

STATE OF COLORADO

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 via phone
Candace Hawkins, Colorado Department of Education—not Present
Esther Cho, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Council—Present via phone
Rebecca Oakes, Adult Parole Board—Present
Pat Kelly, Juvenile Parole Board—Present via phone
Monica Chambers, Department of Corrections—Not Present
Gabrielle Frey, Practitioner/RJ Directors—Present via phone
Alice Price, Practitioner, Center for Restorative Programs—Present via phone
Lynn Lee, Practitioner, Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council—Present via phone
Peggy Evans, Practitioner, 1st and 18th Judicial—Present

Facilitation by: Deb Witzel (RJ Coordinator SCAO) Present

Minutes taken by: Jack Hubbard

Guests- Jessica Dancing-Heart, Courtney Lynch, Keri Smith from Padres, Lindsay Pointer from LCJP, Jenny Curtis and Kerri Schmidt via phone,

RJ COUNCIL Minutes

April 17, 2015 9am-4pm

1777 6th St. Boulder CO 80302

Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. Quorum is established as present at call to order.

- **9am-Welcome and introductions. Deb Witzel**
 - Paula Mattas has vacated the Juvenile Parole seat on the Council. Pat Kelly has been appointed to fill that vacancy and is present via phone.
- **Review and Approval of February minutes.**

A clarification was made regarding the HRVOD discussion in the training agenda item from the February meeting. This discussion is adopted as phrased in the publishing format. A motion was made to accept the detail minutes and the publishing format of the minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.
- **Padres School Discipline Report-- Keri Smith**

Padres is working on the implementation of the smart school discipline legislation and extending the approach towards complying with those laws in Denver to the entire state.
- **HRVOD policy updates- Lynn & Monica**
 - Lynn and Monica provided the Council with a copy of their amendments and changes to the Facilitator Standards document and reviewed these sections. The Council reviewed the updates to the proposed policy document and discussed changes. After discussion, the subcommittee will meet again and attempt to provide more detailed language regarding more complex cases in which power and control issues are a concern, and the possible requirements for case by case review of the appropriateness of

HRVOD in these circumstances. The subcommittee will also add clarifying language to ensure that these processes are to be victim initiated, victim centered, and offender sensitive. Finally, facilitators for HRVOD practices will be expected to meet certain qualifications.

- Confidentiality: the guidelines were discussed
- Information was provided regarding alternatives for high risk processes in which the victim does not wish to participate but in which the offender desires to engage in a process. The subcommittee asked for additional alternatives or suggestions to be forwarded to them for inclusion.

- **Pilot Projects Subcommittee -- Meg & Deb**

- 4 pilot projects submitted their funding applications for the 2015-2016 funding allocation. Additionally- 19th has requested a budget adjustment adding up to \$31,000 for additional staff to accommodate the case load and demand of their growing pilot program and to adjust the salary of the service provider to be at industry standard.

*Action: After review of the funding requests and recommendations by the subcommittee, a motion was made and seconded to recommend to the State Court Administrator that the programs be funded at the levels recommended by the subcommittee including the additional funding for the 19th. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

- There has been a request from the pilots in the field that the Council continues to provide implementation science support and workshops. A motion was made and passed to provide \$3,000 from the \$12,000 training budget for implementation science training and consultation support. Deb was granted the discretion to select the provider of these services upon consultation with the Council.

- **Education and Engagement/Trainings Subcommittee – Deb & Matt**

- Victim Awareness delivered by Nancy and Deb in Denver on March 20th.
 - 60 individuals attended this training at COVA. Nancy will forward the after training evaluations to Jack/Deb by the end of the meeting.
- Implementation Science by Lane Volpe in Boulder on April 2nd.
 - Training hosted by Peggy Jessel with invitations to the Council to attend at no charge.
 - 50 individuals attended this training, which seemed to be well received.
- Motivational Interviewing will be provided by Anjali Nandi in Boulder on June 1st and 2nd.

After 7/1/15, the legislation allows the Council to begin collecting fees for trainings and other activities.

