



## **WA State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (PCJJ)**

Full Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 20, 2023  
9 AM – 12 PM

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by Council Member Ada Daniels in the absence of Council Chair and Vice Chair. Offered land acknowledgement and welcomed attendees.

### **Attendees**

**Council Members:** Co-chair Gordon McHenry Jr., Ada Daniels, Breean Beggs, Clinton Taylor, Deekon Jones, Diana Cockrell, Drew Hill, Dr. Eric Trupin, Felice Upton, Gabriel Fensler, jd Nielsen, Chief Jim Kelly, Jimmy Hung, Lorraine Stone, Megan Boyd, Nicole McGrath, Senator Noel Frame, Sydney Forrester, Judge Jennifer Forbes.

**Guests:** Jose Caywood, The Big Homie Program (Sam and Kai), Maricela Holtzer, Brittany Mullins, Arthur Longworth, Todd Alkema, Karen Pillar, Darius Thompson, Daniel Lugo, Sonya Salazar,

**OJJ Staff:** Alice Coil, Les Liggins, Jenny Young, and Whitney Queral

### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

Nicole McGrath motioned to approve January 2023 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by jd Nielson. Drew Hill, Jennifer Forbes, Senator Frame, Sydney Forrester indicated that they did not attend the January meeting and therefore abstained from voting. Remaining council members voted unanimously to approve January meeting minutes.

Council members checked in with the Prompt: **What Sparks HOPE in Challenging Times?**  
The diagram captured the essence of their responses.



## Youth Voice

### **About The Big Homie Program (Lorraine, Sam and Kai)**

- Pierce County based gang intervention and prevention
- 6 sites
- Provide after school programming, one to one support and mentoring, and group-based working with youth at JR community facility
- Multiple layers of mentorship within the organization

Question: What is the work that you are doing via AmeriCorps? What do you hope to get out of the work that you are doing? And what can we be doing more to support our young people?

Sam: Hopes to learn different skills to engage with kids. Finding areas to improve in the community includes increasing resources for kids. Youth need resources such as help with finances, phones, food, clothes, as well as more people to talk to and engage with.

Kai: Kids need resources the most. Basic needs - clothes, phone. Shared that one on ones are needed most so that youth can build positive connections with peer mentors.

### **Green Hill School Capitol Classroom participants**

Anthony: Shared about HB 1383 and understanding the process of supporting bill through legislative process. Shared learning experience and need to gain support for bill from State Representatives.

Aaron: Shared about planning efforts for Coalition for Juvenile Justice Emerging Leaders Committee and upcoming Youth Summit. Spoke on the continued need to center youth voices and experiences emphasizing “Those closest to the problem and the closest to the solution.”

Senator Frame shared comments highlighting the need to integrate those with opposing views into spaces to meet youth. Shared Aaron’s sentiment on the importance of engaging with youth to help shift culture and open hearts and minds on issues that impacted them.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Racial and Ethnic Disparities:** Strategies on moving from awareness to action:

Awareness	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Understanding the history of youth of color</li><li>➤ In the justice system</li><li>➤ Addressing the intersection of trauma and racism</li><li>➤ Using data to inform policy and practice</li></ul>	<p>Integrate strategies &amp; approaches to reduce the impact of racial &amp; ethnic disparities in all PCJJ funded projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Disrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline</li><li>❖ Address disparity at point of arrest</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Uplifting lived experts and youth voice</li> <li>➤ Promoting anti-poverty and anti-racism agendas</li> <li>➤ Advancing equity and inclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Build capacity for community-based alternatives to detention &amp; incarceration</li> <li>❖ Support local culturally responsive wraparound services</li> </ul>
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**Behavioral Health and Re-entry:** Focus on improving access to mental health assessment and treatment services as well as supporting youth’s transition and reengagement to home and community from confinement.

Ongoing Projects:

- TRANSFORM curriculum development
- Law Enforcement Mental Health Diversion Pilot Program

Presentation Topics:

- January 2023 Breakthrough Boxing Program, Dr. Kamara Taylor
- March 2023 Community Safety Violence Prevention programs, Kate Kelly
- April 2023 Capacity Building, Evidence Based Associates, Joe Boggs & Dan Edwards
- May 2023 Systems Analysis & Improvement Approach, Sarah Gimbel
- June 2023 TRANSFORM (to be confirmed)

**Grants and TA**

- Current focus on preparing for upcoming grant cycle

Poll Conducted: Where should the council allocate its funding to have the greatest impact?

Poll Results:

**44%** or 8/18 for **Prevention**  
**27%** or 5/18 for **Intervention**  
**27%** or 5/18 for **Reengagement**

Additional comments:

Intervention- intervening where the most trauma is occurring when they are actively involved in the system.

Reengagement- serving the communities that have been already impacted. Reengagement should be a priority following Covid-19 pandemic and the lack of services available to young people during the pandemic.

**Legislative Update**

Felice Upton, Assistance Secretary DCYF Juvenile Rehabilitation

Current Priorities

- Increase Standard of Care
- Community In-reach

- Improving Safe Environment
- Community Step-down model
- Effective Care for Young People
- Reentry Supports

## **Presentation**

### **Washington Juvenile Detention: 2021 Updates**

Dr. Amanda Gilman, Principle Research Associate Center for Court Research

- 2021- 3,365 admissions to detention facilities (2000 total youth)
- 38% decrease in admissions from 2020
- Reductions in detention populations have historically lead to increases in racial disproportionality
- 70-74% decrease in admissions of youth of color between 2019-2021
- Overview of how SB5290 has impacted reporting requirements

\*See attached PowerPoint for additional information

### **Tracking of Juvenile Justice related legislations**

Jenny Young

SB5438 - Would give every individual served by and through HCA and DSHS programs/facilities the right to a caring, compassionate family member involved in the advocating for their best treatment, based on their lifelong role in the person's life and their personal knowledge of their past and present welfare – not passed  
SB 5120 – Crisis Relief Centers – not passed

## **Public Comments**

None shared at time of meeting

## **Announcements:**

2023 Spring Youth Summit

*Empowering, Enriching and Inspiring Youth: Making Policy Personal*

Monday July 31- Tuesday August 1

University of Washington - Tacoma Campus

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 PM

Next Meeting:

July 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Green Hill School 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM