

STATE OF COLORADO



Restorative Justice Council 2012

Greg Brown, Chief Probation Officer, Twentieth Judicial District (Chair)--Present
Debbie Wilde, Youth Zone Executive Director--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)— Present
Matt Riede, 1st Judicial District Victim Advocate—Not Present
Amanda Nagl, Estes Valley RJ Partnership Executive Director –Not Present
Michael Ramirez, Department of Education Senior Consultant—Present
Beverly Title, Ph.D., Teaching Peace Founder and Director of RJ in Schools—Not Present
Meg Williams, Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Manager—Present
Ben Emery—Present
Deb Wetzel--Present

Friday, January 13, 2012 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

1. How do we balance the 3 entities in our process i.e. community, victim, offender:
Tabled for future meetings.
2. Sustainability:
Tabled for future meetings.
3. Bev and Greg do the True Colors training:
Tabled for future meetings.
4. Keeping repository current and relationship to the directory—Ben and Deb Wetzel:

At the December meeting, Teaching Peace had made the case that there is a great opportunity in the possibility of turning the repository into the basis upon which a comprehensive network of RJ supporters and practitioners is built. There are some barriers to taking that step that need to be addressed:

First, defined standards of practice for members need to be established. The CCRJD will be meeting on January 20th and will have a discussion on standards which should help inform this conversation. The standards discussion is postponed until after that meeting.

Second, there is an issue of establishing a sustainable model for keeping the work going. Membership in the practitioner network could be developed as a revenue stream to continue supporting the website and the conference. One approach is to provide a free membership until the supporting grant expires, and then put a membership fee in place for those who want to continue their memberships. Spiro mentioned that VINE might be an additional resource that the Council could tap for advice, support of the conference, or other forms of support. It may also be time to consider if it is appropriate to find and solicit additional sponsors. The repository and that information database could help the practitioner community develop an investment in the Council's objectives and thus help maintain momentum after the grant funding ends. The Council decided that moving forward with both approaches has merit and should be pursued. Spiro will follow up with

his VINE contact and LCJP will move forward with using the repository to update and establish a directory and community of providers.

5. Accreditation:

Tabled for future meetings.

6. Addressing gaps in representation or collaboration:

Tabled for future meetings.

7. Strategic plan items:

Tabled for future meetings.

8. Inviting COVA to be a sponsor of the restorative justice conference/summit—Greg:

Several issues regarding the Council's relationship with COVA were discussed. First, there was discussion about appointing a representative from COVA to the Council. The Council feels that in order to develop a partnership between the restorative and victim communities there is a need to specifically take steps to demonstrate that the victim community is considered a partner. As membership on the Council would achieve that objective, there was a consensus that extending this invitation is appropriate.

Second, related to the first issue, was a discussion about the authority that the Council has to add or change members. The enabling statute does designate members from specific area, but does not address membership beyond those designated agencies. The common interpretation is that the statute sets the minimum membership, which in turn implies that the Council can add more members if it seems appropriate. A discussion followed that the Council should develop and draft a procedure for the addition of members to the Council. Prior to the next design team meeting for the conference, there will be a short discussion about what this should look like and, at the February meeting, the language could be adopted and appointments made. Greg will contact Nancy at COVA about the Council taking this step and get her suggestions for who would be an appropriate representative from COVA. Spiro will put together a statement that can be read into the February minutes about why this stakeholder group was incorporated into the Council.

Third, a discussion followed about other potential organizations or invitations that should be extended. One possibility was Ken Jeray/Pike's Peak, another was adding an ex-officio legislative member, as was the defense bar/public defenders, a judge or retired judge, or other possibilities. The addition of members beyond a COVA representative will be considered as part of the amendment to the bylaws. Identifying other appropriate groups or practice areas to include as part of the Council will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, as well as a discussion about the maximum number of members that will be inclusive but still enable flexible and efficient decision making.

9. Appointment of Vice-Chair—Greg:

The Council discussed who should be appointed to the vice-chair. A consensus was reached that, while at the beginning it was important to keep a balance between state agency/private and local community representative, this is no longer necessary. Spiro Koinis was nominated and appointed vice-chair.

10. Appointment of Matt Riede to the Council—Greg:

Matt Riede was appointed to the Council to fill the position vacated by the expiration of Bernadette Felix's appointment.

11. RJ Summit--Deb and Ben:

A design team planning meeting is scheduled for the Monday following this meeting. Keith will be there and start to show how to build an unconference. At that time, the hope is that we will be able to determine the roles of Keith and all of the attendees and lay out a planning schedule to get us to the Summit. Dominic Bartar will be present for this meeting in a phone conversation. In terms of the logistics, the planning is going well. The budget has been established and parameters have been set around how much putting the Summit on will cost. One hope is that the language that is developed in the planning meeting will be helpful in getting speakers in place and funded. Registration/cost of attendance has been worked out, and attendance for the entire Summit is set at \$225 based on cost, the projected number of attendees, and feedback about what the target audience will be willing to pay. Teaching Peace suggests that it would be a good idea to set a reduced early bird price. Since they anticipate launching registration by 2/1, any registrations in February could be set at a price of \$180. Doing this and getting the early fees paid will provide the Council with some liquid funds to begin the work on setting up the Summit. There will also be a student fee of \$125 which includes a \$100 scholarship. The Council agreed that those reduced fee options seemed appropriate and authorized Teaching Peace to proceed. In addition, the Council determined that it would like to extend the early bird pricing through the month of March.

12. Membership and Attendance Concerns—Greg:

The Council had a brief discussion regarding membership and the expectation of attendance at meetings. Some members have been having difficulties attending due to obligations with the agencies they represent. One potential solution would be allowing proxy votes, but the by-laws as adopted do not allow for proxy voting. The Council is able to, and will be very flexible, about allowing phone conferencing or other technology to participate in meetings. The Council determined that each member should examine their own situation and determine if it is appropriate to continue on the Council if other obligations are interfering with attendance or participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m. The next meeting is February 10, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Boulder Justice Center.

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

March 9, 2012
May 11, 2012
July 13, 2012
September 14, 2012
November 9, 2012

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

February 10, 2012
April 13, 2012
June 8, 2012
RJ Conference: August 9, 10, and 11, 2012
October 12, 2012
December 14, 2012

Items for Future Agendas:

1. How do we have the balance of the 3 entities in our process i.e. community, victim, offender
2. Sustainability
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.
7. Addressing gaps in representation or collaboration
8. Strategic plan items
9. Adoption of membership addition procedures and appointment of COVA member to the RJ Council
10. Discussion about maximum council membership numbers and other appropriate entities to extend membership invitations to.

