

# 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 by phone  
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)— not present  
Robb Miller, Deputy District Attorney, Nineteenth Judicial District- present  
Mary Mc Ghee, Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance Board Member— not present  
Robin Singer, Colorado Department of Education-- present  
Christine Harms, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Council— not present  
Rebecca Oakes, Adult Parole Board— not present  
Pat Kelly, Juvenile Parole Board— present  
Monica Chambers, Department of Corrections— not present  
Gabrielle Frey, Practitioner/RJ Directors—present (Being replaced by Melissa Westover starting in Aug.)  
Alice Price, Practitioner, Center for Restorative Programs— present  
Peggy Evans, Practitioner, 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial—removed by appointing authority Jerry Marroney, State Court Administrator  
Martin Gonzales, Judge, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District— not present  
Elizabeth Porter-Merrill, Public Defender State of Colorado—present  
Benito Garcia, Chief of Police Milliken, CO- not present  
Facilitation by: Deb Witzel (RJ Coordinator SCAO)  
Minutes taken by: Deb Witzel  
Guests- Richard (Rick) Prince, Omni- Jean Denious, Shannon Sliva,

## RJ COUNCIL AGENDA

### Regular Meeting

June 24<sup>th</sup> 9a-3p

Hosted by DCJ Division of Criminal Justice- Colorado Department of Public Safety  
In the REMAX building 710 Kipling Denver CO 80215

Call in info: Call in #:1-877-820-7831; participant pass Code: 473114#

Quorum at 11:55am

### 1. Welcome and Introductions-

- WY RJ Council – Richard (Rick) Prince

### 2. Additions: none

### 3. RJ COUNCIL Business:

- Adopt April minutes- adopted unanimously
- **Retreat August 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting August 26<sup>th</sup>** no greg or matt- Spiro and Matt will help plan
- Updates on RJ Council roster- Peggy Evans is no longer a part of the RJ Council- removed by State Court Administrator, Chris Harms is leaving, Gabrielle is leaving and Melissa Westover is replacing her.
  - Peggy's removal by the State Court Administrator is relative to her role in a defense initiated HRVOD that was not victim initiated or victim centered and the RJ Council exec inquired to confirm through a restorative conversation with her this was so. The RJ Council explicitly discourages this type of practice in CO. This puts the RJ Council at risk and the field as it has been established in CO best practice in jeopardy.
- HRVOD- Community of Practice Lynn- urgent- practitioners debrief- monthly call and forum on the website, Lynn will convene at 2016 Conference. Deb will help set up with technology

- Chair 2017- Lynn?-Council feels Lynn may remain Vice-Chair and Matt will remain Chair in 2017. Further discussion may be needed
- Mileage reimbursement for RJ Council Members- This week Deb discovered statute C.R.S. 19-2-213 (4) says that no compensation or reimbursement will be provided to RJ Council members. RJ Council members have been reimbursed by accident and these monies need to be paid back. Greg, as treasurer will talk with David at SCAO to figure a payment plan. RJ Council members present at the meeting agreed that they would work collectively to back the money in support of those who have been faced with this hardship.
- Dialogue with LCJP- Matt will move forward to schedule with LCJP
- Sunset Review- In progress with DORA see attached
- Handling complaints and concerns that come to RJ Coordinator and RJ Council Members- RJ Council is NOT a regulatory body, nor governing
  - Grievance protocols – put on website- clearly state RJ Council has no statutory or regulatory authority, concerns to exec for assess respond by forwarding to appropriate parties- more info may be needed
  - All concerns in writing preferable email and are considered public record
  - Work with the CCRJD to partner to address concerns of the field- programs and practitioners
  - Make very clear on RJ Directory where programs or practitioners clearly declare they will or will not abide by the standards
  - Respond restoratively
  - Executive Committee – Deb sends to EC for all complaints/concerns around RJ Council members and concerns beyond- EC receives and assesses confidentially concerns and will handle if internal and bridge to the appropriate parties to address concerns restoratively otherwise
  - Future- form a problem solving committee
    - Deb Ask and respond immediately by forwarding info with concern to EC
      - Who holds the space/hired person?
      - Is it an RJ Council Member or Event?
      - Could you approach this restoratively with the person/people directly

