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**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission
State Advisory Group Planning
Committee Meeting 08/09/18**

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Call to Order: Co-Chair, Pauline Salla-Smith called to order at 2:05 pm.

Roll Call:

Via Phone: Pauline Salla-Smith, Kierra Bracken, Paula Smith, Jacqueline Pierrott

Staff Present: Leslie Bittleston, Kayla Landes, Katie Brubaker

Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Salla-Smith: We need to approve the meeting minutes from May 10 of 2018. Has everyone had a chance to review them?

Kayla Landes: This is—this is Kayla Landes and not that my thoughts matter, but I'm just listed on the May 10th minutes as a commissioner, so thought that may want to be changed.

Katie Brubaker: I can make that.

Leslie Bittleston: Nice change, Kayla Landes. Nice catch.

Kayla Landes: I'm not that important.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Oh, you're important. Very important. Any other changes? If there aren't any changes, I'll take a motion to approve.

Commissioner Pierrott: This is Jackie. I move to approve.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Is there a second?

Commissioner Bracken: This is Kierra, I second

Commissioner Smith: Third.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: All those in favor, say aye. [ayes around] Any opposed? All right. Minutes are approved with the one correction from the May 10th.

Katie Brubaker: Okay.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Kierra, you can mute us now and we'll email you on the other one.

Commissioner Bracken: Awesome. Thank you.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Thank you.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: All right let's go to the SB-107 Room Confinement, which is for informational purposes only.

Leslie Bittleston: Okay, everybody, this is Leslie. In your packet, there is a document titled State Fiscal Year 2018 Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant. It's like a little chart with a—a pie chart on the bottom. And, for Jackie—

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Leslie, Leslie. This is Pauline.

Leslie Bittleston: Uh-huh.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Are we doing CCPD first or SB 107?

Leslie Bittleston: Oh, woops! SB 107. I'm—I—my apologies.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: That's okay. I just want to make sure we're on the—for the record, we're on the right one.

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah, I just can't read. Okay, SB 107 Room Confinement. So there's a document in your packet called SB 107 Summary Document State Fiscal Year 2018. This is a review of July 2017 to June 2018. Page 1 is the state—correct—juvenile correctional facilities, NYTC, CYC, and Summit View for a whole year. As you can see, we have increased a lot from July to—to June. However, the chart underneath it shows that we are predominantly using under two hours of youth in room confinement for the correctional facilities. And just to let you know that I am going from the—from October 1st to October 4th—to Caliente and to Summit View to

look at their room confinement, just to check and see, making sure that they are logging room confinement correctly, they are following policy correctly, and kind of see what's going on with these rises in room confinement overall. So, are there any questions on the correctional facilities before we go to page two? Okay.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Leslie, this is Pauline. It's not that, I guess my question would be is it just we're using it more because we're not—we didn't add more beds, right?

Leslie Bittleston: Right.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: The only difference from 2015 to now would be Summit View beds, correct?

Leslie Bittleston: Yes.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: So, I guess my question would be if it might be better—I mean, it might be easier for us to understand if the ratio—are we increasing at a larger rate than the number of beds we added? Because that would tell us if it's proportionate to additional beds or if we're just using room confinement.

Leslie Bittleston: Right, according to—I had a conversation with Greg Thornton, the Superintendent at NYTC, about the increase at NYTC, and he stated that it's not really an increase in people. It's an increase in the number of uses, the same eight, ten, twelve kids are in room confinement multiple times throughout the month. So, he stated that, from what he's seen at his facility, it's just an increase in behaviors, from just a few of the kids. So, that's what we—

Commissioner Salla-Smith: So, then a solution—a solution, or at least maybe a response to that would be to see what we're missing, addressing those behaviors that are being—like—

Leslie Bittleston: Right. And—

Commissioner Salla-Smith: [inaudible].

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: The things we did before is that we looked at why, you know, the same percentage of kids were utilizing the room confinement, and we had to ask ourselves, like, okay, what are we missing with these kids?

Leslie Bittleston: Uh huh.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: If we're not addressing their needs, like the need for what they need to make a behavior change. And that started helping us figure things out, because if we have the same kid over and over, we're missing something that they're needing.

Leslie Bittleston: Right, and I do plan on talking to Greg about that. I just haven't had that opportunity to do that. But I do want to go down to Summit View, and to—because I have not—Summit View and Caliente have not responded to my requests on what's going on with room confinement, which is why I'm going down there and doing a review. To see what's going on. At least I heard back from NYTC. So, once I have a full picture, and then I'll share it with this committee, and see how we want to progress going forward.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Okay, thank you.

