

# STATE OF COLORADO



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## Restorative Justice Council 2013

Spiro Koinis, Division of Youth Corrections Victim and Restorative Justice Services Coordinator (Chair)— present  
Perrie McMillen, Restorative Justice Services Program Director, City of Ft. Collins— 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  
Matt Riede, 1st Judicial District Victim Advocate—present  
Stan Garnett, District Attorney, Twentieth Judicial District- not present  
Nancy Lewis, Colorado Executive Director, Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance—not present  
Candace Hawkins, Colorado Department of Education-- present  
Esther Cho, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Council— present  
Rebecca Oakes, Adult Parole Board—not present  
Paula Mattas, Juvenile Parole Board—called in  
Monica Crocker, Department of Corrections— present  
Gabrielle Frey, Practitioner/RJ Directors— present  
Alice Price, Practitioner, Center for Restorative Programs—present  
Lynn Lee, Practitioner, Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council— present  
Peggy Evans, Practitioner, 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial— present  
Facilitation by: Deb Witzel (RJ Coordinator SCAO)  
Minutes taken by: Deb Witzel  
Guests- Mona Trembath, Reverend Terrence Hughes, Robin Spaulding,

## **RJ COUNCIL Minutes**

**September 19th, 2014 9am-4pm**  
**COVA at 90 Galapago Street Denver, CO 80223**

### Regular Meeting

**CALL IN INFO at COVA:** 303.996.2788 Long Distance- 1-800-261-2682 and ask to be put into 2782

- 1. 9am-Welcome and introductions (*Quorum present*)**
- 2. Circle of Recognition of Dr. Beverly Title (former RJ Council member who passed away September 12<sup>th</sup>)-**  
**SPIRO-** circle was conducted with all contributing memories and honoring BB.
- 3. Approval of July minutes- *VOTE-* approved unanimously**
- 4. Additions:**

**CCRJD report-** Spiro brought DYC guidelines and victim piece to meeting and a lively discussion exemplary to the Collaborative spirit was very present. Definitions doc was also discussed (see below)

**Blog Guidelines-** the history of the blog's existence were communicated to the group. Zana drafted the blog writer guidelines. Deb still needs to get a disclaimer approved by judicial. There will always be a screener/blog master. The 5 Rs are a guiding document for all of the Council's work and if a submission were not aligned it would likely not get posted.

Deb- ask Ryan if there could be a mobile version of our website. Optimize so the blog is mobile device friendly. Council would like the blog to show up on their mobile devices when postings occur. (Cost)

Rev Hughes: Clarify desired outcome in inviting youth to the table.

- 5. Budget and Funds update- (Greg)**
  - a. Update - increased FTE (Deb)- get a full picture of cost for 1 FTE

- b. Review of RJ Summit Fund (Greg) after paying the trainers balance of 209.46 dollars. Greg- motion to spend remaining dollars and close the account. Unanimously in favor.
- c. Review of RJ Cash Fund (Deb)- still accumulating at approximately \$60k a month, Deb warned that none of the expenses from July 1<sup>st</sup> forward are currently
- d. Proposed budget priorities FY '16 (Greg and Perrie )- discussion Perrie shared executive council discussion (see summary doc) A priority is that the pilots need have some support to continue to collect data and be support. EC reminded that Implementation Science calls for 3-5 years to get programs up and running and we need to continue to follow that map. So we need to figure out how to do that. Perrie- it took longer to get them up and running so in many ways we have only just begun. Another priority is 1 FTE for staff and that will have a big impact. Is that fiscally doable? 16.5% needs to held in reserve. Another priority is to continue to provide training to the community. The website is an ongoing expense. Evaluation is also costly and a priority. Council also wants to continue supporting travel for and other ongoing expenses relative to the council's mission- education, awareness and technical support. Another priority is to fund other and existing programs in the state.
- e. Council needs a special session to address budget issues Oct 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Deb will arrange location and send notice of specific time.
- f. Deb will bring figures to the Exec Comm to address the funding concerns
- g. MOTION-(Alice- Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup>) Council would like to request spending authority for \$780k and justify all expense monitoring carefully to ensure 16.5% is in reserve as 1<sup>st</sup> priority (discussion ensued) in favor unanimous

