

STATE OF COLORADO



Restorative Justice Council 2010

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Monday, September 26, 2011 10 A.M.-NOON Conference Call

1. Approval of Minutes from August 12th meeting

The professional development and literature discussion piece is confirmed for the meeting in October.

The Council discussed the current level of detail and information in the minutes and determined that a more general format would be acceptable. In particular, less detail about the processing the Council engages in and more of a global, overarching summary of the discussion points and decision items. Council members were reminded that it is very important that everyone review the minutes before they are posted. In addition, a procedure is now implemented in which the minutes will not be posted until after they are approved at the following Council meeting.

The minutes will include a summary of action items at the end.

The revised minutes submitted by Spiro are approved.

Judicial has confirmed that it will post the bylaws, meeting agendas, and minutes.

2. Dates for Pre-Conference Conversation.

Due to recent developments and as the result of recent discussions with stakeholders, this no longer seems to be an action item for the Council.

The Following Agenda Items Were Tabled at the Last Meeting:

3. Items Needing Action with Regard to JAG Grant: Deb Witzel

4. By-Law Review and Approval--Meg and Bev:

Meg and Bev will review the minutes to determine if a complete review of the by-law changes with the Council was completed. This is designated as an important agenda item for the October 31st meeting. In advance of that meeting, Meg will send the

bylaws to the Council. In addition, any questions and answers about the by-laws will be sent out for review prior to the meeting to facilitate a vote on the proposed changes.

5. Providing Space for Non-Council Members to Post on the Web Site—Bev:

Previous Council meetings had a discussion regarding soliciting some individuals to provide guest blog posts. Ben reported back that he has discussed enabling the ability for anyone to post in the forums since there currently is not a lot of forum traffic. Ben's experience is that signing up seems to be a barrier to the people the Council wants to reach, and that one option the Council may want to consider for reaching out to people would be to collect the names and emails of people who are visiting and posting at their first visit.

6. Request to the Council from Pete Lee Regarding A Denver Hate Crime:

This request has been forwarded to Peggy Evans and she is addressing it.

7. CASA Blog/Platform Posting on the Website--Amanda and Greg:

Amanda and Greg had agreed to put together a platform blog posting for CASA. Ben reported that Amanda had already sent him a posting which has been uploaded to the website. Greg will put together another posting in October to keep the CASA discussion alive. Council members were encouraged to go to the website and respond to Amanda's posting as a means of helping to start the conversation. Greg will use his posting to start linking out to resources he has available on CASA so Council members can refer interested people in their agencies to the website directly for information.

8. Conference Speakers Action Item Decision:

The Council determined that an action item for the conference will be to research and attempt to engage Governor Hickenlooper and Representative Lee as speakers.

9. Conference Planning Status:

The University of Colorado at Denver has been confirmed as the conference location for the dates August 9th through August 11th, 2012. At this point, the MOU and agreement now need to be signed. A concern of LCJP is that the conference carries a fiscal liability which exceeds the grant's funding so they need the Council to develop some way of financially supporting the conference. At this point, the grant funds will pay for the grant planning of the personnel. Some funding sources are anticipated to be registration fees and sponsorships, with the early responses setting the base budget. LCJP is able to commit to managing the cost covered by the grant and the registration and sponsorship fees. Since they cannot cover anything beyond those funds,

anything else, they can't be the only signature on any agreements for the event. The council doesn't have any money to be fiscally liable for anything. Judicial is the actual grant holder, maybe there is something there? If we are paying people to speak we need to know who they will be contracting with. \$1800 worth of funding from UCD will be used up for the space reserved for the three day conference. The least concrete of the proposals is the tables, linens, and a/v, Ben would like those to be put down in the contract.

Not only do we need a good location but a good keynote; Greg is willing to pick up the cost for the keynote in exchange for registration for staff of the 20th Probation. That would seem to cover the majority of the costs. Spiro has been working on moving the meal issue forward; in the past his agency has sponsored expenses in exchange for staff attending. The requests have been sent out for the food for the event internal to Spiro's agency and he is working on it. Meg—thinks that we have enough information now to make a request to the juvenile justice council to help sponsor—sometimes they sponsor registrations for a certain number of people to attend things like this. The attendance of the youth summit could help that argument. Greg—this probably does raise the issue of setting a price for the conference. Once we know the keynote and food are lined up, we'll be able to figure out a cost. Food costs—meals, breaks, or something else? Originally the discussion was to provide lunches, but it depends on what Spiro can do. Related—how do we intake enough money to make this sustainable going forward. So, do we just look at breaks and having private probation providers and vendors pick up breaks and break costs; and make lunches on the attendees' own. Then the fees/costs would go into the coffers to make the conference sustainable. Ben—the survey responses of the cost of the conference \$100-200 was the majority of the willingness to pay for the conference. Spiro—part of that might be different tiers, especially given student and youth populations that might attend. Keeping the general registration at \$200 or below will be critical to attendance. Meg—part of the idea is bringing back the conference and making it something people want to do; if DYJ can cover the cost of food then keeping at \$200 makes it more affordable and will help the attendance. One thing that could help is getting recertification credits, CLE's, etc. If UCD cosponsors that helps with getting those allowed for many of the populations that might attend. Ben will talk to UCD about getting recertification credits associated with the conference.

Greg will contact a few of the vendors now that we have these dates down. What would vendors want in return? That could be where we start to set some levels of sponsorship, and Robin Spaulding has the Pike's Peak stuff available for the Council to use.

