

STATE OF COLORADO



Restorative Justice Council 2012

Greg Brown, Chief Probation Officer, Twentieth Judicial District (Chair)— Present
Debbie Wilde, Youth Zone Executive Director—Not Present
Jamin Alabiso, Deputy District Attorney, First Judicial District— Not Present
Spiro Koinis, Division of Youth Corrections Victim and Restorative Justice Services Coordinator (Vice Chair)—Not Present
Matt Riede, 1st Judicial District Victim Advocate—Present
Amanda Nagl, Estes Valley RJ Partnership Executive Director --Present
Angela Zimmerman, Department of Education—Not Present
Beverly Title, Ph.D., Teaching Peace Founder and Director of RJ in Schools— Present
Meg Williams, Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Manager—Present
Deb Wetzel—Not Present
Dayna Scott--Present

Agenda

Monday, June 18th, 2012 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Phone Meeting

Minutes taken by Jack Hubbard, 20th Judicial District Probation

1. Conference Update—Dayna Scott:

There are currently 12 confirmed sponsors for the summit. In addition, Meg has helped the Council obtain a juvenile justice grant which will fund student scholarships. The total amount of this funding is approximately \$20,000. This is halfway to the total sponsorship goal the Council had set of \$40,000. Greg is currently in the lead on the sponsorship challenge. All sponsorship money and registration money that is not spent will be available for future endeavors.

Currently, there are just over 60 pre-registered attendees. Members of the Council are encouraged to continue reminding people to register/attend the conference. Dayna will resend the flyer and blurb back out and Greg will forward it to the CPO's group.

At the last design meeting, the planning group obtained a number of personal testimonials about why people are planning to attend the summit and will be including those in future email and advertising blasts. The agenda and keynote have been finalized. Quality Inn, Denver, has offered a hotel sponsorship and has donated a few rooms and offered a \$72 rate otherwise. In addition, the Sheraton-Denver has also agreed to offer a group rate. Housing information should be included in the next email advertising the Summit, as that might have been a reason some potential attendees are hesitating to register. The Council also discussed extending the early bird rate for a week, to give some space for state agencies that are currently tied up with the state fiscal year close process. After that discussion, the Council agreed to extend the early bird registration deadline to July 10th.

2. JAG Grant Update—Dayna Scott and Greg Brown:

The award from the JAG board for the Council for state fiscal year 2013 was less than the request. The awarded funds will be sufficient to fund the web-design person and the website. No funding was awarded for the position currently occupied by Dayna. Deb Wetzel, Dayna, and Greg wrote an appeal of the award, had it edited by Susan Caskey, and submitted it last Friday. July 9th is the appeals determination deadline, after that date DCJ will let people who appealed their awards know the results of their appeals as soon as possible. The grant award and appeal process highlights the need to establish partnerships with other agencies and funding sources in order to sustain the work of the Council.

3. Victim Feedback Survey—Matt Riede:

Spiro sent an email to the Council which contained information on a victim feedback survey and a victim empathy curriculum. The provision of these documents is a result of a discussion that occurred at the joint meeting with the RJ Directors group. The survey was found on the victim-offender dialogue site, and Spiro provided it with the thought that it can be used as a starting point and modified as necessary to meet the feedback requirements in the Council's facilitator guidelines. One purpose for developing this survey was to follow up with victims who have participated in RJ processes with an eye towards developing best practices based on what works and what seems to be most effective for certain kinds of RJ processes. In addition, the Council wanted to engage in this process to obtain feedback from the victim services community about how their constituents view these processes and how they operate. In addition to the victim-offender site survey, the Council decided to also review the LCJP survey and see if there are any areas of overlap or information that one captures that the other does not. In terms of getting the information, Survey Monkey could be a way to do this—it can be set up to utilize skip logic to take the respondent to relevant/on-point questions based on their role. One concern is how the response rate will be for an electronic versus a paper survey.

Bev raised the issue that obtaining this feedback and gathering this information about how RJ interacts with and is perceived by victims has become an extremely complicated and detailed issue. As a result, a suggestion was made and adopted that this particular issue, in conjunction with the victim empathy curriculum discussed later in this meeting, will be the subject of a full Council meeting in September.

4. Victim Empathy Curriculum—Matt Riede:

The Council reviewed the victim empathy training curriculum that Spiro had provided prior to this meeting. The Council determined that it would ask Spiro to present this training to the Council and walk it through the Curriculum. Matt will

contact Spiro to determine the amount of time that this presentation and review would require.