Leslie Bittleston: Yep. Going on to the second page, is just the total instances of room confinements from 2014, which is our first year of looking at this data, to state fiscal year 2018. 2017 and 2018 can be accounted for by adding Summit View beds because Summit View was not open in 2016, so that's some of it. But we also have—like I said, I do need to do a review and see what's happening in the facilities. So, any questions before we go on to detention? Cool. So, going on to the next page, summary document for the youth detention facilities—we do have seven in the state. All seven do report monthly, so we are seeing accurate data. And as you can see, we kind of go up and down with detention facilities. Good job, Pauline! Not one use in a whole year?

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Uh huh.

Leslie Bittleston: Wow!

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Wow. But we're lucky, but my numbers are also low. So.

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: That makes a di—and then we can spend a lot of individual time with our kids. It makes a difference.

Leslie Bittleston: It makes a difference. And also, Stateline only reported—which would be Douglas, up in Stateline, only reported one. So, in looking at this, the majority of instances are between two and five. Kayla Landes reviews, gets this data and inputs it monthly. And I'll just let Kayla Landes talk to the group. If, you know, if you've noticed anything, any types of multiple kids or anything unusual in room confinement over the last year, for the detention

facilities?

Kayla Landes: Well, I have noticed since he did send out that email inquiring about the room confinements—I have noticed they did go down for a little bit.

Leslie Bittleston: Uh huh.

Kayla Landes: So, there is something there, at least, that they at least looked at for a time being. But then the monthly reports from the institutions indicate they're—Greg said they're just getting worse kids and they're having a real gang problem.

Leslie Bittleston: Oh.

Kayla Landes: Up at NYTC. So that could be part of the issue, as well.

Leslie Bittleston: Okay. Thanks, Kayla.

Kayla Landes: Mm hmm.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: And this is Pauline. I mean, I do think there's some merit to that. That the type of kids that we—that are in the facility does make a big difference and I do think that it's helpful for the facility to receive that technical assistance and to know that it's being monitored and that—to figure out how they can do things different, because sometimes when you're in the midst of having those kids and it's the same thing over and over, it gets, you know, room confinement could be—could become the first response, so—

Leslie Bittleston: Instead of the last response.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Right. And I do—

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: I mean, I do appreciate you guys following up with that, and doing some just follow-up and checking on it because the increase in those numbers does concern me.

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah, and that's why I decided to go down to Summit View and Caliente in person, because, like I said, they didn't respond to me either via email or phone call. Like I said, I did have a conversation with Greg and I appreciated that. But I really, you know, I need to know the whole story. So, they're getting an in-person review since they didn't respond to me. So. Yeah. Going on to the next page is the total instances of room confinement for detention.

Again, 2014 is only a partial year so, really, you have to discount that, and then, it's steadily increased. But we're all on the Commission and then we've heard all of the detention facilities and the county managers say, "Hey, my detention numbers are up," so I think that this detention instances of room confinement can really be tied to the fact that we've had more kids in detention. The last probably two years, would you say that, Pauline?

Commissioner Salla-Smith: I really think that, yeah, I mean, I think we've really seen an increase, I mean, Washoe and Clark both had big increases last year.

Leslie Bittleston: Mm hmm.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: And its a—and I do think they have a different caliber of kids that they're seeing.

Leslie Bittleston: Right.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: That—that will affect it.

Leslie Bittleston: Yes, it will. So, any questions on state fiscal year 18? I'm going to move on to the first month of state fiscal year 19. Okay. Going on to state fiscal year 19. SB 107, we have one month reporting, and as you can see, 86 is down from—from 109 last month. So, it really went down at Summit View. So—so, that's what we have for the correctional facilities, and as you can see, same pattern as state fiscal year 18. Most of the uses are under two hours, or really under five hours, for correctional facilities. And then going on to the next page, month one, July 2018, for detention facilities, 247 total uses, which was down—oh, way up—no, looking at the wrong one. Which was down from June of 2018 for detention facilities. And the spike of uses, same pattern as last year, two to five hours is the norm. But I really think that the fluctuating detention numbers are—have a lot to do with how many kids are in detention at that time. So, I think that those are just gonna fluctuate month to month. So, that's all I've got for SB 107.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Any questions from the members? Right, let's move on to Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant.

