

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 20, 2015 9am-4pm
1777 6th St. Boulder CO 80302

Regular Meeting

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
 Greg Brown, Chief Probation Officer, Twentieth Judicial District (Executive Committee)— Present
 Meg Williams, Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Manager (Executive Committee)— Present
 Stan Garnett, District Attorney, Twentieth Judicial District- not present
 Nancy Lewis, Colorado Executive Director, Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance-- Present (p.m.)
 Candace Hawkins, Colorado Department of Education-- Present
 Esther Cho, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Council— Present
 Rebecca Oakes, Adult Parole Board— Present (p.m.)
 Pat Kelly, Juvenile Parole Board— Not Present
 Monica Chambers, Department of Corrections— Present by phone (am)
 Gabrielle Frey, Practitioner/RJ Directors— Present by phone
 Alice Price, Practitioner, Center for Restorative Programs— Present by phone (pm)
 Lynn Lee, Practitioner, Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council—Present
 Peggy Evans, Practitioner, 1st and 18th Judicial— Present

Facilitation by: Deb Witzel (RJ Coordinator SCAO)
 Minutes taken by: Jack Hubbard (aka Magic Jack)
 Guests- Jessica DancingHeart Practitioner, Kerri Schmidt Practitioner, Lindsey Pointer Practitioner

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Quorum-	Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m. and a quorum was established.	
Agenda Review- added items	Pat Kelly will be replacing Paula Mattas	

JJDP Updates from Meg	Meg reported to the Council about the ways in which the JJDP funds have been allocated and utilized over the last three years. Of interest to the Council, the JJDP did also indicate that they wanted to have a serious conversation about restorative justice in schools and how to utilize it as an alternative disciplinary process. While no decision has been made by the committee, one of the possible results of the discussion is a request for the RJ Council to provide some technical assistance. In order to support these initiatives, the Council can utilize the data from CDE to target the interventions and support which locations would be the right places to begin putting RJ into schools. Any programming or support the Council provides will be tied to a data collection requirement in order to continue to establish which practices are evidence based and work and which do not. A subcommittee was formed to develop a framework for providing this assistance and to develop a structure for responding to this kind of technical assistance request, that subcommittee will consist of Meg, Kerri, Lynn, Candace, and Perrie.	
Honoring Anne Rogers	The Council engaged in an honoring circle to recognize the mentorship, pioneering work, training, and advocacy that Anne Rogers, who passed away on 2/6/15, provided to the state of Colorado.	
Approval of November Minutes	November minutes were adopted and approved	
Legislative Update on HB15-1094	passed the third reading in the House Judiciary Committee with no amendments and a unanimous vote	

