

STATE OF COLORADO



The Colorado Restorative Justice Council engages communities to create lifelong cultures of respect and responsibility.

Matt Riede, Chair, 1st Judicial District Victim Advocate— present
Lynn Lee, Practitioner, Vice Chair, Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council— present
Perrie McMillen, Restorative Justice Services Program Director, City of Ft. Collins (Immediate Past Chair)- present
Spiro Koinis, Division of Youth Corrections Victim and Restorative Justice Services Coordinator (Past Chair)—present
Greg Brown, Chief Probation Officer, Twentieth Judicial District (Executive Committee)— not present
Meg Williams, Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Manager (Executive Committee)—present
Robb Miller, Deputy District Attorney, Nineteenth Judicial District- present
Mary Mc Ghee, Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance Board Member— present
Robin Singer, Colorado Department of Education—not present
Christine Harms, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Council— present
Rebecca Oakes, Adult Parole Board— not present
Pat Kelly, Juvenile Parole Board— not present
Monica Chambers, Department of Corrections— not present
Gabrielle Frey, Practitioner/RJ Directors— not present
Alice Price, Practitioner, Center for Restorative Programs— present
Peggy Evans, Practitioner, 1st and 18th Judicial—present
Martin Gonzales, Judge, 12th Judicial District— not present
Elizabeth Porter-Merrill, Public Defender State of Colorado—present
Benito Garcia, Chief of Police Milliken, CO- present

Facilitation by: Deb Witzel (RJ Coordinator SCAO)

Minutes taken by: Jack Hubbard

Guests- LCJP- Kathleen McGoey (ED) Karen Higgins and Thatcher Williams board members, Shannon Sliva DU researcher

RJ COUNCIL Minutes

(not officially adopted until June 24th meeting)

April Regular Meeting

April 29th 9a-3p

700 Kipling is the DCJ Building and is the building behind the REMAX Building at 6th and Kipling.

Check in at front desk (bring ID) and they will send you to 4th Floor Training Room.

The call-in number is: 1-877-820-7831; Pass code: 473114#

1. Welcome and Introductions- Deb

- **Addition-** CCRJD will have special session in June to replace Gabrielle as RJ Council rep and they will nominate for that and replacing Perrie. They are also moving toward a more formalized business structure. \$400 cost to apply the CCRJD would like RJ Council to pay for that. Deb will check.
- **Shannon Sliva-** NIJ proposal for evaluation of RJ with victims - **committee**

2. Updates on the online voting-- *all passed with exception of Peggy's proposal (discussed at face to face meeting)*

- Approval of minutes from Feb Regular meeting- passed unanimously
- Calendar update passed unanimously
- Annual Report passed unanimously
- Funded Programs, Data Collection & Evaluation **Alice abstains from voting on the funded programs**
Programs have been selected to recommend for funding for FY '17. If you would like to see the details of their proposals please let me know. passed unanimously
 - i. 12th JD-\$116,472 (basically same as the pilot)
 - ii. 19th JD- \$176,662 (basically same as the pilot)
 - iii. 20th JD-\$127,365 (basically same as the pilot)
 - iv. Full Circle Restorative Justice- \$50,000 (pays for 1 FTE and 20+ offenders)
 - v. La Plata Youth Services- \$52,246 (pays for a total of 1.25 FTE and work in a middle school at all tiers)

- vi. Restorative Justice Community Council- \$96,945 (pays for 1.25 FTE and many volunteers to be trained and 130 offenders)

Non-voting items via email:

- A new RFP has been posted for the data collection and evaluation of programs for the next year (potentially up to 5 years)
- Current RJ Pilots will be reporting in April on Q3 data and financials – Update April 29th
- 10th JD is in process to return unused funds to Judicial. They are no longer participating in the pilot for reasons discussed at the last meeting.
- Budget Updates FY'16 and FY '17
 - a. Cash Fund Summary (report attached)
 - b. Budget Summary. It is Q3 of the fiscal year and we have only spent about half of the budget.

