

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2024, at 10:30 am

Epworth Children's Home

2900 Millwood Ave, Columbia, S 29205

Members Present: Chairman John Holler, Christopher Ross, Dione Carroll, Blake Taylor, Oscar Douglas, Eden Hendrick, Roderick Pam, Kathryn Moorehead, Rachel Burns

Staff Members Present: Joi Brunson, Traci Dove, Brittany Cain, Jess Leneave (recorder)

Guests: Kayla Capps (Children's Advocacy), Steven Ferrufino (DSS), Courtney Thomas (ACLU), Michelle Dhunjishah (Children's Law Center), Chase Bailey (Children's Law Center), Tanya Barton (Children's Law Center), Mike Mathinson (Children's Law Center), Jessica Davis (DAODAS),

I. Welcome by the Chair: Chairman John Holler welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order. Chairman Holler led in prayer and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes: Chairman Holler asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from April 19, 2024. Eden Hendrick made a motion to amend the meeting minutes from:

"In an effort to reduce the entry of contraband, the agency no longer allows vehicles behind the fence of the facility. The agency continues to be over capacity; they are averaging about 100 youth."

to:

"In an effort to reduce the entry of contraband, the agency is limiting vehicles behind the fence of the BRCC. The Juvenile Detention facility continues to be over capacity and they are averaging about 100 youth."

A motion was made to adopt the amended changes. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

III. Agency Updates

- a. **OHSJP Update:** Traci Dove introduced Brittany Cain as the new Compliance Monitor with the Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs. The Title II Formula Grant application deadline is coming up and the amount of the funding will be unknown until the federal fiscal year begins.
- b. **SCDJJ:** DJJ is still working on renovations and remodeling of the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) and the Midlands Evaluation Center (MEC). Effective August 1, 2024, Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center (ASGDC) will no longer be accepting new juveniles and all intakes will be sent to DJJ. The juveniles currently detained at ASGDC will be transferred to DJJ on November 1, 2024. Currently, Richland County has the most detention hearings and violent cases in the state. Hopefully, the JDC will be able to

accommodate the increased influx of new intakes. At the Broad River Road Complex (BRRC), some of the youth have been moved into two fully renovated dorms.

The agency has completed its Master Plan at the request of the Legislature. This comprehensive report contained recommended information on all 150 buildings across 1,500 acres (this does not include the 43 county-owned offices). DJJ is still looking to rent the recently closed down Greenville Detention Center and contracting a company to oversee the facility to help ease the overcrowding at JDC.

Director Hendrick provided an update on the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) with the SC Department of Mental Health (DMH), SC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Department of Children's Advocacy (DCA). The ground-breaking for this facility should happen this fall and open in late 2025. An outside contractor is designing, building and operating this facility on the DMH campus and would only hospitalize justice-involved youth.

- c. **Other Agency Updates:** Kathryn Moorehead, with the SC Attorney General's Office, discussed the new \$6.5 million grant appropriated to the SC Human Trafficking Task Force. This program aims to create new residential programs, which will provide a safe place to live and with resources to support children who have been victims of human trafficking.

IV. Subgrantee Presentation: Chase Bailey, Statistician with the USC's Children's Law Center gave a presentation, "*Addressing Minority Youth Contact with Law Enforcement*," which is currently being funded with the OHSJP Title II Formula Grant. This grant aims to provide data and resources and increase the understanding regarding minority contact with law enforcement at the point of arrest. With the information obtained through surveys and the steering committee, the Children's Law Center will be conducting a training seminar for law enforcement. Council members provided feedback on the information presented to assist in future training.

V. FY 2025 Grant Recommendations: Traci Dove spoke on the eight applications received for the Title II Formula Program, with four continuations and four denials recommended. A total of \$1,921,115 was requested and \$415,112 is recommended. A motion was made to approve the four continuation grants. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

VI. Old Business: Part of the Title II Formula grant application is that the council has to recognize they are applying for a Waiver of Required Pass Thru Funds. This is a requirement of the grant to pass through to local agencies 66 and two-thirds percent of the funding. A motion was made to approve the Waiver. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Adjourn: With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned.