



**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission  
State Advisory Group Planning  
Committee Meeting  
June 25, 2020 at 1:00 pm**

**Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

**Chair Pauline Salla-Smith called meeting to order at 1:01 pm.**

**Roll Call-** Leslie Bittleston took roll call and confirmed that quorum was made.

**(VOTING MEMBERS)**

**Present by Phone:** Paulina Salla-Smith (Chair), Joey Orduna-Hastings, Rebekah Graham, Jennifer Fraser, Jack Martin, Ryley Harris

**Absent: None**

**(NON VOTING MEMBERS)**

**Present by Phone:** Eric Smith

**Absent:** Heather Plager, Christine Eckles

**(STAFF)**

**Present by Phone:** Leslie Bittleston, Jennifer Simeo, Kayla Dunn, Kayla Landes

**(PUBLIC)**

**Present by Phone: None**

**Meeting Minutes:**

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Okay, thank you. We will move to public comment. Any public comment? Hearing none we will move to the approval of the minutes from last meeting. Would any one like to move to approve?

**Jack Martin:** I move to approve the minutes.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Thank you Jack. Is there a second?

**Rebekah Graham:** This is Rebekah Graham, I'll second.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Thank you, it has been moved and seconded. Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye. (Unanimous ayes) any opposed? (Pause) Ok, minutes are approved. Agenda item number 5 I'm just going to table it to our next meeting just because there's, oh Christine is saying she can't get signed into the meeting. I'm just creating a little cheat sheet for all of us that I think it will be a little more helpful for all of us instead of going through that entire manual. So, I'd like to table it until our next meeting if there's not any objection from the members. (Pause) Alright lets table that then. And does Leslie have the ability to be heard now? Is she gone again?

**Kayla Dunn:** She said, she texted me and said she can not hear anything nor can we hear her. So, I told her I took roll, I'm not sure if she's able to come back.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Ok, well Kayla can you report on the SB107 Room Confinement item or do we need Leslie here?

**Kayla Landes:** No, are you able to hear me?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Yes

**Kayla Landes:** Ok, um

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** And Kayla before you start, I'm sorry will the record, Paula Smith are you on now? We can't, you might be muted Paula. I see your name.

**Kayla Dunn:** It says she's not muted. So...

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Ok, alright go-ahead Kayla, I'm sorry.

**Kayla Landes:** No, that's ok. Um pretty much there's obviously a change and I believe it's due to COVID.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Hi Heather

**Heather Plager:** Hey

**Kayla Landes:** So, there wasn't anything that stood out like last month you can see the drop in room confinement which is good but like I said nothing too crazy that I have to report. (Pause)

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Oh well I was muted as I'm talking. Do any members have any questions in the SB107 Room Confinement? I would agree that I'm sure that the reduction in our detention population is going to mirror our SB107 Room Confinement.

**Rebekah Graham:** Just a small point, I don't see oh, there it is I was looking for the attachment. I apologize. This is Rebekah Graham, I found it.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Did you find it?

**Rebekah Graham:** Yeah, in our little Google bucket it wasn't labeled Room Confinement. I got it.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Do you have any other questions on its Rebekah, or is it ok if I move forward?

**Rebekah Graham:** No, thank you I apologize.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** No worries. Alright let's move to agenda item number 7 update on Formula Grant. I'm not sure if somebody has an update on it since Leslie's not here? Last I heard it's still frozen. If anybody heard anything different let me know.

**Jennifer Simeo:** This is Jennifer Simeo for the record. What I understand is the Formula Grant is still frozen and we now have new questions from the federal partner and we're still trying to clear up the high-

risk designation with the previous grant so that's an ongoing process. We don't know when things will be unfrozen or when that high-risk designee will be lifted. We're still working on it.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Any questions from our committee members?

**Kayla Dunn:** Pauline this is Kayla Dunn. I have Leslie on the phone. She's going to try to talk with us that way.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Ok, there's a lot of feed back going on right now. I don't know if everyone is not muted if we can mute? I'll mute to and try to remember to unmute. So, Kayla Leslie can go when she's ready.

**Kayla Dunn:** Leslie can you hear us?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yes, I'm still trying to get on this stupid thing. My speakers are not working at all. Where are we on the meeting, I apologize.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Leslie, this is Pauline, we're on the update of the Formula Grant.

**Leslie Bittleston:** I'm sorry, I didn't hear you. Oh, A of the Formula Grant? So, the Formula Grant um ah Grant Slate.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** No, the Formula Grant update.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Oh, Formula Grant update, sorry I had to disconnect from my VPN as well so I'm all discombobulated now. So, the Formula Grant update, the grant is still frozen. I recently meet within the last couple of weeks, meet with two members of OJJDP our new Program Manager and a Fiscal Representative who we, myself and our Fiscal staff here at DCFS provided a whole bunch of information to them hoping to get some partial grant funds released, Because the grant as I said is still frozen so we are waiting to hear back if we can get some of those partial grant funds released so we can pay at least our subgrantees from 2018 and maybe even 2019. So that's where we are on that. The latest on the Voca Audit is that there have been some additional questions the state has paid money back to the office of OJP. So, has paid back some money but apparently after money was paid back, they came back and asked some more questions. So, I don't know what that means I don't know when that will be resolved. The consensus is and I heard this directly from our own OJJDP representative until that grant audit is closed out high risk designation is going to remain. So, that's the update on the Formula Grant.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** This is Commissioner Salla, since our grants are usually 3 years long what year are, we in of the grant that needs to be closed?

