Washington State Department of CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

WA State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (PCJJ)

Full Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 17, 2025
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting called to order by Chair Gordon McHenry Jr. Welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the agenda for the special convening of the Council. Provided a land acknowledgement recognizing the unceded lands of the ancestral and indigenous people on which we live- made a call for reaffirming commitments to and improving relationships with the local indigenous people. Council members were invited to introduce themselves in the chat.

Council Attendees: Andrew Hill, Clinton Taylor, Alex Narvaez, Ada Daniels, Mike Johnson, Mary Sprute Garlant, JD Nielsen, Gordon McHenry, Jr, Andres Thornock, Sean Goode, Tashawn Deville, Lorraine Stone, Jennifer Forbes, Dr. Eric Trupin, Kendra Jones, and Diana Cockrell.

OJJ Staff: Jenny Young, Heidi Sadri, Alexi Castilla, Whitney Queral, & Christina Valera

Guests: Adam Haizlip, DeAnna Wilson, Pastor Shon Davis, Morning Large, Jeri Moomaw, Noel Gomez, Shari, Jadah, Julissa Sanchez

Minutes Approval:
Motion to approve meeting minutes for January 16, 2025, Special Convening by Alex Navarez. Motion Seconded by Andrew Hill. Council members voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes.

Supplemental Materials:
- PowerPoint 04.17.25 PCJJ Meeting
- PowerPoint Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative
- Legislative Committee Report
- 2025 Q1 Committee Report-Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Behavior Health Re-Entry Committee Report
- Grants & TA Report

Special Announcements:

Introduction to New Council Member: Mary Sprute Garlant

Presentation: Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative: Jeri Moomaw & Noel Gomez

- Provided high level overview of sex trafficking and the Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative services and future PCJJ partnership.
- The program provides advocacy, crisis intervention, safety planning, case management and direct client assistance.

Question (Ada Daniels)- Is this information public and in schools?

School systems (school board to janitors) are lacking education and funding isn't offered at this time.

Andres Thornock- Highlighted the failure of Tribal youth protection for sex trafficking victims and call to action for with the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Committee partnership with Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative.

**See PowerPoint for additional information

PCJJ Committee Reports & Updates:

Legislative Committee Reports & Session Review-Andrew Hill, Heidi Sadri & Alexi Castilla

- Tracked over 60 bills-reviewed bills of interested and identified alignment with PCJJ priorities in Legislative Committee meetings.
- Overview of major bills
    - HB 1391-Diversion
    - SB 5032- JR oversight
    - HB 1815-Prison riot offenses in JR
    - SB 5296- JR sentencing reform
    - SB 5278- JR capacity/ DOC transfers
- Gordon McHenry- What is the takeaway of SB 5278 not passing?
    - It had enough votes to pass the House but viewed as a package with SB 5296 and did not pass.
- Youth Hope Act
    - Created and led by Capitol Classroom at Green Hill and young women at Echo Glen, with coalition support.

    - Made it to the Senate floor but did not get a vote.
- Budget Highlights
    - The House and Senate will continue to work to incorporate spending on both chambers' bills into both budgets and negotiate total funding levels.

Behavioral Health & Re-Entry- Andres Thornock & Dr. Trupin

- February– Committee members identified the priorities out of the 3-year Plan on which the committee will focus its efforts.
- March– continued learning around the several topics the Committee wishes to be more educated on:
    - Community Accountability Boards,
    - The Intercept/Youth Villages Pilot Program, and
    - Medicaid Transformation
- Next Steps– create a timeline and action steps for the priorities of the 3 Year plan for the committee to execute over the next 2 years.

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Racial and Ethnic Disparities- Clinton Taylor

- February – Held a legislative bill highlight/learning session & discussion.
- March- Began planning to host a community engagement event. Committee members are looking forward to hosting a screening of the film Juvenile: Five Stories by Joanne Selvidge.

