

Meeting Minutes *DRAFT*

South Dakota Council of Juvenile Services

February 26, 2024

Teams Video Conference

Monday, February 26, 2024

Council of Juvenile Services Members Present: Beth O’Toole, Chair and Professor at the University of Sioux Falls; Sara McGregor-Okroi, Vice-Chair and Director of Aliive-Roberts County; Dadra Avery, School Counselor at Sturgis Brown High School; Eric Anderson, Department of Corrections Division of Juvenile Services Supervisor; Cassidy Frederick, Youth Member; Charles Frieberg, Director of Court Services; Daniel Hagggar, Minnehaha County States Attorney; Cindy Heiberger, Former Minnehaha County Commissioner; Dough Hermann, Executive Director of The Club for Boys; Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary’s Central South Dakota Child Assessment Center; Melanie Boetel, Department of Social Services; Kim Cournoyer, Service Provider; Sheriff Brad Howell, Codington County Sheriff; Dave McNeil, Aberdeen Police Department Chief

Council of Juvenile Services Members Absent: Judge Tami Bern, First Judicial Circuit Judge; Jennifer Johnson, Southeastern Behavioral Health JJRI Coordinator; Skylir Skipper, Youth Member

State Agency Staff Support: Haley Carey, Bridget Coppersmith, and John Stewart, South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC)

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Beth O’Toole called the meeting to order at 10:02 PM on February 26, 2024. Haley Carey took role call and quorum was validated by Carey at this time.

2. 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 proceed with the meeting agenda and ended the period for public comment.

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Carey reviewed the Council Business coming before the Council at the meeting.

The following conflicts of interest were disclosed:

Dave McNeil – Brown County Native American Court partnership

4. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2023 CJS MEETING MINUTES

Chair O’Toole provided an overview of the June 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Chuck Frieberg moved to approve the June 2023 meeting minutes; Sheriff Brad Howell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Chair O'Toole provided an overview of the August 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

Sheriff Brad Howell moved to approve the August 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes; Daniel Haggard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE MEMBERSHIP COST
Carey, Bridget Coppersmith, and Chair O'Toole provided information regarding the membership and cost. Chuck Frieberg asked if this was a yearly cost, which was confirmed by O'Toole.

Dadra Avery moved to approve the CJJ Membership Cost; Sara McGregor-Okroi seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. STATUS REPORT

Budget: Carey reported all monies for 2019 & 2020 awards have been expended. 2021 grant award is currently being expended with all of 2022 and 2023 awards left. A closeout report for 2019 award was submitted in January and Performance reports for 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023 were submitted in December.

Diversion/Tribal LE Intervention Training: John Stewart provided a brief overview of Diversion/Tribal Law Enforcement Intervention Training that is being planned to improve Racial and Ethnic Disparity efforts within South Dakota. Stewart, Kristi Bunkers, Annie Brokenleg, and Carey will be meeting with Fox Valley Technical College on February 29, 2024 to discuss logistics.

Site Visit & Audit Findings: Carey reported OJJDP conducted a Remote Monitoring site visit Augst 23 & 24, 2023. In conclusion to the site visit, there were no issues for resolution identified.

OJJDP Updates: Carey shared that OJJDP is focusing on what works and what can be improved around Title II Tribal pass-through grant process. Entities who was awarded this grant were encouraged to provide feedback to OJJDP. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference is being hosted May 29-June 1, 2024, in Washington, D.C., John Stewart, Kristi Bunkers, and Haley Carey will be attending. Nicole McCrae is no longer the South Dakota OJJDP Program Manager and the new South Dakota OJJDP Program Manager is Rico Hall, effective 11/22/23.

Compliance: Stewart outlined there were seven potential deinstitutionalization of status offender (DSO) violations, however, five of them were cleared after working with Tribal partners in Sisseton-Wahpeton area. Brown County had one DSO violation due to holding a juvenile securely beyond 24 hours on a CHINS violation which is a status offense. Roberts County had one DSO violation due to holding a juvenile securely beyond 24 hours on a CHINS violation for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Child Protection Services. Mellette County had one Jail Removal Violation due to the juvenile being held securely at an adult jail/lockup for more than 6 hours without being detained for a transfer or court appearance.

8. BROWN COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN COURT PARTNERSHIP

Stewart provided information on the transfer of partnership for Brown County Native American Court (part of the R/ED Grant awarded in June 2023) from Wambli Ska to Northern State University. The transfer of partnership to Northern State University is in efforts to keep the resources and partnership local to Brown County versus outsourcing. The funding amount total of \$20,000 remains unchanged with the transfer.

Chuck Frieberg moved to approve the Brown County Native American Court Partnership transfer request; Angela Lisburg seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ANNUAL REPORT

Carey reported due to the Department of Corrections producing an annual statistic report that meets all state reporting requirements of the council, it is the recommendation of the department to put out a report that meets the federal requirements which are due every 2 years. Input of suggestions or changes can be emailed to Carey. The report is due in June.

Daniel Haggar moved to approve annual report transition, Sheriff Howell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATES

Daniel Haggar shared Senate Bill 47, a bill to increase the amount of diversion funds from \$250 to \$750 per successful diversion, has been well received in legislature.

11. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2024 with the exact date and location to be determined.

At 10:33 AM, Chuck Frieberg moved to adjourn the meeting, Dadra Avery seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Haley Carey, Juvenile Justice Specialist