#### 2016 Action Plan:

#### 4. Funded Programs, Data Collection & Evaluation – Meg Chair

- Year-end and end of Pilots- reports before retreat- Deb will send reports when done
- Recidivism checks will begin in July
- Omni Research Questions- see attached proposal- Jean- Reviewed the RFP and invited RJ Council Members to consider the additional questions proposed. Request smaller advisory group of RJ Council members and funded program and SCAO staff.
  - Research questions include:
    1. Reduce Recidivism?
    2. Does participation improve experience with justice system?- go deeper
    3. Cost effective?
    4. Satisfaction?- go deeper- pre/post for victims
    5. Best practices, challenges and opportunities for implementing with fidelity  
Ripple effects- Family and other support  
Bias/Ethnicity/race  
Diversion focus?  
Risk assessment  
Change- for victims' wellbeing, offender empathy/shame/attitudes, building relationship
  - RJ Council needs to support more qualitative data collection- stakeholders in system and participants of processes and community perspective
  - Broaden the cost questions- savings, effectiveness, cost to participants and potential barriers
  - Consider additional funding for qualitative data collection partnerships
  - Sub-committee formed= Omni, Shannon, Meg, Greg, Liz, Spiro, Gabrielle, Kirsta, Deb (other funded?)
- New FY and newly funded programs
  - Orientation July 29<sup>th</sup> in Salida 10a – 3p- RJ Council Members welcome

- Full Circle has requested technical support- Deb has connected various stakeholders with peer contacts in the RJ Field and a meeting is being planned
- Contracts pending
  - \$116,472 12<sup>th</sup>
  - \$176,662 19<sup>th</sup>
  - \$127,365 20<sup>th</sup>
  - \$56,005 LaPlata Youth Services (6<sup>th</sup>)
  - \$50,000 Full Circle Restorative Justice (11<sup>th</sup>)
  - \$96,945 Restorative Justice Community Council (8<sup>th</sup>)
  - **TOTAL: \$518,619 out of \$800,000 budgeted**

**5. Budget and Funds- Greg & Deb**

- Cash Fund Update- earning more than anticipated
- Clarification- RJ Council not paying for RJ Conference for members. No reimbursements
- FY' 17 Budget- Motion to amend the FY '17 budget to better meet the 2016-2017 strategic plan to include additional funds to develop the website for training and technical assistance, support community of practice, HRVOD, Additional efforts in training and technical assistance, capacity building and data collection and evaluation, contract support to build infrastructure with these things and build capacity and other items that may arise at the retreat in August relative to the strategic plan- passed unanimously

**6. 2016 RJ Conference**

- Updates- Pikes Peak RJ Council would support students needing scholarships
- RJ Council members who are on committee and working at the conference and afterward with follow-up will have a room and registration covered as part of the conference budget- no reimbursements
- RJ Council members who work at the conference but have not provided pre or post support will have their registration waived- no reimbursements
- Roles and Responsibilities at the event
  - Table- sign up sheet will go out prior to event
  - Room Monitors- will be assigned starting with the committee members
  - Support
    - Legislator Reception- Rep Lee has been asked to speak and accepted
    - Film Fest- Intern
    - Liberating Structures- Spiro and Matt (liz and greg) help
    - Registration- Ang will report in Aug
- Budget update- if 300 people register and pay for attending there will be marginal revenue
- State of the State- Matt and Exec
- Student workshop Sunday 1-5- Lynn- Meeting in June- Yampa, Sierra HS, Co Springs, Aurora, Leadville school- RP connection circles, 5 R, circle, stories, restorative discipline. Chief Benito Garcia got shirts donated for the students leading the workshop. Targeted to students and adults who work with them- 15 students lead and get free admission + 1 adult from each school. (max 2 students and 1 adult from each school)

**7. Training and Resource Development – Greg Chair (Deb)**

- New Zealand Fellowship- Lynn
- Confidentiality- Alice and Liz
- RPS drafts for Standards and Guidelines- stipend for completion and editing?- yes
- Other presentations/trainings for 2016
- Conflict Resolution Month

**8. Website Upgrades- Deb**

- Need Pictures of RJ Council members- please send to deb asap
- Including events and things from outside of CO- yes

- Membership- please register on the RJ Directory
- 9. **RECAP from April Meeting on the FUTURES Conversation- Focus of retreat**
  - Expansion and Inclusion- at retreat
  - Legislation- add the reimbursement to possibilities
- 10. **Retreat Plan/Outcomes desired- Longer term strategic plan 3-5 years**
  - **additional contract support- Matt and Spiro** Contract support for what?
  - \*Invite Pete and Jeni to part of meeting that we talk about
  - Planning and Technical support Planning-
  - Technical Support grants - 3 people grant writing training and support, implementation support for funded programs, Data Collection, Stakeholder

**Mission:**

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