**Leslie Bittleston:** We have already spent down 2017 grant, so that grant will close September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. But there are no funds left in that grant and then the 2018 and 2019 grants are frozen. So, we have spent no money out of either one of these. So, we have until 2021 to spend the FY18 grant and 2022 to spend the FY19 grant.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Commissioner Salla again, so, are they saying the funding were on what federal fiscal year 2017 or 2018?

**Leslie Bittleston:** The findings on the Voca audit were in 2016 or 2017? So, it's nothing that the formula grant did this is all based on the Voca audit and the Voca audit is more than 2 years old now. It's like 2 ½ years now. So, I believe the findings were from 2016 on the Voca audit.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Ok, so in September starting October 1<sup>st</sup> that grant will be closed on September 30<sup>th</sup> so on October 1<sup>st</sup> if all the required responses and corrective action plan is approved the funds should be released?

**Leslie Bittleston:** That's my understanding, but again we're waiting for like I said it's out of our hands it's all how long it takes the Voca audit of the Office of Juvenile Justice or OJJDP or whatever is over the Voca audit. It could even be the department, it's when they except all of the information on the Voca audit and they close the audit. It's closed completely then the high-risk designation that's been placed on the division will be raised and all grants will be unfrozen.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Any other committee members have questions?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Let the record reflect I believe Joey has joined us. Are you there? Is she muted? Are you muted Joey?

**Kayla Dunn:** It shows she's unmuted now.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Can you hear us Joey? Alright. Paula can you hear us now? Alright, I'm going to keep trying just to make sure we get them on the record.

**Leslie Bittleston:** I'm wondering if they're having the same problems I had? Because I was able to log in and turn my camera on, but I couldn't hear you and you couldn't hear me. So, it was very bizarre.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** And Christine Eckles text me and she's having a hard time getting in to. She said the links not working. I resent it to her, but she said it's still not working, so she is trying.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok, so anyways that's on the Formula Grant.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Ok, lets move, I'm sorry Leslie.

**Leslie Bittleston:** I was going to say back on the Formula Grant I do follow up with OJJDP every week, I'm sure they're sick and tired of talking to me asking if there's any updates on the high-risk designation. And the discussion on the partial release on grant funds and as of right now there's just nothing positive. But I do like I said follow up weekly. So that is where we are on that.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Ok, thank you and Joey just text me that she can hear us, but we can't hear her. Paula is the same way. She's going to try on her iPad so I think we might be having some technical difficulties here. We still have quorum so I'm still going to proceed.

**Leslie Bittleston:** I believe the next agenda item is mine. It's the Formula Grant Slate. Umm so with this influx of confusion over frozen grants. The fact that our last 2 years of grants are frozen we here at DCFS met here internally and discussed how to proceed with awarding grant funds out for the FY20 application that I have already applied for and will be awarded October 1<sup>st</sup>. However, it can still be frozen who knows what's going to happen. With that being said it seemed to be a little counterproductive to do a big request for proposal process so internally we decided to just fund the same grantees as we did last year at the same rate. So, it would be the same grantees as were in FY19 at the same rate with the exception of adding some additional work provided by NYSAP that we don't have any other way to pay for. So, kind of subgrants and contracts. So, what you have before you is the proposal grant slate for FY20 Formula Grant without a RFP

process. I did document why we did not hold a request for proposal process this year and why we chose to fund the grantees the same rate as last year. So that's what is presented before you.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** So, this is Commissioner Salla. I guess my thought on that, I think that I mean if you're asking us to approve the slate I would think the committee members the ones that were funded last year is one thing but if there's funding going to new entities I think the committee members and at least I'll speak for myself would like to know exactly what that funding is going for? Like what type of contract, it is, what services are being provided? Because it concerns me when we're talking about a NYSAP contract, I love NYSAP and I'm going to get my own contract with them, but if we're utilizing formula funds for NYSAP to provide technical assistance to the State that's a little different to me. I get concerned with our formula grant funding because we seem to be pulling more funds away from local jurisdictions to provide direct services when the State can't find money to fund what they need.