Leslie Bittleston: Okay, Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant, and for Katie, and Jackie, for your purpose, I don't think you're aware of what the Community Partnership Block Grant is, but it is a block amount of money, roughly \$2.3 million that is made up of state general funds. These general funds are split amongst Nevada's 17 counties based on school age population. So, every year, each county gets a new allotment of this money, and historically, counties have been able to spend this money on pretty much anything. One of the things you've

heard in the JJOC is the move towards evidence-based programming and all of that. So, going forward, this money will be tied to the use of evidence-based programming, but right now, we're not there. So, I'm just gonna kind of run over what happened in state fiscal year 18 with this state block amount of money. So, as you can see on the first page, I'm looking at state fiscal year 2018, Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant. Each county is listed. Each county has requested 100 percent of their funds. And based on the report that they gave me, the numbers served statewide with this money, is 721, and using 721 as the total served, technically, each youth—the money spent on each youth was \$3,259.10. Going down to the chart on the bottom of that page, that is a breakdown of male/female, out of the 721. And then going on to the next page, that is a breakdown of race, of the 721 youths served. So, as you can see, Caucasian, and then African-American, and then Latino. And then the bottom chart talks—outlines the age range of the kids served. And as you can see, eight under 10 years old, but the majority are 13 to 15, and 16 and 17. So, that's where the Community Partnership Block Grant funds are going to. And on the go-forward, I will update this on a quarterly basis. So, each quarter, I will—so every three months, I'll give you an update on what's happening with the current Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant. So, I can take questions.

Commissioner Smith: This is Commissioner Smith, would you happen to know the age range for the females?

Leslie Bittleston: You know, no. I didn't keep that. I could go through each one of them and pull that data out, but I just kept age range of kids in general.

Commissioner Smith: Okay, I was just curious because it's like the 13, 15 age group still.

Leslie Bittleston: You know, just from what I see on most of the data that I get, most of the girls are 13 to 15, and most of the boys are the 16 and 17. But I can't say what percentage of this 323 is girls versus boys.

Commissioner Smith: All right, thank you.

Leslie Bittleston: Yep.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: This is Pauline. I think one of the—one of the things for us just to be cognizant of is, when we're looking at the price per uses, it really probably depends on the service the kids are receiving from that county.

Leslie Bittleston: Right.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: The—you know, like some kids—some jurisdictions may spend

much less per use and some may spend much more, depending on if they're in a mental health program or a dual-diagnosed program or if they're doing community-based programming. Although it's, I mean, it's interesting how many kids we serve and if we broke that down, just by using the sheer number divided by the amount, but I do think that probably some jurisdictions' cost per use is probably in the hundreds.

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah, and that's an interesting comment, Pauline, and I had that very same thought when I was doing this. Not all jurisdictions report to me the services that they're providing, so the best information I can do was the number of people versus the overall dollar amount. And I agree with you that some are probably spending maybe a couple thousand per kid, and some are spending hundreds per kid. But I just don't have that information and maybe the cost per kid isn't even important, but I added it in there for this group. Just in case, I wanted to make sure you had any information that you may ask for, so—

Commissioner Salla-Smith: So, Leslie, if the jurisdictions aren't reporting what service, how to do that on that template? Don't we have to report what they're—what services they're getting, if it's an evaluation, or counseling, or a placement?

Leslie Bittleston: I ask for it, but it doesn't mean it's always being provided to me. And this is one area that has been very difficult for me because I haven't—there's no—nothing around this in state law that says I have to capture any data. So, I think if this group wants to take on to actually identify some of those things or maybe a performance measure or two that each jurisdiction has to report on, I would be incredibly open to that.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Okay, because the template—this is Pauline again. The template that we all use for that was agreed upon by NAJJA.

Leslie Bittleston: Mm hmm.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: —For all the jurisdictions, and approved with administration at that time.

Leslie Bittleston: Okay.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: So, I mean, if that's something that we need to bring up during NAJJA, we sure can do that.

Leslie Bittleston: Okay, you know, and I think it's not so much that jurisdictions don't want to provide it. I think that some, like Clark County, with, how many people did they have? 194. That's a lot of data that they would have to provide, how many kids were in this service and, you

know, so maybe we could revisit it at NAJJA and maybe shorten that template and get maybe some better data. The demographic data is easy for them to provide. It's just some of that more complex data.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Yeah, I think that—this is Pauline again. I think they were always providing that prior. I'm not sure why it would be more of an issue now, and especially once we moved to caseload, I think that would be easy. I believe they use theirs for placements.

Leslie Bittleston: Right, and not every jurisdiction does use it for placements. One of the smallest jurisdictions, not this year but last year, actually used their money to buy a—buy a probation officer a car because they live in a rural area and they needed to go visit their kids. So, some of it I don't know how you can measure, because there is no service you're providing, other than going out and visiting the kids. You—

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Yeah, which is still contact hours, though.

Leslie Bittleston: True. You're right. But that's not something they provided. They just provided this—we bought the car. So—

Commissioner Salla-Smith: I think one of the things we need to do is put it on the agenda at NAJJA and have a discussion.

