



Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

WA State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (PCJJ)

Full Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 18, 2024
9 AM – 12:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Council Chair, Gordon McHenry Jr, called the meeting to order and offered land acknowledgement and welcomed attendees. Provided opening remarks and introductions.

Attendees: Council Chair Gordon McHenry, Council Vice-Chair Sean Goode, Ada Daniels, Judge Jennifer Forbes, Lorraine Stone, Megan Boyd, Senator Noel Frame, Diana Cockrell, Dr. Eric Trupin, Nicole McGrath, Jimmy Hung, Clinton Taylor, Michael Johnson, Dr. Ben Danielson, Tashawn Deville, and Andres ‘Dre’ Thornock

Guests: Emily Grossman, Kristin Hersrud

OJJ Staff: Les Liggins, Heidi Sadri, Whitney Queral and Jenny Young

Meeting Minutes Approval

Council Chair Gordon McHenry requested a motion to approve the October 19th, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Clinton Taylor with motion unanimously carried by Council Members.

Special Announcement

Introduction of new Council Members: Tashawn Deville and Andres ‘Dre’ Thornock

Council Check-in: Council members responded to the prompt: *“By the end of 2024, I hope...”*

- We have increased progress in mitigating justice by geography.
- That institutional education will be moving into its next steps.
- We will continue to increase access to opportunity in the financial space- financial literacy, pathways to jobs, transitional support for previously incarcerated young people, be active and engaged in the council.
- That the United States will still be a Democracy
- Ensure safety and security, have well trained employees, trauma informed programming,
- Hopeful that we will still be building community, relationships, and forging strong partnerships to a better Juvenile Justice system.
- That we do not lose any ground in 2024 and keeping pushing forward
- Hoping we can finish projects that have been started and see more collaboration across the city.
- To have more mental health services for our youth

- Is for more community collaboration.
- See youth have more access to WISE and other intensive wrap services.
- Continue learning and advocating for youth in the community.
- Find the levers to help the system serve people.
- Less kids in the justice system because other systems are working more effectively.
- “love people, places, and things who they are and what they are and as they are.”
- To find peace in the moment right now.
- To bring light to how overrepresented Native American youth are in the juvenile justice system.
- To see Juvenile Justice as a key part of behavioral health in Washington state.

Committee Reports

Grants and TA – Ada Daniels

- Updates on Policing the Teen Brain training to take place at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center on February 6th and 7th, 2024.
- Overview of Federal JJSI Award Amounts

Racial and Ethnic Disparities – Jimmy Hung

- Focusing more on action in 2024
- Grow our understanding of Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Review of 2023 presentations
- Planning session to take place on Jan 19, 2023

*See committee report

Behavioral Health & Reentry – Dr. Eric Trupin

- Overview of next steps for 2024 focus areas
- Invitation to current youth Council Members to fill co-chair position.

Legislative Session and Updates

- Senator Frame:
 - Clearing debt for uncollectable debt from LFOs
 - Retroactive Juvenile Points bill

*See Legislative Tracking report

Office of Juvenile Justice 2024 Updates and Activities

- Overview of changes within OJJ and new location within Office of Public Affairs - Community Engagement Division

- Announcement of vacant Juvenile Justice System Improvement Manager position within OJJ and plans to move forward with hiring.
- Planning a celebration of appreciation for Alice Coil, former Director of OJJ
- Activities snapshot
- Overview of goals from previous three-year plan
- Overview of policy recommendations from Biennial Governor's Report
- Identifying partner agencies along with each recommendation within report

Action Item:

Establish workgroups for The Governor's Report and Federal Three-Year Plan

- Three-year plan (Meetings to take place, February, March, and April)
 - o Nicole McGrath
 - o Felice Upton
 - o Gordon McHenry
 - o Dre Thornock
- Governor's Report (Meetings to take place May, June, and July)
 - o Gordon McHenry
 - o Diana Cockrell
 - o Dr. Danielson

Policy Studies Workgroups Updates – Heidi Sadri

- Each workgroup has met 2 times since beginning of policy study.
- Record sealing- moving towards a confidentiality model- limiting the spread of backgrounds amongst private background check companies.
- State Community Compensation Fund Policy Study report and recommendations – Due October 31, 2024
- Shared about the focus of engaging lived experts and youth advocacy programs in policy study process.

Youth Voice Green Hill School Capitol Classroom

- Gave an update on their legislative testimony from earlier in the week where youth from Green Hill School and Echo Glenn CC spoke in support of HB1383.
- Council Chair facilitated the introduction of new Council Members to youth.
- Youth shared what motivates them including listening to music and motivational speakers as well as writing and making music. Youth also shared practice of taking deep breaths and practicing mindfulness.
- Youth shared the announcement that the first group of students would be graduating with their bachelor's degrees in June.

Public Comments

None shared.

Announcement & Closing

11:56 AM Adjournment

Next Council Meeting via Microsoft Teams: April 18, 2024, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM