

Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (JJSAG)  
Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2024  
Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

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| Terry Traynor (Chair)                     | Lisa Bjergaard   | Jayne Davis      |
| Cathy Ferderer                            | Travis Finck     | Lynn Flieth      |
| Joel Friesz                               | Cristie Jacobsen | Andrew Schneider |
| Russ Riehl                                | Caisee Sandusky  | Kylie Schultz    |
| Michelle Siegfried (for Jennifer Withers) |                  | Derek Steiner    |
| MiLinda Turner                            | Emily Yanish     |                  |

Members Absent:

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| Camryn Anders         | Dusty Johnson | Diane Larson |
| Oliva Revels-Strother |               |              |

Others Present:

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| Elizabeth Hilt | Lisa Jahner | Cory Pedersen |
| Pam Sagness    |             |               |

Chairman Traynor called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Because Andrew Schneider and Emily Yanish will be stepping down after their terms end on June 30<sup>th</sup>, he thanked them for their service. Emily Yanish talked about Mark Heinert who will be replacing her on the advisory group.

The minutes of the meeting on 3/14/24 were presented for approval. Travis Finck moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

As was discussed and voted on at the last meeting, a RFP went out for consultants to help advance the SAG's racial equity work. Lisa Jahner provided background information and explained previous efforts in this regard. Russ Riehl, as chair of the SAG Grants Committee, reviewed the recommendation of the committee, which had met the previous day. The committee recommended moving the one applicant forward to an interview process, and that an interview committee consisting of SAG members and BIPOC representatives be formed. The applicant, Barry Chalifoux, introduced himself and talked about his experience and how he proposes to conduct the work. Travis Finck made a motion to establish the interview committee as proposed, specifying that the SAG members represented be from the Grants Committee if possible, and that Barry advance to the interview process. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote. Due to concern about lack of applicants, Emily Yanish motioned to simultaneously extend the deadline on the RFP with additional outreach to applicants. After some discussion, Emily amended her motion to extend the deadline only until the end of June. That motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Traynor talked about the requirement of the SAG to develop a three-year strategic plan to map out the work of the SAG and direction for funding. Lisa Jahner reviewed the results of a survey that was sent out to assist with the development of the plan. Due to a high percentage of respondents that indicated behavioral health as the primary driver of juvenile delinquency, Pam Sagness, executive director with the DHHS Behavioral Health Division, was asked to give an update in that regard. Pam talked about mental health care for children in ND. Lisa Jahner then presented possible plan goal areas for discussion based on the survey. Russ Riehl motioned that the top areas be considered for the plan and that a planning committee be established consisting of people that could speak to those areas. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.