



## JUVENILE CORRECTIONS GRANT COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES – MAY 6 2019

Location: Wisconsin Department of Corrections  
3099 East Washington Ave  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

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#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME**

*Secretary Kevin Carr, Department of Corrections*

Secretary Carr opened the meeting and identified committee members, staff and guests participating by conference phone.

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#### **ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL**

*Secretary Kevin Carr, Department of Corrections*

Roll call was conducted by Secretary Carr. The following members were present:

Secretary Emilie Amundson, Department of Children & Families  
Representative Mark Born, Wisconsin State Assembly  
Secretary Kevin A. Carr, Department of Corrections  
Representative Michael Schraa, Wisconsin State Assembly  
Senator Lena Taylor, Wisconsin State Senate  
Senator Van Wangaard, Wisconsin State Senate  
Representative David Crowley, Wisconsin State Assembly  
Ms. Sharlen Moore, Co-founder, Urban Underground

The following members were present via teleconference:

Representative David Crowley, Wisconsin State Senate

The following members were not present:

Representative Joe Sanfelippo, Wisconsin State Assembly  
Senator Alberta Darling, Wisconsin State Senate

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#### **REVIEW MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Secretary Kevin Carr, Department of Corrections*

**Handout:** Draft meeting minutes from April 22, 2019

Secretary Carr turned the committee's attention to the draft meeting minutes from the prior meeting.

**MOTION** by Representative Schraa:

Move to accept meeting minutes from April 22, 2019.

Seconded by Representative Born.

Motion passed without dissent.

## **WISCONSIN MODEL DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

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### **Handout:** Wisconsin Model Document

Staff shared an updated version of the Wisconsin Model incorporating feedback from the last meeting. Secretary Carr noted that today's intention is to vote on the document as the committee's model moving forward. The document had three bullet points added to the last page since the previous meeting. The committee members reviewed and discussed the draft with the new bullet points. Bullet point number one added to the second page was discussed motioned to approve.

### **MOTION** by Ms. Moore:

Move to accept language related to prioritizing the successful and sustained transition for youth from the system immediately upon reentry to prevent and reduce recidivism.

Seconded by Representative Schraa.

Motion passed without dissent.

Members then discussed promoting community supervision that is evidence-based, trauma-informed and considers the needs of the youth and their families.

### **MOTION** by Representative Crowley

Move to accept language as discussed.

Seconded by Representative Schraa.

Motion passed without dissent.

The committee discussed language related to youth and families providing feedback as they exit the system to ensure future data-based decision making.

Secretary Carr reminded the group that final document needed to be drafted and voted on today to move forward. Changes were captured during discussion, a new version was handed out and voted on by the committee.

### **MOTION** by Secretary Carr:

Move to accept the Wisconsin Model document as amended.

Seconded by Representative Schraa.

Motion passed without dissent.

## **TRIBAL/ COUNTY PRESENTATION DISCUSSION**

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*Brown, Dane, Fond du Lac, GLITC/Tribes, LaCrosse, Milwaukee, Racine*

**Please see presentation materials from this section available online at:**

<https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOC/GrantCommittee.aspx>

### **Tribal Presentation by Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council Member, Tweed Shuman (via Teleconference)**

Sawyer County Board Chairman and Tribal Council Member Tweed Shuman read a statement from Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe. The tribe advocates and respectfully requests for a facility to be located in Northern Wisconsin to accommodate Native American Juveniles. He explained that Native American youth need culture, family and a support system they trust nearby. This facility must be culturally sensitive and feels they would be able to meet the model making it a community based facility. Mr. Schuman explained they do not have a final decision to support a facility yet but the Tribes are in support. Senator Taylor asked whether the Tribes would be interested in assisting with programming for Native American youth in the event a facility was not able to be located in Northern Wisconsin. Mr. Schuman said yes. Representative Schraa added that if a facility was built in Northern Wisconsin that he would not recommend it be dedicated to Tribal youth only. Mr. Schuman agreed the Tribe would be open to serving more than Native American youth. The committee members thank Mr. Schuman for his time and stated they are looking forward to reviewing the Lac Courte Oreilles proposal.

### **Tribal Presentation by Lac Du Flambeau Tribal Representative, John Young (via Teleconference)**

Mr. Young stated that, in 2015, the Lac Du Flambeau Tribe had completed a Bureau of Justice Assistance funded juvenile justice system planning project where they addressed juvenile justice in place of incarceration. They were able to identify local needs within the Lac Du Flambeau Tribe and discussed options for a regional juvenile facility with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. They started from the ground up and looked at entire range of options for alternative incarcerations. While doing research they found out a significant number of kids were spending time in secure facilities. Lac Du Flambeau would incorporate and involve other Tribes to bring their own spiritual leaders and families to the facility. Secretary Carr thanked Mr. Young for his presentation and stated the committee looks forward to their grant application.

### **Milwaukee County Presentation by David Muhammed, Deputy Direct of DHHS and Mark Mertens, Administrator DHHS – Division of Youth and Family Services**

Milwaukee County presented with a slideshow letter and handouts of both. During the presentation and discussion it was disclosed that Milwaukee County is advocating that there should not be any facility that is similar to juvenile prison. Committee members expressed confusion as to what Milwaukee County would like to do in the future and discussed Milwaukee County's current presentation as outside the scope of this committee.

### **La Crosse County Presentation by Jason Witt, Director of La Crosse County Human Services**

Mr. Witt presented a PowerPoint in which he described how La Crosse County is trying to find a way to partner with the state to improve juvenile system. Mr. Witt presented some reasons why La Crosse County may not continue with the grant application process. Representative Schraa questioned the presentations so far as outside

of the scope of current law. Secretary Amundson outlined that the direction the counties were given was to provide feedback to the grant process.

### **Brown County Presentation by Kevin Brennon, Supervisor of Youth Justice**

Kevin Brennon agreed with issues La Crosse County raised related to the concerns of many counties. Brown County is in the early stages of determining whether the county will continue in the grant application process. It was noted in the presentation that Brown County has no additional funding to apply toward the grant application. Brown County expressed apprehension and the need to know more exact details. Additionally, the county will need to know how the grant will be dispersed.

### **Dane County Presentation by John Bauman, Juvenile Court Administrator and Edjron Pearson, Superintendent**

Presentation John Bauman and Edjron Pearson presented with a PowerPoint and handouts. They expressed they are very excited about this opportunity. Dane County expressed the need for funding moving forward. Representative Schraa thanked them for their presentation and stated he understands their concerns related to future funding.

### **Racine County Presentation by Jonathon Delagrave, Racine County Executive**

Racine County looks at this as a real opportunity not only for Racine County and for Wisconsin's southeast region but for the whole state. Racine County also expressed need to know additional details but indicated that Racine County wants to be flexible and be a partner with the state. They believe they can make it work and look forward to moving ahead.

## **NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURN**

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*Secretary Kevin Carr, Department of Corrections*

The staff will continue to work with committee members on an updated grant application that includes the input from counties, as presented in the meeting.

**MOTION** by Representative Schraa.

Move to adjourn.

Seconded by Senator Taylor.

Motion passed.

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