Removing “thus compromising due process and outcomes” from the statement “The Native American Tribal juvenile justice systems have a critical lack of basic resources to address the needs of youth coming before the Tribal courts, thus compromising due process and outcomes.”

Amending the statement “While local substance abuse and suicide prevention programming exists, there is no system of delinquency prevention programming in South Dakota. Prevention programming, specifically in a school setting, is needed to address the increasing number of delinquent arrests” to read “There is no coordinated statewide delinquency prevention programming in South Dakota. Prevention programming, specifically in a school setting, is needed to address arrests for delinquent acts.”

Amending the statement “South Dakota’s high incarceration rate of detention per capita demonstrates a need to support juvenile justice reform activities. There is a need to support expansion of diversion programming and performance measurement associated with the State’s juvenile justice reform initiative” to read “ South Dakota’s incarceration rate of detention per capita demonstrates a continuing need to support juvenile justice reform activities. There is a need to sustain and enhance diversion programming, performance measurement, and incarceration alternatives.”

***Charles Frieberg moved to approve the Council of Juvenile Services Problem Statements as amended. Sara McGregor-Okroi seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

The Council of Juvenile Services Problem Statements, as approved by the Executive Committee, are included as an attachment.

4. WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN

***At 3:43 PM, Judge Tami Bern moved to adjourn the Executive Committee Meeting. Betty Oldenkamp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

*Recorded by Bridget Coppersmith  
Juvenile Justice Specialist*