



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

### Full Council Meeting Minutes Special Convening Wednesday, September 11, 2024 11:00 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. Attendees were asked to provide introductions through the Microsoft Teams chat function.

**Attendees:** Council Chair Gordon McHenry Jr. Vice Chair Sean Goode, Clinton Taylor, Ada Daniels, Jimmy Hung, Felice Upton, Nicole McGrath, Tashawn Deville, Barbara Serrano, Andrew Hill, Sen. Noel Frame, Rep. Mari Leavitt, jd Nielson, Diana Cockrell, and Michael Johnson.

OJJ Staff: Jenny Young, Heidi Sadri, Whitney Qural, and Alexi Castilla

Guest: Stephanie Budrus, DCYF and Jenny Heddin, DCYF

**Minutes Approval:** Motion to approve meeting minutes by Sean Goode. Motion Seconded by Clinton Taylor and Felice Upton. Council voted unanimously to approve the July 2024 Meeting minutes except for an abstention by Nicole McGrath as she was not in attendance at the July meeting. The motion carried.

#### **Supplemental Materials:**

WA-PCJJ Letter to the Governor  
Team Child Letter to the Governor  
9/11/2024 PowerPoint

#### **Updates:** Gordon McHenry and Sean Goode

- 37 of 43 young men returned to Green Hill School following initial transfer to DOC on July 11<sup>th</sup>,
- DCYF exploring possibility of facility at Stafford Creek Correctional Center
- "I believe in this season we have the opportunity to blaze a unique trail forward that demonstrates our advisory capability and the significance of an advisory role in truly transforming systems that cause harm and as we do so, model for the future of individuals

who are coming up on the Council, that will soon be taking our places because there's no place that should be occupied in perpetuity” -Sean Goode

- Barbara Serrano appointed as new liaison with the Governor’s Office. Barbara provided an introduction and additional information regarding current priorities which include:
  - o Continuing to support JR to 25 legislation
  - o Address overcrowding and security issues within JR facilities
  - o Work to understand the increasing population within JR
  - o Improve and establish relationships with counties where the largest amount of young people are entering into the criminal legal system
  - o Provided information regarding planning of JR facility at Stafford Creek. Currently engaging with community and system stakeholders about this potential expansion.

**Presentation:** Stephanie Budrus, DCYF Decision Package

- Timeline:
  - o May-September: Agencies develop legislative and budget proposals
  - o September: Agencies submit request legislation and budget proposal
- 2025 Proposed Budget Priority Areas:
  - o Mental Health and Wellbeing of young people in JR
  - o Education and Vocational Programming Investments
  - o Safety, Security and Transparency of Processes
  - o Electronic Health Record System
  - o Siting Dollars for Small Facilities

\*\*See PowerPoint for additional information

**Grants and TA Committee**

Due to time limits, voting and updates to take place electronically via email.

**Governor’s Report & Recommendations**

Council members engaged in a voting process to identify four recommendation priority areas from the following:

Prevention & Early Intervention	Increased Diversion	Infrastructure Investments	Expansion of Community Partnerships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Crisis Response for Families</li> <li>•School-Based, Trauma-Informed Care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Incentivize Diversion</li> <li>•Increase Funding</li> <li>•Eliminate Justice by Geography</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Training</li> <li>•Data Collection Improvements</li> <li>•Program &amp; Outcome Evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Invest in Community-based services</li> <li>•Address service deserts</li> </ul>

Smaller State JR Facilities	Emerging Adult Supports	Effective Treatment Models & Delivery	Expansion of Sentencing Alternatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Capital investments</li><li>•Closer to home</li><li>•Small facilities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Developmentally appropriate services, policies, &amp; system design</li><li>•Release DOC youth to CFs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Mental Health TX Models for youth of color</li><li>•Co-occurring Disorders</li><li>•Substance Abuse TX</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Incentivize Sentencing Alternatives</li><li>•Expand options &amp; eligibility</li><li>•Increase funding</li></ul>

Identified Priority Areas:

- Prevention & Early Intervention
- Increased Diversion
- Smaller State JR Facilities
- Expansion of Sentencing Alternatives

**Discussion: Next Steps**

Council members broke out into groups to discuss the priority areas identified above, and after returning from the breakout rooms, each group shared a summary of the discussion with the full council.

\*\* See PowerPoint for outline of breakout discussions

OJJ will synthesize the information produced by each breakout group into recommendations within each of the identified priority areas and send the drafted recommendations back to Council members for review and feedback by September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Public Comment**

None shared at this time.

**Adjourn**

1:00PM

Next Meeting:

October 17, 2024, 3:00-5:00 PM via Microsoft Teams