5. Update on Amanda's Evaluation Research—Amanda Nagl:

Amanda provided the Council with an update on her findings from her capstone project research. In summary, she discovered that most locations with RJ programs have not developed, or are otherwise not evaluating their programs in a significant way, with the exceptions being Longmont and Ft. Collins. After engaging in this initial level of research, her feedback is that obtaining this level of information on a statewide basis would require personal meetings, phone calls, and other outreach that extends beyond the scope of a Master's project. One definite conclusion is that there is not much consistency in terms of evaluation and feedback across the state. In the bigger picture, and in strategic terms, this data and research will be required to push RJ forward and support applications for resources. The documentation, data, and results need to be compiled from a statewide sample and consist of solid, evidence based research practices. Amanda communicated that she is hopeful that her initial research will be a basis for, and result in, further exploration or research. Greg offered his future research methods class as a possibility for covering some of the topics and issues that Amanda identified in her research. For example, one major piece of information that Amanda found was lacking was there is no good catalog of who is doing what in the state in terms of programming and processes. There may also be some room to do some work around the LCJP feedback survey as part of this particular research. An update from Amanda and Amanda Mahan will be on the September agenda.

6. Request from Josh Waptel—Dayna Scott:

Josh Waptel is currently writing a blog on Senate Bill 12-046, which is an RJ and education bill. He had contacted her because he was wondering if the Council had had anything to do with the bill and what thoughts the Council had on the impact it would have on school discipline. Dayna will send out this request for information to the Council in an email and forward the responses to Mr. Waptel.

7. Rescheduling of Meetings—Greg Brown:

The meetings for the remainder of the year will be a face to face meeting in September and October, a phone meeting in November, and a face to face meeting in December.

2012 RJ Council Meeting Dates - from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM by Conference Call

November 9, 2012

2012 RJ Council Meeting Dates, Boulder Justice Center, 9 AM - Noon

July 12, 2012

RJ Conference: August 9, 10, and 11, 2012 10 to 12

September 14, 2012

October 12, 2012 – Joint Meeting with RJ Directors

December 14, 2012 9 – 1 (11 – 1)

Action Items from Previous Agendas:

1. Full Council Meeting in September will cover the victim services community feedback issues, Spiro will present the victim empathy curriculum for the Council to review, and Dayna will present on Foundations. Matt will contact Spiro prior to this meeting to determine the amount of time required for Spiro's presentation of the victim empathy curriculum.
2. Update on Amanda Nagl's capstone project findings (with Amanda Mahan).
3. Deb will provide the documents regarding the liberating structures in order to develop a "what you need to know before you go" posting or document.
4. Sponsorships:
 - a. Matt committed to speak with Intervention, RMOMS, and Savio House.
 - b. Spiro will research/speak with insurance companies.
5. Amanda and Melissa will have a discussion with Greg regarding Robin Will's attendance at the Summit.
6. Posting of the RJ Summit schedule on the website after the April design group meeting.
7. Matt will research how any attendees the Council brings to COVA for a victims' panel would have their costs covered. He will also begin to develop a proposal for presentation to the COVA planning committee for a presentation at the COVA conference.
8. Spiro will review the victim empathy curriculum from the Forum and make suggested changes for the Council to review and possibly adopt at the next meeting.

9. Spiro will draft a survey for feedback from the field to be included with the ratified and adopted standards of practice and training.

Items Carried Over From Previous Meetings:

1. How do we have the balance of the 3 entities in our process i.e. community, victim, offender
2. Sustainability—Including establishing community ties and partnerships to provide funding to continue the work of the Council, fund the position currently occupied by Dayna Scott, and continue to manage the website.
3. Bev and Greg do the True Colors training with us
4. Keeping repository current, including LCJP utilizing the repository to develop a community network of practitioners.
5. Spiro will pursue information about VINE and possible VINE support.
6. Accreditation, including standards discussion from this meeting. Follow up at next meeting
7. Addressing gaps in representation or collaboration—may need to revisit
8. Strategic plan items
9. Adoption of membership addition procedures and appointment of COVA member to the RJ Council—may need to revisit
10. Discussion about maximum council membership numbers and other appropriate entities to extend membership invitations to, including civil restorative justice.
11. Continue to keep an eye on professional development and expansion of knowledge of RJ possibilities for the members of the Council. E.G., RJ for bullying in schools.
12. Update on Robin Will, circles of accountability--Greg