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Grants & Technical Assistance- Ada Daniels & Jenny Young

- Brief overview of current Sub-awardees
- Juvenile Justice Data Dashboard Project
    - Will help with the comparing of key juvenile justice system decision point data to understand where disparities increase and decrease.
- Title II Budget Guidelines:
    - 10% on Planning & Administration (Salaries, Benefits, Travel, etc.)
    - At least 75% allocated for specific Program Areas
    - No more than 25% for other activities
- Brief overview of Council Membership Requirements

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OJJ Updates- Jenny Young

- Compliance Data Collection has been completed with a response rate of 98% (October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024).
- Site visits begin at the end of April.
- Data will be provided with the OJJDP upon opening of the reporting tool

2025 Diversion Summit Updates

- The planning committee is formed (support of Jimmy Hung).
- The summit will be held in Yakima in August

Raise the Age Final Report

- Pushed June 30th deadline, to September 30th

Break

CHOOSE 180 Youth and Young Adult Advocacy Program- Morning Large, Julissa Sanchez, and Jadah

- Community-centered advocacy program to impact racial disproportionality, keep youth out of the juvenile criminal legal system, and break the school-to-prison pipeline.
- Creation of diversion bill HB 1391- Improving developmentally appropriate alternatives for youth outside the formal court process.
- Call to action for partnership in prevention work at the school level.

Question (Alex)- How can council continue to support Choose 180?

Participating in different lobby days, spread the word of our events. It can be challenging to get youth involved in policy and legal work, it helps to have someone with authority get the word out. Several Council Members and OJJ Staff committed to forwarding information on their events to their larger networks.

Sub-Awardees Presentations: Lorraine Stone & Pastor Shon Davis

Mentoring Today's Youth

- 1:1 mentoring and group mentoring program, focusing on building relationships, fostering social-emotional learning, and helping youth navigate their environment.
- Currently operating in all 5 high schools and 6 middle schools, and case load of 250 w/ 8 staff members and 4 navigators that work strictly in the communities.
- Job program-summer time landscaping diversion program.

Big Homie Program:

- The mentors are from Pierce County, gang experience and receive proper training & certification.
- 1:1 goal-based mentoring and peer support groups, monthly group activities, crisis intervention, gang prevention training, Juneteenth Youth Market (entrepreneurial event), camping trip.
- 3 current initiatives with OJJ funding: engaging with current research and evaluation team, capacity building and food trailer purchase.

Question: With the shift in demographic in Spokane & Tacoma (east side) and how has your program been impacted?

It's a 2% African American population, so we must work even harder. Increasing our networking and access to funding, partnership has been instrumental in creating a stable community. (Pastor Shon Davis)

Our young members are living in neighborhoods dominated by gang activity and we're doing impact and prevention work, as well as the surrounding areas. (Lorraine Stone)

Question: How has the shift with gang leadership (multi-generational vs youth lead) impacted your work?

Our teams have adjusted their work, looking at specific communities and teams, staffing situations, it's a continuous process. (Lorraine Stone)

Importance of relationships and being you and real to build trust to shift their perspectives. (Pastor Shon Davis)

Question: How do you ensure your mentors are truly uninvolved from their former gang affiliations?

5-6 years clean track record and do our own vetting with our own networks. We conduct our own training and certification; a gang therapist is available on staff. (Lorraine Stone)

Mentors are shadowed by a navigator in the beginning and mentored by another mentor. (Pastor Shon Davis)

<u>Youth Voice Breakouts-Echo Glen and Green Hill School</u>: **Heidi Sadri & Whitney Queral**

- Recommendation for OJJ Report on Preparation and Feedback Loop

<u>Action Items:</u>

- Ada to follow up regarding Echo Glen GED testing site and will be on campus at EG in two weeks from 4.18. OJJ to follow up with Ada to find out what happened.
- Jenny Heddin is aware and following up on GED testing barriers.

- OJJ Staff to connect with Strengthening Families program (per Allison's suggestion) about creating trauma informed visitation spaces in both GHS and Echo Glen.
- Ada to follow-up on institutional education compliance.
- Drew Hill to meet with JR Asst. Secretary and her team to provide a review and feedback on the new Beh. Management System (already scheduled for later in April).
- Alex offered to provide in person support at Echo Glen to allow for youth and young adults to attend the full PCJJ meeting; Jenny Heddin to support from within DCYF.
- Family Engagement (frequency of and access to phone calls and zoom family visits),
- The impact of the use of group consequences/punishments for the action of individuals (idea around housing and programming by level).
- Staff Accountability (idea to connect with each youth in the unit during the shift, more training, self-regulation, etc.)

Public Comment:

None shared

Adjourn

1:03 PM

Next Meeting:

July 10th 9:00AM-1:00PM via Microsoft Teams