Currently, the following trainings are on the schedule for 7/1/15-6/30/16:

- Restorative Dialogue 4 day training by Kerri Schmidt.
- Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness 2 day training scheduled for September or October.
- HRVOD Training by Lynn Lee in Colorado Springs from November 2nd through the 6th.
- RJ Basics Training & Facilitator Training. There have been many requests that the Council provide this training as well. Deb has asked the CCRJD to consider providing this training, and has also brought it to the Council to consider supporting or providing itself.

In 2015, other presentation and training opportunities on the calendar are:

- The presenter application for COVA's conference is due May 29th.
- May
 - NAVSPIC
 - CCJC

- June
 - NACRJ
- September
 - Judicial Conference
 - PPRJC Symposium-
- October
 - COVA
 - ADR
- **Legislative Committee and Update on HB15-1094--Perrie & Lynn**
 - HB15-1094 passed unanimously and has been signed.
 - Confidentiality – Alice provided copies of a document developed by Peggy Jessel for use with juveniles in the 20th which is currently being revised for use as a confidentiality guideline. This document could be useful as a reference point/resource for the development of a Council position on confidentiality.
- **Internal Capacity- Spiro & Perrie**
 - DA Representation on the Council. The Council has sent a letter to Tom Raynes thanking Stan Garnett for his service and requesting a new representative be appointed. As part of this process, the subcommittee and Tom Raynes have identified a few barriers with DA representation on the Council. First, the RJ Council meets on the same day as the CDAC meets. Tom Raynes and Stan Garnett are working together to attempt to address the issue, and have suggested a deputy or an assistant might be an appropriate representative to the Council. Second, there is a challenge in that DA's are elected officials and part of the Council, again, this could be resolved by a non-elected high level DA employee be appointed as the representative.
 - Matt and Gabrielle have been working on some guidelines for Council members regarding how and what to communicate in public forums. The intent of the guidelines is to align the expectations of Council members with the expectations to which the standards of conduct hold RJ practitioners. Sections of the document were reviewed.
- **Budget and Funds- Greg & Deb**
 - An update was provided on the decision item for increased FTE in support of the Council.
 - Review of RJ Cash Fund: There is more revenue than anticipated and spending authority is lagging the amount of the revenues.
 - Deb will provide the Council an estimate of the amount of funding that will be unspent in the current fiscal year and provide an estimate of FY 16 and FY17 needs.
- **2015 Action Plan- Review**
 - The Subcommittees met and reviewed the status of their 2015 action plan items.
 - *Pilot Projects: There is a meeting on June 26th in Alamosa, in order to provide a programmatic assessment and discuss sustainability issues.
 - *Legislation and Public Policy: Confidentiality and liability has been an issue for RJ practitioners for a while and there needs to be a discussion about if this needs to be addressed by stand- alone legislation or attached as amendments to the currently existing ADR legislation.
 - The subcommittee will reach out to Representative Lee and determine if he has any plans or priorities in RJ for the coming year.

Finally, committee members will research the ADR and other confidentiality provisions for ideas about how to address these concerns. Deb is asking Holly to sit down with her and review the ADR statute more thoroughly in an attempt to understand how it might or might not apply to RJ practitioners.

*Education: In the coming year, there are two audiences that the RJ Council would like to target for outreach and training—law enforcement and the defense bar. At this point, it would be ideal to identify who will be representing both groups on the Council and then utilize their expertise in order to support the process of training and engagement. In preparing for the 2016 conference, which Greg is chairing, this interaction could be very helpful in terms of programming. Another issue that this work group is working on is defining exactly what engagement is and what it consists of: in terms of what the Council would like to see, this seems to be not just outreach and training, but a more interactive two way street. Peggy and Matt are having some detailed discussions about this issue and ways to achieve it, including a more interactive website, and identifying champions and proponents of restorative justice in locations and agencies and using them to build capacity. Meg raised that it seems like there's another website that people may be going to, Deb will look into that link.

- **Retreat Prep**

- Logistics—the Council reviewed potential dates for the retreat and determined that the most favorable are 8/27-8/28, followed by 8/26-8/27 and 7/27-7/28. By cost, the best locations available are Keystone, Breckenridge, Loveland, and Colorado Springs.
- Agenda
 - Orient new members
 - Vision work
 - Budget planning FY '17
 - Council members will consider other issues and bring them to the next meeting for inclusion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

After the meeting was adjourned, Council members remained to review and give feedback on the presentation for the Bulgarian professionals.