

Meeting Minutes - Draft
Executive Committee Conference Call
South Dakota Council of Juvenile Services (CJS)
April 6, 2020

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, Judge Tami Bern, Charles Frieberg, and Betty Oldenkamp.

Executive Committee Members Absent: Vice-Chair Sara McGregor-Okroi

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

1. WELCOME

Chair Beth O'Toole called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM on Monday, April 06, 2020 and welcomed everyone to the call. Chair O'Toole explained that the purpose of the meeting was to act regarding the FY2020 Formula Grant Application. Bridget Coppersmith noted that all other content from the canceled March meeting would be presented at the next Council of Juvenile Services Meeting. Coppersmith added that Heather Van Hunnik had accept a different position within the Department of Corrections and that Nicole Gednalske had been hired to fill the position and will be working with the Race and Ethnic Disparities (RED) and compliance aspects of the Formula Grants Program.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Coppersmith asked if any Council Members had conflicts of interest with the proposed agenda to disclose. Coppersmith explained that while the application was regarding funding for subgrants, conflicts regarding specific subgrants would be disclosed at the time of making awards with the funding at future meetings. No conflicts were disclosed.

3. APPROVAL OF FY2020 FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION

Coppersmith explained that the FY2020 Formula Grant Application was the third year of the 2018 Three-Year Plan and that funding would run from October 2020 to September 2024. Coppersmith noted that FY2016 Formula Grant funds are currently being spent and that South Dakota had been awarded funding for FY2017, FY2018, and FY2019 which would be spent prior to utilizing the FY2020 award. The FY2020 application is due to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by April 13, 2020.

Coppersmith stated that consisted with last year, the application is an update plan and only substantive updates and new requirements are required to be submitted for the plan narrative. In addition to the narrative, states are required to submit their annual compliance and RED plans.

Heather Van Hunnik provided an overview of the RED plan which contained data from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Van Hunnik explained that she expects the numbers to show more improvement next year as the three subgrants tied to the program area continue to serve youth. Van Hunnik noted that there is a struggle to find RED training on the national scale for Native American youth as most training focuses on African American and Hispanic youth.

Coppersmith provided an overview of the application narrative. Coppersmith explained that for all components that were part of the narrative in previous years, South Dakota would state that no changes occurred. New this year were eleven requirements that were to be included in an addendum to address changes from the recent reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Coppersmith explained that staff looked to tie each requirement to the state three-year plan, specifically programs that are currently being funded. There were a few sections that were not applicable to the state as South Dakota does not have a secure juvenile correctional facility.

Coppersmith presented the proposed budget which is a place holder in the application until the award amounts are announced. Coppersmith noted that some of the program areas have different names than they have in the past, but the scope of the application is still consistent with current programs and would allow for the continuation of services under previously used program areas.

Discussion ensued regarding the content of the application and appreciation to staff at the Department of Corrections for their work on it.

Beth O'Toole moved to approve the FY2020 Formula Grant Application as presented. Chuck Frieberg seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN

At 9:18 AM, Betty Oldenkamp moved to adjourn the Executive Committee Meeting. Judge Tami Bern seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recorded by Bridget Coppersmith
Juvenile Justice Specialist*