

**Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (PCJJ)
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM via Zoom**

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:07 AM by Vice-Chair Sean Goode
Council Vice Chair Sean Goode offered land acknowledgement and welcomed attendees

Attendees

Council Members: Gordon McHenry Jr., Sean Goode, jd Nielson, Chief Jim Kelly, Dr. Eric Trupin, Felice Upton, Nicole McGrath, Jimmy Hung, Diana Cockrell, Megan Boyd, Lorraine Stone, Breean Beggs, Clinton Taylor.

OJJ Staff: Alice Coil, Jenny Young, and Whitney Queral

Guests: Jalen Lily, Alexis H., Molly Morales, Nickolaus Colgan, Hailey Gray, Jaya Duckworth, Andrew Peterson, Rachael Sanford, Haley Lowe

Meeting Minutes Approval

jd Nielson motioned to approve October 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Felice Upton seconded the motion. Council members voted unanimously to approve October meeting minutes.

Council Member Check-In:

Council members reflected on the three priorities set forth by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention and offered their vision for the year.

- Treat Children as Children
- Serve Children at Home, with Their Families, in Their Communities
- Open Up Opportunities for System-Involved Youth

Main points shared include:

- Create change through minds and hearts
- Require accountability
- Adopt the motto “We all belong” relating to EDI work
- Continue to document and highlight the experience of incarcerated youth during the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Support organizations to build infrastructure
- Maintain focus on evidence-based interventions in order to improve outcomes for system involved youth
- Focus on changing sentencing structure and guidelines and implementing research-based interventions

- Implement data driven and trauma informed practices in order to not do harm to young people
- Focus on building partnerships with youth and communities
- Place organizations strategically to better serve communities across geographic areas.

Youth Voice:

Hailey Gray provided overview of Justice for Girls Coalition

- a state level training and advocacy non-profit
 - focus on uplifting girls and youth voice initiatives
 - Continued focus on developing their Girls Advocacy and Impact Network (GAIN) which has been running for four years serving youth aged 13-20 years old.
 - Focus on building community understanding how to navigate the legislative system.
- Social issues

Jaya Duckworth provided addition insight into GAIN program

- Three chapters across Washington serving King, Pierce, and Yakima counties
- 8-month curriculum
- Legislative Advocacy education

Justice for Girls member, Alexis, shared her experience in the GAIN program. Spoke about how participation in the program increase her ability to navigate the legislative system and built her confidence in advocating for herself as a young woman.

Justice for Girls member, Molly, shared about how the program has helped develop her public speaking skills and find her voice. Spoke about team-building activities such as having self-care nights with other young women involved in the GAIN program.

Legislative Update:

Felice Upton

DCYF JR Agency Request - Community Capacity Expansion

Creating more community facilities so that youth can be placed closer to their homes

Diana Cockrell - HCA Legislative Agenda

Expansion of Children's Long-Term In-Patient (CLIP)

SB 5130 Expands services minors to regarding assisted outpatient. Provides outpatient options for those you have been court ordered mandated care. Work is needed to ensure services for youth are cultural relevant and developmentally appropriate

Jenny Young Juvenile Justice Related Legislation

HB 1324: Removes prior juvenile convictions from the calculation of adult offender scores and provides for a resentencing right for offenders whose scores were affected by prior juvenile convictions.

HB 1383: Capitol Classroom Bill: Green Hill Youth Early release petitions/juv.

HB 1382: Community Transition Services

Update: Improving Institutional Education Outcomes

Haley Lowe shared quote from a youth formerly incarcerated at Echo Glenn:

“... proper education plays a huge part in our success to enter back into the community with a chance to succeed. As a past resident here at Echo Glenn, I've noticed resources are low-school supplies, trade programs, parenting classes, female equal education and experience. They say the systems is here to help us become successful in the community, but they are putting up barriers in the way of our growth and change. In our facility, I would like to see change in funding, training for staff, programs for trades and gender equality. It would help our education and success. With low resources our needs are not being met. Just because of our label of being incarcerated does not mean we don't deserve equal education. For HB 1295 I think it would benefit your understanding of our concerns by coming to our facility and witnessing our education and school struggle. It strongly needs to be reevaluated by someone who can help make a change. Thank you for your time and listening to our concerns.”

HB1295 Addressing funding inequities.

Bill will be dropping soon regarding an updated funding model

School districts will be required to have youth council to maintain meaningful engagement with youth receiving their education while incarcerated

Implementation of multi-tiered systems of support framework at Echo Glen

- Tier 1 Supports that all students need
- Tier 2 Supports that some students need
- Tier 3 Most intensive services

Committee Reports:

Grants & TA Alice Coil

- Currently in third year of three-year cycle
- Preparing for next three-year cycle
 - o Recruiting new members for Grants and TA Committee
 - o April council meeting will focus on area of emphasis for next funding cycle

Racial & Ethnic Disparities Jimmy Hung

Overview of 2021-2022 topics

- Understanding the history of youth of color in the justice system
- Disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline
- Addressing the intersection of trauma and racism
- Using data to inform policy and practice
- Supporting alternatives to incarceration
- Connecting race, gender, and class

- Advancing anti-poverty agendas
- Building capacity for community-led solutions
- Uplifting youth voice and lived experts

Highlighted Growing Participation in monthly meetings with average of 25 attendees

Behavioral Health & Reentry Dr. Eric Trupin

Accomplishments and Current Projects

- King County Zero Youth Detention and Walkabout Yakima presented.
- Dr. Kamara Taylor was invited to share her Breakthrough Boxing Program in the new year.
- Discussions regarding how to fund the Law Enforcement Mental Health Diversion Project were scheduled and emails were sent to those who responded to the original survey in Yakima to inquire regarding potential collaboration on a pilot.
- TRANSFORM Curriculum Development and Pilot continues to progress, with two pilot sites completing the curriculum in WA this past summer. Plans for additional pilots are ongoing.

Upcoming Presentations

- Evidence Based Associates- work nationally to support community based agencies in implementing evidence-base programs and practices
- Gun Violence Prevention Grant Program from Dept. of Commerce
- UW School of Nursing: Pilot and Evaluation Project at King County Dept. of Juvenile Detention
- When developed: share the Re-Entry Documentary with the committee

Presentation: Juvenile Justice Data Dashboard

<https://dcyf.wa.gov/practice/practice-improvement/ojj/data-dashboard>

Announcement:

Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual Conference
May 24-26, 2023

Next Meeting via Zoom 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 20th

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 PM