

Meeting Minutes - Draft
Executive Committee Conference Call
South Dakota Council of Juvenile Services (CJS)
July 12, 2021

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:

Others Present: Mike Leidholt, Bridget Coppersmith, and Nicole Gednalske, South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC).

1. WELCOME

Chair Beth O'Toole called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM on Monday, July 12, 2021 and welcomed everyone to the call. Chair O'Toole explained that the purpose of the meeting was to act regarding the FY2021 Formula Grant Application.

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 involved 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. PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair O'Toole asked if there were any public comments to be brought before the Council at the meeting. After confirmation that no one had comments to share, Chair O'Toole proceeded with the meeting agenda and ended the period for public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF FY2021 FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION

Coppersmith explained that the FY2021 Formula Grant Application was the first year of the 2021 Three-Year Plan and that funding would run from October 2021 to September 2025. Coppersmith noted that FY2018 Formula Grant funds are currently being spent and that South Dakota had been awarded funding for FY2019 and FY2020 which would be spent prior to utilizing the FY2021 award. The FY2021 application is due to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by July 13, 2021.

Nicole Gednalske provided an overview of the Race and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) plan which contained data from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Consistent to previous years, minority youth made up about 25% of South Dakota's youth population with disproportionate rates at the points of arrest, detention, and DOC commitment. Gednalske noted that Native American youth made up the largest minority group at 14%. In comparing data to last year's numbers, Native American youth saw a 4%

increase in arrests but a 2% decrease in secure detention rates. South Dakota's R/ED plan outlines a goal to reduce racial disparities by 2% in the next year and staff feel confident in reaching this goal as current subgrants have been successful in making a difference in South Dakota's two largest counties. The goal of a 2% reduction is consistent with last year's goal which was exceeded with a 3% reduction in disparities.

Gednalske explained that federal fiscal year 2020 detention data findings were inputted to OJJDP's Compliance Monitoring Tool (CMT). Staff reported six deinstitutionalization of status offender (DSO) violations, zero jail removal, and zero sight and sound separation violations. Three of the DSO violations were holdings inconsistent with the new valid court order requirements and the other three were for holding a status offender longer than the allowable 24 hours. Gednalske noted that even with these 6 violations, South Dakota did not exceed the allowable rate for compliance determinations with the DSO core requirement.

Coppersmith stated that the main narrative of the application is limited to 30 pages and that an appendix was created to provide supporting data. The program narrative outlines South Dakota's compliance with the 33 statutory requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) and contains goals, objectives, and action plans consistent with current justice program areas. Coppersmith noted that, along with the budget, the narrative is based on what is currently being implemented and can be amended once South Dakota gets closer to drawing down the award.

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.

Betty Oldenkamp moved to approve the FY2021 Formula Grant Application as presented. Judge Tami Bern seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN

At 3:23 PM, Charles Friberg moved to adjourn the Executive Committee Meeting. Judge Tami Bern seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recorded by Bridget Coppersmith
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