To get people excited about this we need to settle on a cost (\$200 per person?) and a student cost. Looks like the venue can handle 250 to 300 people. What would be really really helpful is to do some recon and get clear on who and how much or what piece they are interested in sponsoring so that we can start building a budget. Would like to have the information between now and October meeting so that can start setting a budget. The critical things handled are the space (handled by UCD) and the keynote (handled by Greg). Spiro—there are some foundations that might be resources to support the conference. In addition for other people, NIC technical assistance is an option; but Greg needs to know some names. Spiro has requested to attend a conference on RJ in Niagra Falls; maybe he can get some names from that. Lorraine Anschutz, RJ Evaluation guy, Thomas Cavanaugh has already agreed to speak in some way, Thomas Quinn, Jack Rusczyk, Supreme Court justices could be a possibility, representative Lee, Ken Jeray, etc. Spiro maybe we can should put together a comprehensive list of who might be available. With three days you can have a number of people give key interest point statements or opening statements. What about using the website to ask people who they want to see? Part of the survey was that, Ben has that information. Should we change the October meeting until after Spiro gets back and has that information? Council assents to that suggestion—meeting 9-noon on 10/31/11 in Boulder. At that point can look at names and who can run tracks and what things should be set up to go as interest areas in the conference. Greg will handle the keynote and handle the sponsorships and early registrations which will enable LCJP to negotiate with UCD regarding the space; Deb thinks she has what she needs from this meeting.

Leads into discussion about who to pursue as a keynote and who's available (number 8 on the agenda). At the last meeting we were discussing potential speakers and those two names were included—has anyone made contact with them? Now that we have a set date might be able to get this penciled in with staffers or can we ask Pete Lee to check in with the governor on this. The suggestion was the gov as an opening and Pete Lee as the close; Ben can send Pete an email and see what he can do.

Website thing—Ben put together some PDFs about how to engineer the website searchable so that they can find groups and names. The people who sign up on the site will be asked to fill out this information in order to make these fields searchable on the back end. Arena/area of practice, names, judicial district, etc. will then be searchable. Asks for review of the templates and see if there are any changes that the council would like, asks for that by Friday.

Robin Spalding will be invited to the next Council meeting to discuss conference things.

--Add to list—Adult Diversion and making RJ available to that population and part of that discussion. Meg will report back on this in October.

--Spiro spoke with Nancy Lewis regarding some COVA issues. Interested in identifying more ways of speaking to the Council regarding RJ in terms of what are perceived as overarching victims' issues. Discussion regarding more ways to incorporate and include COVA at this level; in a similar way that the Council is attempting outreach to other RJ organizations. Vics and rj communities are at difference places, for example, different process with regards to legislation—vics are more deliberate and inclusive, the rj leg was a bit more dynamic. There is a lot of opportunity to bring the two together in a way that is meaningful and mutually supportive. Highlight--Really work hard to engage the victim community at the conference, talk to COVA to figure out how to include the stakeholders. What would that outreach and dialogue at that level look like and how should this be approached in the future? Also, what about other entities that are noticeably absent from these discussions, such as DOC—as a first step do we invite them to a council meeting. Impression that maybe these entities don't know where to go and how to start having these conversations happen. Would like to maybe hear about what they are planning for the coming legislative session, seems that they have a more deliberate way of approaching this that the council can learn from and help to develop some leadership in these areas. Should the COVA people be invited to the conference and allow them to be there and provide conference feedback—maybe they should be invited 30 minutes after being started so that other business can be handled first. The way the agenda is set up—approval of minutes, open comment, could have them as an official part of the meeting on the agenda. Who should the invitation come from? Spiro will talk to them about coming to the meeting and providing input on the conference and legislative things, as well as giving the Council an introduction to COVA and have a discussion between the groups. 30 minutes on agenda for them at 9:30 or 10:00 a.m.—Spiro will let us know the time.

Spiro has a draft of a blog entry that is getting reviewed, hoping that he will have that in time to send it out and see what the council thinks as another way of helping to frame some of these issues.

Bev—it seems important and a good time to truly listen, hear, and understand their issues and concerns with RJ in the hope of getting to a point where we can start to get to a much better and deeper understanding.

--Request from Steamboat—juvenile diversion da program; had gone to the website and asked what the council do? I am interested in getting the RJ concept into my community and is that something the council can help with. Someone should call her and have a conversation with her and provide the information and get her connected. The question

could also be used to create a good FAQ for the site. Do some website navigation flags to help someone find the resources in their area. Question about how the Council's site points to or connects to the Director's group; does some form of linkage need to be made between the two? Will be addressed with Ben.

Next Meeting – October 31, 2011, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. at Boulder Justice Center

2011 RJ Council Meeting Dates - from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM at Boulder Justice Center

October 31, 2011

December 9, 2011

2011 RJ Council Meeting Dates - from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM by Conference Call

November 11, 2011

Items for Future Agendas/Action Items:

1. Review and Approval of Bylaws.
2. Greg Will Provide a CASA Blog/Platform Posting for the Website.
3. Attempt to Obtain Commitments from Governor Hickenlooper and Representative Lee as speakers for the Conference.
2. Complete the Necessary Review of Activities for the Final Year of the JAG Grant.
3. Address the question: how do we have the balance of the 3 entities in our process (i.e., community, victim, offender)?
4. Finding a Way to Sustain the Council's Activities
5. True Colors Training