

**Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice  
September 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Governor's Council Attendees**

David Stucki  
Jason Dolin  
Kendra Kec

Rick Broderick  
Demi Heiks  
Keagan Richard

**Guests**

Erin Davies

**DYS Attendees**

Ryan Gies  
Dion Baines  
Keith Williams  
Corey Shrieve

Kristi Oden  
Danny Turek  
Shawn Smith  
Kim Times

**Call to Order**

Judge Stucki opened the meeting and noted that there were new faces in the room. He asked members and attendees to introduce themselves and welcomed Jason Dolin back to the Governor's Council.

**DYS Updates**

Ryan Gies stated that Director Reed is in Nebraska at the JDAI convening, working on bringing Ohio JDAI to state scale. He also stated that there are focus groups working on revising the RECLAIM formula, and that DYS has contracted with Shay Bilchik to collect feedback and consider the formula from every angle. Mr. Gies went on to state that DYS is working on the biennium budget and there may be a reduction in the DYS budget, but the hope is to continue detention alternatives and ongoing funding to detention centers. In line with the Council of State Governments work, DYS is proposing developing a data repository in hopes of implementing a recidivism pilot. Every year DYS gives out community recognition awards to programs and successful youth from the programs. He explained that a member of the Governor's Council is usually on the committee that selects the winners. He asked for a participant and Demi Heiks volunteered. DYS is considering having a 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event with more information forthcoming.

Judge Stucki stated that the Columbus Dispatch reported that DYS and DRC may merge into one agency. Ryan Gies responded that the state is always looking for ways to streamline or combine services and those discussions are expected to continue. Judge Stucki stated there have been rumors of a merge for many years, and that the Judges Association would be meeting with the Governor's Office. He further expressed that DYS had made many great strides over the years and would like to see what he holds dear to be preserved. The members discussed their issues related to the speculated merger. Judge Stucki instructed the group to share information, via email, as it becomes available. Kendra Kec asked that with this possible merger whether there had been any discussion on changing the age of majority to reflect the latest brain research.

**Minutes**

Judge Stucki motioned the previous meeting minutes be approved. Rick Broderick and Keagan Richard so motioned with all in favor.

**Proposed Changes to the JJDP Act Regulations**

Danny Turek provided an overview of proposed changes to the JJDP Act regulations and provided a handout. The changes include:

- A reduction in the de minimus standard for DSO
- A reduction in the de minimus standard for Jail Removal
- A reduction in the de minimus for Sight and Sound Separation which will now include bindovers
- States must collect data from all law enforcement facilities rather than just secure
- A change in the reporting period to the federal fiscal year

- A change to methodology used for calculating compliance rates
- Juveniles can never be detained in an adult facility

Members provided comments to be submitted to the federal register that include:

- The rates are so low that one event could cause the entire state to be out of compliance.
- The changes would most likely drive the detention numbers up. Efforts for detention reform and objective admissions would be lost.
- Youth at different risk levels would likely be mixed if all youth were brought directly to detention centers
- There are only 38 detention centers and 88 counties. Some police departments would have to drive a good distance to drop off youth.
- Detention center staff don't interview or interrogate youth in an investigation. Where would youth be interviewed when a serious crime occurs?
- Where is the liability when youth are not held securely and always "free to leave" when something happens to them?

For the DMC portion of the proposed changes Keith Williams stated the matrix currently used to determine rates would be replaced with a new tool and states will be required to follow the five phase DMC reduction model. Kristi Oden will document comments and add the information to the Federal Register on behalf of the Governor's Council.

### **Coalition for Juvenile Justice Youth Summit**

Judge Stucki explained that every year the CJJ has a youth summit and that youth members attend. Keagan Richard attended this year and stated that she met people from other states and it was interesting to hear the different perspectives. She stated that she attended several breakout sessions including "Effective Police Interactions with Youth" and that some kids came with their probation officers. Judge Stucki stated that the CJJ usually has a conference every April and that members should take advantage of the opportunity.

### **Title II**

Kristi Oden stated that the 2016 Title II application was still in process at OJJDP so the state has not yet been awarded. In CY 2017, this funding will be used for new programs because continuation programs are about to begin their fourth and final year of funding. Next year funding will be competitive. She reminded members that they review the grant applications to select who will receive Title II funding.

### **Funded Programs**

Dion Baines told members that Title II applications for continuation funding are due on September 12, 2016. He stated that with upcoming competitive funding, DYS would be developing clear, concise goals and objectives. Erin Davies asked how it will tie to the recently completed DMC Assessment. Kristi Oden stated they would be reviewing the findings and focusing efforts on those areas that need assistance, and the focus would be narrowed from countywide to cities and possibly even to neighborhoods or school districts. Ms. Davies volunteered to assist with providing data as needed.

### **DMC**

Keith Williams informed members that DYS is hosting a joint OJJDP/JDAI event on September 30, 2016 with the purpose of addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. He informed members the flyer for the seminar is in the folder and invited members to attend. He also noted that the RRI data has been updated with 2015 data. Erin Davies asked why bindover rates were not reflected in most cases and she explained that bindovers in the counties like Cuyahoga and Hamilton were very high. Kristi Oden replied that when the numbers calculated, it showed as insignificant but she would review the numbers to make sure the report is accurate. (It was verified following the meeting that the bindover numbers in Ohio's largest counties, as reported by the juvenile courts, are still not high enough to be significant in the rate.

### **General Business**

Judge Stucki reminded members that the next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2016.

### **Adjourn**