Leslie Bittleston: Okay. That sounds good. And maybe I've dropped the ball by not being more stringent with them about, you know, providing more data. I'm happy when I get data, you know, I always get demographic data, but I don't always get some of that additional stuff that we're talking about.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: You know, and this is Pauline again. I think when it becomes important is when it's during the legislative session—

Leslie Bittleston: Mm hmm.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: —And—and where everyone's trying to justify that funding to continue to go to the counties and if you don't have complete data, then the State will receive lots of questions about that. And performance measures are always important.

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: They'll understand that and so I think a discussion to remind us because the legislative session's coming up.

Leslie Bittleston: Right.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: When, you know, IFC, or judiciary or one of those committees starts asking for information about how that funding's used and what services are provided, it'll be important to have that.

Leslie Bittleston: Right, and I don't want you to think that nobody's providing it. That's not true. Many counties are providing it. I'm just not getting it from 100 percent of the counties. So, okay.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: It's on the agenda.

Leslie Bittleston: Okay, perfect.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Any other questions about CCPBG? All right let's move on to—I believe it's you again. Overview of Grant Review Process for 2019.

Leslie Bittleston: Okay, grant review process—this has been—don't put this in the minutes, but this has been a little frustrating for me because, the SAG Committee hasn't had an—a quorum, so we haven't been able to really talk about this because we can't violate Open Meeting Laws. So, the request for proposal went out after the—the JJOC approved the request to go out, which was July 13th. So, the request for applications went out July 13th with a due date of August 10th. The state received 11 grant applications for a request of just over \$352,000, which is a lot more than we can actually fund. Since we could not discuss how to review these grant applications in the SAG Committee, the State discussed it internally and what we decided to do—and part of the problem, let me preface, part of the problem is the SAG Chair, of course, is a grantee, and also the—the JJOC Chairs, both Chairs have conflicts of interest. So, with the grant, so that was why internally we discussed a possible solution to this. So, our solution included two internal DCFS staff reviewing all 11 applications. And what we did with those scores, is we combined those scores into one average. Then we reached out to a few of the JJOC Members that did not have conflicts with the grant application or any of the grants, and we actually found two in the SAG Committee, Jackie and Kierra, who both agreed to review 11 grant applications within a very quick turnaround. Thank you, Jackie and Kierra, for that. Kierra can't hear me, So, Jackie and Kierra reviewed the grant applications, provided their scores, so we took the combined DCFS staff score as one score, and then the two JJOC scores as individual scores and averaged those scores and completed a grant slate of rankings, based on the rankings of the scores. The score—each score, just to let you know, the maximum for each grantee was 80 points, and so, and based on each score, that's how they were ranked. The grant slate was finalized on Tuesday afternoon, just two days ago, and it was just sent out to Commission Members for a vote at the JJOC

tomorrow. So, that's what happened with the grant review process. I can take questions or comments.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Members, any questions or comments?

Commissioner Smith: No questions. Thank you.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: And, Jackie and Kierra, thank you for volunteering to do that. The only thing is is that I would have just liked the Commission Members to be kept abreast of that.

Leslie Bittleston: Mm.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Because I didn't know what was going on, either, and as the chair of the committee that was supposed to be doing something—

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: I was—I was in the dark.

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah, and-and that was very difficult for us internally, because we only had a 30-day turnaround time and we didn't know exactly what to share with who without violating Open Meeting Laws and all of this stuff, so—so we got it done, and like I said, we really appreciate Jackie and Kierra stepping up. And then that's why I put it on this—this agenda to go over with this group, so you guys knew what was happening and why DCFS did what it did to get these applications reviewed. And also, Pauline, to let you know for tomorrow, when you provide the—the update to the JJOC for the SAG, I will present the grant slate only to make sure that there are no conflicts or anything. So, I will present the grant slate to the Commission for their vote. But the rest of it's on you.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Okay.

Leslie Bittleston: So.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Any other questions from members? Nope? Okay, let's move on to Discuss and Decide Upon Next Steps.

Leslie Bittleston: You skipped number eight, Pauline.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Oh, I'm sorry. Overview of OJJDP Changes.