## 6. 2014 Action Plan – Committee Reports

- a. **Pilot Projects- Meg** (Gabrielle, Alice, Esther)
  - i. Meg's report (vote to adopt and post?) Deb and Meg will work on the stories to protect identities and celebrate successes.
  - ii. Update on Omni training for Pilots (Meg)- Regular Pilot Implementation Team meeting in Aug was launch of the database. Technology changes due to restrictions (Deb)-
  - iii. RJ Definitions Doc (Deb)
    - 1. Deb needs the council to make changes and adopt today so pilots can begin using this immediately
    - 2. It will be a living document that is opened annually for community input
    - 3. Upon adoption by council a date will be applied on the public document in the event updates or changes happen within the year
    - 4. MOTION- (Alice moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Meg- unanimous) moved that the highlighted section of the doc be removed and that the Def Doc as it stands be adopted as an operational doc. – discussion- move forward to see how it works operationally and open for review next fall. At CCRJD there was discussion about how to drill down and make more details available. They will work on those kinds of changes and provide input next year)
- b. **Legislative/Public Policy- Lynn** (Spiro, Nancy, Greg, Matt, Monica) volunteer Eileen Hyatt
  - i. Focus Groups report for 2015 legislative session (Lynn, Deb) draft of report reviewed
    - 1. Lynn- reported- thank you deb. We need to continue to do this kind of thing to keep the momentum and conversation alive. It was fabulous to engage people this way. Especially in smaller communities this kind of thing is critical to forwarding the rj movement. Continuing these kinds of focus groups is filled with possibilities.
    - 2. Spiro noted each focus group had a unique flavor and that so many people came together and were energized by these outreach efforts.

3. Alice shared that the Alamosa pilot is struggling and from the focus group it was very apparent that the DA needs support there. Oct 31<sup>st</sup> another facilitated process will take place to support the pilot.
  4. Lots of focus given to youth, systems change and RJ being healing
  5. What would keep this alive from here-
  6. Ask those who attend how we can keep this kind of thing alive. I.e Glenwood setting up their regional work. How can council support. Would council want to do 5 each year moving forward? These could be a good driver for the blog- invite attendees to talk about this as blogs. Cultural diversity- how do we continue the engagement of diverse groups around the state- access and equitability around the state are important.
  7. Post on website- continuous invitation to submit to blog etc
  8. Legislation- some changes and additions may happen but we all will need to make things happen afterward
- ii. Discussion- Focus groups next steps- Deb will resend updated draft. Will send to all participants and council and post to website
  - iii. Legislation- deb will draft a list from focus groups and combine with council's list so far.
  - iv. Lynn will call meeting of sub-group and bring back to council at next meeting so council Nov 21<sup>st</sup> in Boulder.

**Confidentiality-** Alice- research has been going on at national level for months now. **There is not one well defined model for this type of thing in the US at this time.** The attached doc is a distillation of 2 possibilities-

- i. RJ combined with broader (CO Dispute Resolution Process) ADR context (ie mediation )and brought under ADR Act language but it is a strong model established. It may be easiest way to move forward to propose included RJ language in there. Included Def doc as reference. Because RJ shows up in so many different codes this would provide a central location to reference the confidentiality for the whole spectrum of RJ.
  - ii. Some other states have put a piece in criminal justice code (in addition?) It appears they have wanted to put it in criminal code to distinguish between civil and criminal practices. VOM was initial for of RJ but is now used less often and in conjunction with a spectrum of RJP.
  - iii. Caution- making sure RJP is covered for both schools, civil and criminal cases (make sure RJP is referenced in all areas) approach as an addition to existing . Fac need to be mandatory reports as an exception- future harm to self or others or (sexual abuse to child – distinction between exceptions and mandatory reporting. What is advantage to being directly relative to RJ laws
  - iv. Let Pete and bill writers wrestle with this next. Confer with CDAC and COVA to ensure they see and are congruent.
  - v. Deb will send the MA legislative draft. Council aligns with not reinventing the wheel and trying to align with ADR. Deb will talk with Holly and ask her cite where she saw it in the ADR Act.
- c. **Research- Perrie** (Candie, Rebecca, Greg, Alice, Meg) volunteer Kerri Schmidt- nothing to report
  - d. **Internal Capacity- Spiro** (Lynn, Gabrielle)- nothing to report
  - e. **Education and Engagement-Greg** (Paula, Matt, Perrie, Spiro) volunteer Kerri Schmidt
    - i. Upcoming-
      1. COVA - Spiro and Deb meeting to plan. Panel of victims for Monday
      2. SB94- Meg and Alice presenting- What is RJ
    - ii. Probation Advisory Committee- (Peggy and Greg)- appointed in 2008 to be RJ rep and has been asked to do RJ pieces of retreat. Advisory council going away.

- iii. Perrie report out about **Cultural Responsiveness Training**- Perrie had team of 5 attend and it was a good training. Larry T. Davis, Kappy Hall and Bonnie Martinez were trainers. The 3 of them come from very different experiences which informed training. It was very experiential. They really supported the group in building. Circle process was beginning of each day. Self-reflection opportunities were key component which made it applicable to facilitators' practices. Things we learned-challenges- 30 people signed up and 20 people showed. People left early people only attended part of training which was very disruptive to group and training. People need to make financial investment in future. It was a costly training too due to providing food which was requested by the trainers as a provision. It was also very difficult with these 3 trainers to get materials and a course description.
- iv. Update on HRVOD trainings- DOC in Oct and RJ Council in Nov

## **7. Review of Visioning session**

- a. Discussion of priorities and next steps- tabled for next meeting

**4pm Adjourn**