<p>Communication</p>	<p>One of the issues raised by these statements were concerns about confidentiality and how we protect information; while there was permission to share this there is still the concern about what a third party observer might see and then act on without understanding all of the protocols and protections that are in place. The orientation packet will be updated to clarify that members of the Council should not use their membership as an endorsement of a position or statements unless the Council agrees in advance. The Council also acknowledged that there is an inherent tension for some members in that, on one hand, they are running a business or program and serving in an educational and outreach role that is integrated in their livelihood but on the other hand they are serving on the Council in a different capacity and it can be difficult to ensure the roles are maintained as separate. The practitioners on the Council requested that the Council develop guidelines so that there is some framework to reference for them and future practitioner members to aid in balancing these roles.</p> <p>ideally, there should be no need to indicate membership on the Council in personal or private statements, and any statements made on behalf of the Council have a clear indication of “the Council’s position is”. Council statements should be drafted, reviewed, and approved by the Council as a whole.</p>	<p>the Council appointed a subcommittee to review the concerns raised when Council members communicate or make public statements. This subcommittee will develop guidelines about these issues, and will also develop top 10 talking point statements for commonly asked questions that Council members may refer to in response to inquiries of the Council. The subcommittee will include one member from the Education and Engagement subcommittee (Matt Riede) and one from Internal Capacity (Gabrielle Frey). They will develop drafts for the next meeting.</p>
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<p>Budget and Funds</p>	<p>update on the funding decision item for an increase to the FTE supporting the Council. The decision item passed the Joint Budget Committee, and will thus stand as a budget item.</p> <p>review of the RJ Summit funds</p> <p>Review of RJ Cash Fund- The current monthly revenue is approximately \$67,000 at this point in time.</p> <p>Supplemental Funding Request from the 19th Judicial District RJ Pilot: They are requesting supplemental funds to hire more staff to meet their utilization needs and to bring their YFC partner organization coordinator’s salary to a more competitive level. However, in addition to requesting additional support from the Council, the pilot has reported that it has applied for grants and is seeking additional funding from other sources as well.</p> <p>Greg moved that the Council approve the supplemental funding request for the 19th Judicial District’s Pilot Project. That motion was amended to include a statement from the Council that this supplemental funding is not guaranteed to continue after 6/30/15 and the Council expects the pilot to continue to seek additional funding supports. As amended, the motion was seconded and passed with 0 no votes and one abstention.</p>	
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<p>Trainers for 2015</p>	<p>The Council reviewed the trainer applications submitted in response to the request for training proposals in the following areas:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>*Victim-Centeredness, Awareness and Rights:</u> The subcommittee recommends, upon review, that Deb Witzel and Nancy Lewis provide this training. After discussion, the Council determined that Deb and Nancy would provide this training.</p> <p><u>*Motivational Interviewing:</u> The Council did not receive any specific applications for a basic level Motivational Interviewing training. Kerri Schmidt submitted a training proposal for a program that she calls Restorative Dialogue. the Council asked Kerri to consider splitting the training up, with a two day training, followed with homework assignments and practice work, and then close it with a final two days of training. The Council adopted a proposal that this would be offered as an advanced facilitators training. Greg Brown indicated that he is considering putting in place another basic motivational interviewing training with Anjali Nandi in the coming year. If he does so, he would pay the cost of that training from his budget and make slots available to the RJ community if the Council would be willing to sponsor part of that training.</p> <p><u>*Cultural Sensitivity:</u> There were two applications for this training. These are both important issues and areas of concern for restorative justice practitioners, but they are not necessarily broad enough to address the original intent for the training in this area. The Council asked Deb Witzel to reach out to Larry Davis and gauge his interest in putting together a training on this subject.</p> <p><u>*High Risk Victim-Offender Issues:</u> Lynn applied to provide this training again this year and was the only application. After a review of the responses to the request for proposals for training, a motion was made that the Council adopt the proposed trainings by the trainers recommended by the subcommittee to the extent practicable under the fiscal year 2016 budget allocation. The motion was seconded and adopted with three abstentions (Peggy, Lynn, and Nancy).</p>	<p>In addition, Perrie raised the issue for future consideration of wider access to providing Council sponsored trainings. Because of the prestige involved in putting on a training for the Council, and in order to maintain transparency and continue to expand the pool of qualified and invested trainers/practitioners, the Council will investigate ways to expand the pool of trainers that it selects from to provide these sessions in the future.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Activities from the 2014 Action Plan (Deb): see action plan (link) 		
<p>2015 Action Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Deb provided the Council with a list of meeting dates, times, and locations for 2015. It will be posted on the website as well. b. The Council determined that, due to a number of concerns and issues which would require more in depth discussion and planning, that a Retreat would be planned. The Council determined that it will schedule a 2 day retreat sometime in the summer months (June, July, or August). Deb will issue a doodle to coordinate schedules and then research an appropriate location. At this time, identified action items for the retreat are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. New member orientation ii. Visioning work iii. Financial and budget planning for fiscal year 2017 (7/1/16-6/30/17). c. Sub-Committees and Action Items for Calendar Year 2015 (place in action planning format and post on website and google docs-share with council) 	

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High Risk Victim Offender Dialogue Update:	CDAC will need to appoint a new member to the Council. Perrie will draft a formal letter to the executive director of the CDAC and to Stan Garnett requesting a new representative.	
High Risk Victim Offender Dialogue Update:	The high risk victim-offender dialogue sub-committee continues to meet and discuss standards and issues related to this restorative practice.	

Meeting adjourned at 4pm