Leslie Bittleston: Yes. OJJDP has been going through a great deal of turmoil over the last, oh, I don't know, year to two years, with the new administration. The OJJDP—the current OJJDP Administrator, which is—which was appointed by President Trump, does not support nor believe in brain science or evidence-based programming. I don't think that changes the way that we do our business in this state, but I did want to—to say that. So, there isn't a lot of push around evidence-based programming in this administration as there has been in the past administrations. Another thing that has changed within OJJDP is a new assurance has been added to grantees, which would be states. That assurance to OJJDP is that no formula grant funds shall be used to fund non-citizens or individuals associated with immigration issues or anything like that. So, the State is now required to assure that no grant funds will be used on suppo—just non-citizens, I guess, is the best way to say that. The third change that OJJDP has done is they have split up their formula grant application review. Beginning with fiscal year 19, which would be the next grant, not the grant that we're pending, and the grant that we're awarding sub-grants out tomorrow, but this is the next one, for next year. OJJDP has stated that they want to do a two-process review, a category one and a category two. Category one includes the submittal of the grant application and some of the State's assurances that we have compliance monitoring in place, that we train staff that have direct contact with kids in some of these—and a roster of The State Advisory Group, which is due October 1st, which is just in less than—in three weeks, or less than three weeks. I just found this out on Tuesday. Category Two will include the budget for the 2019 formula grant and the Disproportionate Minority Contact Report, and the compliance data. So, they're gonna—it looks like they're going to review the application and just some of the basic materials in Category One, which is due this coming October 1st. And then the more meat of the compliance and the DMC stuff, due, I believe, February 28th. So, those are the changes with OJJDP that have come out just within the last few months. Kayla Landes and I actually sat on a webinar talking about this Category One and Category Two on Tuesday, and both of us were extremely frustrated with OJJDP not explaining things properly and it was just really not professionally done. But, that being said, we still have to comply with these changes, so I wanted to give this Committee an overview of some of the kind of more drastic things that have happened within the last few months. So, I can take questions.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Oh, this is Pauline. And they're asking for an assurance that funds not be utilized for non-citizens?

Leslie Bittleston: Mm hmm.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: How does the State assure that when the jurisdictions—I mean, as a jurisdiction, I don't ask our kids' citizenship standard when they're coming on probation, so what if some of our funds are providing services to those kids?

Leslie Bittleston: You know, and that was a question that I posed back to OJJDP, and also to Ross when this came out, I think it was about a month or maybe six weeks ago. You know, I

don't know how we're going to do that. I don't know if we're going to have to start asking citizenship requirements of our grantees, you know, because that seems so outrageous for the little amount of money that we get, and the little amount of money that we give to our sub-grantees. We have not yet seen the award letter for 2018, and it is in that award letter that this will be addressed. So, we haven't received that yet, so I think we're kind of in a waiting pattern to see what that language is. So, I think that that's more—more discussion to come on that.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Got it.

Leslie Bittleston: Yeah.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Any other questions?

Unkown Speaker: Nope.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: All right. Okay, let's move to agenda item number nine, for possible action, discuss and decide upon next steps. My first question would be, do we have tasks that need to be assigned, since we're such a small group, and barely can make quorum?

Leslie Bittleston: You know, Katie?

Katie Brubaker: This is Katie Brubaker, for the record. I'm wondering if maybe this is something—well, first of all, I'm not sure if there are any tasks at this time. I'm also wondering if we should hold off until our full Commission meeting tomorrow when we intend to discuss the membership of each committee, because I'm wondering if there will be some different members to different committees, or if everyone is satisfied where they're at, and maybe some direction from the full Commission itself. That's my thoughts.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Katie, you're brilliant. And group, what do you think about what Katie said?

Commissioner Smith: I think that's a great idea.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: All right, then, anybody else?

Leslie Bittleston: Nope.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Specify Agenda Items for the Next Meeting and Confirm Next Meeting Date and Time. If we're gonna wait on the first one, we can wait on those also to see if things change, and maybe our date might change at the same time.

Leslie Bittleston: Yep.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Depending on membership.

Katie Brubaker: Sounds—

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Your thoughts on that, Members?

Leslie Bittleston: They all like it.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Uh huh. I'm gonna take your silence as agreement. I could. Unless you guys want to say something. Okay, let's then move to number 10, Public Comment and Discussion. Any public comment and/or discussion?

Leslie Bittleston: No.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: None? We're gonna adjourn our SAG meeting at 2:40 on September 13, 2018, and we'll see everybody tomorrow.

Leslie Bittleston: And let's rejoice that we had a quorum.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Thank you, everyone, for calling in.

Commissioner Smith: Thank you.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Good-bye.

Leslie Bittleston: Bye bye.

Commissioner Smith: Bye.

Commissioner Salla-Smith: Take care.

Committee Report and Other Notes:

Commissioner Pierrott moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 8, 2018 with the change to how Kayla Landes is addressed in those minutes. Commissioner Bracken seconded this motion. The meeting minutes from May 8, 2018 were approved.

Next Meeting: TBD