

STATE OF COLORADO



Perrie McMillen, Chair, Restorative Justice Services Program Director, City of Ft. Collins— present
Matt Riede, Vice Chair, 1st Judicial District Victim Advocate— present
Spiro Koinis, Division of Youth Corrections Victim and Restorative Justice Services Coordinator (Chair)— present via phone
Greg Brown, Chief Probation Officer, Twentieth Judicial District (Executive Committee)—not present
Meg Williams, Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Manager (Executive Committee)—present
Robb Miller, Deputy District Attorney, Nineteenth Judicial District- not present
Nancy Lewis, Colorado Executive Director, Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance— present
Candace Hawkins, Colorado Department of Education—not present
Christine Harms, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Council—present
Rebecca Oakes, Adult Parole Board— present
Pat Kelly, Juvenile Parole Board— not present
Monica Chambers, Department of Corrections—not present
Gabrielle Frey, Practitioner/RJ Directors— present
Alice Price, Practitioner, Center for Restorative Programs— present
Lynn Lee, Practitioner, Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council— not present
Peggy Evans, Practitioner, 1st and 18th Judicial—not present
Martin Gonzales, Judge, 12th Judicial District— not present
Elizabeth Porter-Merrill, Public Defender State of Colorado—present

Facilitation by: Deb Witzel (RJ Coordinator SCAO)

Minutes taken by: Deb, Meg, Perrie and Gabrielle

Guests- none

RJ COUNCIL MINUTES

October 16, 2015 9am-3pm

Regular Meeting

1117 6th Boulder CO (Justice Center, 2nd floor Training Room)

9:15am call to order- quorum established

- **Welcome and Additions?- Nancy will not be at Dec meeting**
 - Perrie may invite Rick Prince from WY- They are interested in creating an RJ Council
 - Chief Robert Thomas has resigned from law enforcement
- **Next meeting set for December 18th Boulder 9a-3p- confirmed**
- **Approval of minutes- tabled**
- **Member Roster Updates- Law Enforcement seat needs to be filled-**
 - **It was agreed that the rep should be a sitting Chief or Sheriff.**

2015 Action Plan:

- **Pilots- Meg & Deb-**
 - Final version of Caitlin's report- need to add the info from the 12th submitted after Caitlin's internship finished. make available to others?- yes once final is approved
 - 10th JD Juvenile Diversion RJ Pilot Project-
 - Meg- recidivism data- arrest or filings? Meg is working with DCJ and Omni on this
 - Omni update- report coming in Jan.
- **Education and Engagement - Trainings – Deb & Matt**
 - *RJ COUNCIL SPONSORED TRAININGS- Can receive payment for trainings now. Deb set up RegOnline.*
 - **Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness in RJ Practices (2 day) - October 8th and 9th**

- **HRVOD Training – Lynn Lee- Co Springs -November 2-6**

Other presentations/trainings for 2015- Deb is getting a lot of requests especially in schools. When representing RJ Council and statewide voice, supporting pilots/funded programs, do it. Council asked Deb to draft a job description

- September
 - PPRJC Symposium- (Lynn)
- October
 - Problem Solving Courts Coordinators- Greg (10 participants)
 - ADR- Deb (20 participants)
 - COVA- Monica and Lynn, Spiro and Kerri ALSO Matt and Deb
 - Oregon, Special Education Conference - Candie Hawkins (Brain Science, SPED and RJP in Schools)
- OTHERS
 - Aspen Community- would like support/stakeholder facilitation
 - Liz said they want RJ at Public Defenders next year- Sept.
- **Legislative and Public Policy -Perrie & Lynn- nothing in 2016. Look to 2017 for the many things Council is considering**
 - Committee report
 - Anything for 2016?- No
 - Confidentiality – Alice- working with committee. Next meeting Nov 18th
 - SB 94 no change-
 - JJDP Council is looking at Juvenile Code rewrites for 2016
 - PSIRs-no
 - Present to joint judiciary &/or legislature on RJ Pilots. Equip Pete with reports and info. See if he wants support
- **Internal Capacity- Spiro & Perrie**
 - Application Process for 2016 Practitioner Member – Spiro, Matt and Gabrielle will work on this for next meeting.
 - Alice’s term ends end of 2016
 - Communications Doc- bring to Dec 18th meeting for final approval
 - Bylaws amendments-
- **Media Liaisons- Perrie & Nancy**
 - **Marie from Colorado Public Radio- NO, but see about getting on Ryan Warner’s show.**
- **Budget and Funds-** Greg & Deb
 - 2016 Budget Update – CORE still does not have info posted
 - 2017 Budget – no questions since submission

Other Business:

- **Open document feedback- see below**
 - Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics- Ron Wiley provided only feedback. Concern about professionalism and volunteerism in RJ. Standardization does not need to be “top down”. Continue to work alongside practitioners- good. Accountability and certification are of concern as the field grows and there is money to be made. Things get co-opted for cash and the values and principles could get compromised. But who holds authority
 - A discussion ensued about how to enforce or ensure accountability to the Standards via the website. Currently there is no clear accountability or acknowledgement on the Website. Deb will make sure this changes with the update. It will also be added to the FAQs
 - HRVOD
 - Definitions
 - **New intern project**
 - Update all info in RJ Directory -Public Policy Masters student Valerie Greenhagen
- **Website Upgrades-** Deb

- Plan- Matt and Liz agreed to BETA test when ready
- RJ Council asked to feature member in newsletter
- Community of practice support- forums
- **Retreat Follow up – Deb**

Your vision statement:

The Colorado Restorative Justice Council engages communities to create lifelong cultures of respect and responsibility.

Your mission is slightly adapted to:

The State Restorative Justice Council advances restorative justice principles and practices throughout Colorado by providing *gateways* to information, networking and support.

Your currently identified priorities (lumped together somewhat) are:

1. Expansion and Inclusion
2. Funded Programs
3. Budget and Finance
4. Data Collection and Evaluation
5. Communications
6. Resource Development
7. Training

The Committees for the 2016 Action Plan:

- **2016 Conference – September 25-27**
 - Vail Marriott
 - Committee Members- Matt, Perrie, Liz, Meg (Nancy will consult but not on committee)
 - Could this be a time and pace to get feedback on accountability and certification
 - Use Open Space
 - Focus on Excellence, Achieving Excellence. Practice in Action,
 - Film Festival- YES!
 - Work with Conflict Res month? No it will be after. But maybe we could ask them to add the winning film?
 - Gabrielle and Nancy will work to frame that idea
 - Get intern or other support?

3pm pm Adjourn