

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— not present
Spiro Koinis, Division of Youth Corrections Victim and Restorative Justice Services Coordinator (Chair)— not 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— not present
Candace Hawkins, Colorado Department of Education-- present
Esther Cho, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Council— RESIGNED
Rebecca Oakes, Adult Parole Board—present
Pat Kelly, Juvenile Parole Board— present
Monica Chambers, Department of Corrections—present via phone
Gabrielle Frey, Practitioner/RJ Directors— not present
Alice Price, Practitioner, Center for Restorative Programs—present
Lynn Lee, Practitioner, Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council—not present
Peggy Evans, Practitioner, 1st and 18th Judicial—present

Facilitation by: Deb Witzel (RJ Coordinator SCAO)

Minutes taken by: Jack Hubbard

Guests- Liza Hester, Caitlin O'Neil, Kerri Schmidt,

RJ COUNCIL AGENDA

June 5, 2015 9am-3pm

1777 6th St. Boulder CO 80302

Regular Meeting

CALL IN INFO:

- **9am-Welcome and introductions**
- **Additions?**
 - **JJDP- Meg-** Meg brought copies of 3 year plan. Committee wants to propose a focus on schools to look at school discipline and connection to incarceration. Committee wants to engage restorative justice in schools at a greater level.
 - **RJ Council supports and would like to be involved as advisory-** to review proposals, guidance on curriculum, provide local RJ program and professional supports and school contacts and supports
 - **Update on Larimer County- Perrie-** RJ Community Council NPO got approval from Loveland to fund and can now go after greater funding.
 - **Peggy- interest in funding RJ practices –** Met a woman with Department and Transportation that would like to look at driving under influence, vehicular homicide etc. An analysis is needed to understand the need and possibilities.
- **Approval of minutes-**tabled
- **PPRJC Symposium- 5 seats for “sponsorship” Sept. 24th & 25th in Colorado Springs**
- **New seats on Council nominees:**
 - **Law Enforcement- Chief Mike Butler,** Chief Thomas, Captain Dingfelder , Chief Oakes,
 - **Judge-** Martin Gonzales

- **Public Defender**- assigned- Liz Porter-Merrill
- **Esther's seat**- JJ Council will appoint
- **DA**- Tom Raynes- will appoint
- **Retreat Planning**
 - **August 27th & 28th all day each day**
 - **Keystone Resort**
 - Agenda
 - Orient new members- (Lynn & Pat, Perrie willing to volunteer, Peggy- DA or Public Defender,
 - Vision
 - 5 year plan to expand RJP in CO-
 - Budget planning FY '17
 - Legislative plan
- **HRVOD policy updates- Lynn & Monica**
 - Additions to Facilitator Standards doc- There was additional discussion about whether it would be appropriate to redo the standards as a three tiered document for different levels of case/standards/guidelines.
 - The Council determined after the review of the changes to the High Risk Victim Offender Standards that the changes and revisions are not complete. The subcommittee will incorporate the recommendations and proposed revisions from the previous discussion and incorporate them into a draft for further review. The subcommittee will provide this draft to the Council prior to the August meeting and requests that the Council members review the document prior to that meeting.
- **2015 Action Plan:**
- **Pilots- Meg & Deb**
 - Updates-reporting- Meg will let Pete know we will get data at the end of July 30th is when year-end reports are due
 - 20th needs to pay service providing partners- Council would like to know if SCAO would find a way to support the MOU partners moving forward
- Moving forward, there needs to be a larger discussion about long term support of the pilots and what that looks like going forward. This discussion should be part of a long term planning process and should be discussed as part of the retreat.
- **Education and Engagement - Trainings – Deb & Matt**

UPCOMING

- Restorative Dialogue (4 day)- Kerri Schmidt- Golden- July 9th & 10th and 16th & 17th
 - 25 max
- Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness (2 day) - October 8th & 9th Deb ask would they take \$1500 a day
 - Affinity Arts Consulting
 - Who else?

- HRVOD Training – Lynn Lee- Co Springs -November 2-6, The Council agreed to reduce the fee to \$650, relative to the standard cost for this training nationwide of \$3,000.
- RJ Basics training & Facilitator - many requests
 - CCRJD to consider doing this- A sub-committee is working on this. The CCRJD has been asked to provide this training and has put in place a subcommittee. They are still getting organized so there has not been much progress yet, but once the scheduling roadblocks are address that should change.
- **Other presentations/trainings for 2015**
 - Report Bulgarians- Meg- got good feedback and will share info with group as needed. Me g will send Perrie the PowerPoint
 - May- report
 - Prison Fellowship- Peggy and Lynn- May 2nd- volunteers who work in prison with offenders. They talked group through what's happening in CO. A lot of basic questions about RJ.
 - NAVSPIC- Spiro and Monica- Deb – learned a lot about how to better serve victims that can be integrated
 - CCJC- Greg and Deb- evals asked that we help people figure out how to implement in their context- EBP were a focus- 850 people attended. Drug courts are looking at harm to self, family and community. How can we better support
 - June
 - NACRJ- Lynn and Deb- Peggy- it was good info. Shannon Sliva presented data showing how laws have impact RJP around the country. CO is clearly a leader. Rep Lee explained how RJP has gotten integrated into code, reconnected with people from around the country, TX also working in HRVOD.
 - September
 - PPRJC Symposium- Deb & Pete, Perrie doing a program presentation with a small group
 - Problem Solving Courts Coordinators- Deb will be giving the attendees an RJ basics overview,
 - October
 - COVA-
 - ADR-
 - OTHERS?
 - Peggy doing Restorative Mediation Project class (associated with Ken Jaray) for Pillar Institute public education institute
 - Victim Advocates in Larimer-
- **Legislative and Public Policy -Perrie & Lynn**
 - There was a phone conference on 5/27/15 attended by the members of this committee in order to review the focus report from the last community sessions and to revisit the list of priorities identified from those sessions that the Council previously conducted. The intent of the review as to identify which legislative or policy priorities the Council should focus on going forward. Of particular note, the subcommittee identified that there is a need to expand funding opportunities and to identify different ways for available funds to be accessed by the restorative justice community and the Council. However, there is a major challenge in that it is difficult to ask for and receive money if there is not sufficient data showing the efficacy of programs. The bottom line from the meeting was that it should be a long term

consideration to identify and streamline obtaining funding streams, and what kind of funding should be provided by the Council to various projects or activities to obtain research and data/how funding can be provided to support the development of data that supports evidence based activities. No action on this will be taken until after the retreat.

- Confidentiality – Alice
 - Alice sent an invitation email to stakeholder groups and has created a subgroup to begin to identify and work with the confidentiality issues that were identified last year.
- **Internal Capacity- Spiro & Perrie**
- **Budget and Funds- Greg & Deb**
 - There was a decision item for increased FTE and now we are in the planning stage. At some point, this increase will happen, but at this time there is no indication of when or what the parameters will be.
 - Review of RJ Cash Fund. Deb reviewed the status of the fund last week and it reported as significantly underspent for the current year. This is largely due to the pilots underspending against their requested budgets in the past 12 months. Deb has requested assistance from the financial unit to analyze why the fund is underspent.
 - **2:32 pm Adjourn**