6. Training and Resource Development

- 2016 RJ Conference Update
 - i. Conference Schedule Draft attached fyi
 - ii. Committee would like to include the graphic artist used at retreat and Playback Theatre West as part of closing day. (www.playbacktheatrewest.com) approved
- Online Training Proposal from CCRJD 1st draft submitted for review by Deb
 - i. The hope is to launch this at the conference
- Potential legislative suggestions for Rep Lee
 - i. Confidentiality
 - ii. RJ Council “sunsets” in 2017. It will need to be renewed
 - iii. Greg and Rep Lee have been working on post-sentencing possibilities

Peggy Evans request for support for travel to Ohio for the St. Vincent Conference. Information attached. Would you like RJ Council funds to support Peggy in this presentation? **Not approved**

Face to Face meeting:

LCJP guests- *Kathleen McGoey ED and 2 board members came with restorative approach to resolve harm from past ED and board members. Next steps- Deb will identify who from RJ Council would need to be a part of a restorative dialog and then communicate with Kathleen. Then the 2 of them will identify appropriate facilitators for a dialog.*

Action Plan:

Funded Programs, Data Collection & Evaluation – Meg Chair

- a. RFP for data collection and evaluation – *Only Omni submitted- this afternoon we will explore questions for research*
- b. RJ Pilot Project- update- *funded \$522, 745 for 6 programs in the 6th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 19th and 20th*

Budget and Funds- Greg & Deb

- c. Our RJ Conference- *Will RJ Council/RJ Cash Fund cover Council members costs? No. only those that work on and at conference will have any kind of support*

- d. Budget item- video camera for conference and website- Deb will do research to see what technology will be advanced enough and serve the needs of the council for various needs. \$2000 was proposed for purchase. Deb will return with info
- e. Lynn- Student request for support in conference planning and presenting- Lunch for meeting (20 people) in June and t-shirts. Peggy proposed the student design shirts and we sell them at the conference.no
 - i. Lunch – yes (Lynn will let students know about conference badges)
 - ii. Consider having line item for youth in the future. Application for requests in future
 - iii. Lindsey’s request for fellowship- discussed
- f. Peggy’s proposal- discussion about travel expenses- Alice moved not to approve this request and that RJ Council develop policy regarding supporting RJ Council travel to events. Chris 2nd. Discussion ensured- unanimous agreed

Training and Resource Development – Greg Chair (Deb)

Confidentiality- Alice and Liz- 32 responses- 25% juvenile 44% school 28% both 26% adult 28% lower level 25% sector division. 90% say something about confidentiality. **7 people to contact** about issues with confidentiality, school respondents have school rules. It seems there is a need to do something to protect confidentiality. Will take info back to the larger sub-group. Variations in practice and CRDA has civil protections and exceptions. There are also variations along the spectrum from pre-file and post-sentencing. SPIRO AND ROBB AND MARY will join the sub-committee working on this. BLOG

RPS drafts for Standards and Guidelines- need committee- Lynn will help Deb, Spiro : add a returning to community piece

Other presentations/trainings for 2016

- i. Conflict Resolution Month- Peggy will talk with Mary Zinn about what
- ii. Judicial Conference
- iii. COVA- 3 slots open Matt and Deb will send proposal again
- iv. DYC Conference in October

Website Upgrades- Deb

- o Need Pictures of RJ Council members- send Deb pics

Expansion and Inclusion Conversation- “FUTURES” Please think about the questions below.

- **Key questions: What do we want to know about Restorative Justice Practices (RJP)?**
 - o **What is the RJ COUNCIL’s overarching goal/focus with RJP in CO for the next 3-5 years?**
 - Prevention-Intervention? Juveniles-Young Adults-Adults?**
 - Petty-Misdemeanor-Felony 6-1-High Impact Victim Offender Dialogues?**
 - Schools? Pre-file? Courts? Detention/Incarceration? ReEntry? Communities?**
 - Reform? Reduction? Representation? Recognition? Research?**
 - Expansion? Inclusion?**
 - Moving toward Evidence-based Practice (EBP)?
 - Requires focus
 - Need to Demonstrate effectiveness and impact with data collected on specific population with significant sample size (outcome focus)
 - Identify fidelity of practice and what practices you want to focus on (There are many across the spectrum.)

- Clarify application of implementation science in the context
- Limit variations and stay focused expanding the capacity of funded programs

OR

- Expand the settings, programs and populations served with RJ in CO
 - Need to clearly identify populations to be served (who, level of offense/harm, victim involvement, sector of the spectrum)
 - Better data on who is doing what with whom and where in the state
 - Consider the spectrum and incremental application of RJ Council resources
 - How will success be measured? # of: people, programs, places? Process focus?
 - How would fidelity be determined in each context?
 - How does this lead to EBP?

OR

WHAT ELSE?

- **Is recidivism the best and most important societal impact to measure or are there others?**
 - Recidivism reflects on
 - Community safety
 - System cost savings
 - Effectiveness with offender
 - What else?
 - **How are we or should we measure for what we want to know?**
- **What needs to change?**
- **What do we need to do more of?**
- **Who needs to be included?**
- **What else?**

Mission:

The State Restorative Justice Council advances restorative justice principles and practices throughout Colorado by providing *gateways* to information, networking and support.