

Meeting Minutes
Executive Committee Conference Call
South Dakota Council of Juvenile Services (CJS)
July 14, 2022

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 Sheriff Brad Howell, Codington County Sheriff.

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

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Others Present: Bridget Coppersmith and John Stewart, South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC).

1. WELCOME

Chair Beth O’Toole called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 14, 2022 and welcomed everyone to the call. Chair O’Toole explained that the purpose of the meeting was to act regarding the FY2022 Formula Grant Application and a Native American Programs subgrant 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 FY2022 FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION

Coppersmith explained that the FY2022 Formula Grant Application was the second year of the 2021 Three-Year Plan and that funding would run from October 2022 to September 2026. Coppersmith noted that FY2019 Formula Grant funds are currently being spent and that South Dakota had been awarded funding for FY2020 and FY2021 which would be spent prior to utilizing the FY2022 award. The FY2022 application is due to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by August 2, 2022.

Coppersmith explained that federal fiscal year 2021 detention data findings were inputted to OJJDP’s Compliance Monitoring Tool (CMT). Staff reported zero deinstitutionalization of status offender (DSO) violations, zero jail removal, and zero sight and sound separation violations.

Coppersmith stated the program narrative outlines South Dakota's compliance with the 33 statutory requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJJPA) 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. Since program goals have not changed since the FY2021 application, a statement of no change would be submitted in lieu of a new narrative.

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.

Sheriff Brad Howell moved to approve the FY2022 Formula Grant Application as presented. Charles Friberg seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ACTION REGARDING NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS SUBGRANT APPLICATION

Coppersmith provided an overview of the SFY2023 application from the Wolves Youth Development Center which was resubmitted at the request of the full Council in June. Coppersmith explained staff was recommending awarding less than the requested \$50,000 as a planning grant focused on data and program development.

Discussion ensued regarding the content of the application and allowable expenditures.

Judge Tami Bern moved to approve the submitted SFY2023 application for \$30,000 for personal time and travel and contracted services contingent on identification of a financial official. Charles Friberg Sheriff Brad Howell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN

At 11:17 AM, Charles Friberg moved to adjourn the Executive Committee Meeting. Judge Tami Bern seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recorded by Bridget Coppersmith
Juvenile Justice Specialist*