**Leslie Bittleston:** I can have Jennifer Simeo, who's on the line she can talk about what is in the NYSAP contract or if we just want to remove that contract until a later date and maybe vote on that separately? Because what we did, we do have a proposal from NYSAP on several different things. One of the things we required was a quality assurance process for case planning. Things like that, that are pretty generalized so we can do one of 2 things. I can have Jennifer go over the proposal with you or we can just remove that and have it up for discussion for later?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** This is Commissioner Salla. As soon as I said that it kicked me off, so I don't know if somebody just chopped me out of the room. Did you guys even notice I was gone? Well it did it kicked me right out. I think that's censorship. I'll let the other members speak to, but I want to see what the proposal is.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok

**Jack Martin:** Agree

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Jack agrees, he says

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok, and the other thing you know and that's absolutely fine, but I'm concerned the full JJOC does need to approve the grant slate and our next meeting would be I guess in September. Would that be cutting it too close to a grant cycle to put off approving that grant slate? Removing NYSAP and just talking about NYSAP later.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Well I mean we meet every month as long as we have quorum so we're meeting in July and I'm just, yeah we have time to approve it and I don't feel comfortable approving any slate that includes a contract to tech assistance if it doesn't include all the jurisdictions statewide. That's not what formula funds are for.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok

**Jack Martin:** I second that

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** So, we can make sure it's on our next meeting and we'll have quorum and do it that way.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok

**Jack Martin:** Pauline can you remind me where we historically used this money? I remember years ago this was targeted for DMC specifically or mental health awareness and we had to fill out that form every year right, that decided and some of them back in those days were legislative mandated to be DM and all of that. This is the same money right; I'm not living in some two opposite worlds her?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** No, you're correct. We did the survey the statewide survey to all the jurisdictions and then at that point the commission picked the top 3 prioritizes that people had voted for and it was formula based, you know the amounts we put towards it, but then the formula funds have always covered compliance with the 4 Core Requirements, so despair treatment, sight and sound, DSO and jail removal.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Right

**Jack Martin:** And just my ten cents or two cents here in light of our social unrest with Black Lives Matter. I think there's probably a deeper need for the focus to continue to be there in terms of inappropriate use of detention, disparity I mean all of these things are huge and I don't know if I necessarily want to fund something for the State when it's needed for local jurisdictions to keep the pipeline you know staffed.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Right

**Jack Martin:** My ten cents

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Thank you Commissioner Martin. I do think there are stipulations in the formula that we can only keep 10% for State activities unless that part has changed and there was a portion that went to fund the commission for meetings and travel but I think besides that there was stipulations about funding State level programs.

**Leslie Bittleston:** And that's still the same. The State can only use 10% of the total grant amount for administrative cost. The State advisory group is still allotted a portion. There are 32 different program areas that can be funded under the formula grant so when you see those Doodle polls or those surveys usually the top 3 are mental health and afterschool programs, community service things like that. But there are 32 program areas within the formula grant that can be funded with those funds.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** This is Commissioner Salla, but to local jurisdictions? The 4 Core Requirements can be State level? So Despaired treatment.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Oh, yes.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Those 4 can be State level programs because the State monitors that compliance but there still was a stipulation in the formula grant funding that the money didn't just go back to the State unless it was for one of the 4 core requirements to ensure compliance. Did that change?

**Leslie Bittleston:** I am not sure if that is there anymore. Um, yeah, I will double check, but I don't remember reading that in the last couple of grant applications. But anyways with that being said we can absolutely revise the grant slate to remove NYSAP and then vote on that and then we can either bring it back to this group or just fund it. You know I can take it back to the administration here at DCFS so that's that.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Ok, lets this is Commissioner Salla, lets put the Formula Grant Slate for our meeting next month and remove NYSAP and we can then approve it. Anybody have any comments, thoughts on that before we move on? Alright, lets move to agenda item number 8 new federal requirements, additional data requirements and certified youth in adult jails. Leslie do you want to start?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yes, so I apologize my VPN isn't working so I do not have the material up and in front of me right now, but I can give you a very broad overview. So, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act was reauthorized in 2018, December of 2018 and with that reauthorization there was a couple of big changes that came. One of those changes was around new data requirements that the Federal Government wants us to provide to them some of those data requirements include the number of pregnant youth in facilities, a snap shot like a month of how many restraints were use on youth within county and state detention facilities. Let's see what else, some of these other ones and Pauline you can help me if you have that up. Oh, thank you, so umm and I can't see that that's awful small.

**Rebekah Graham:** Sorry, it shows up really small, I tried to share the document you were referencing but it shows up really small. But everybody can follow along if they're on-line.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Right, so, new data requirements are there. Some of the new data requirements that they are requesting are things that we already capture like for example, Status Offenders. We already do a really good job capturing, oh thank you, thank you Rebekah, capturing Status Offenders we already capture the number of Status Offenders in secure detention, we capture the length of time, the average length of time, the minimum the maximum so those things we're already doing. Another thing they want um is oh data around learning disabilities and other disabilities. The number of IEPs and things like that so this document that I did provide you it goes over all the new things they are requesting they meaning the Feds. So, I assume this will be added to our 3 year plan and Pauline you know exactly what I'm talking about there. So in moving forward I put this here so that we can discuss how to best collect this data from the counties and provide it to DCFS as needed. The one of pregnancy tests so, oh, now I'm remembering as I'm reading this so what I did with all these data requirements is I looked in our State statue to see if we already require them. Some of the things we do require some of them we don't. So, these are new, I mean new new. So that's kind of data requirement. The other new big piece is certified and direct youth. So, in the past the JJDP Act kind of did not include in our purview youth that were certified or direct filed into adult jail. They said those kids are not within out purview and we really don't need to include them in our compliance reviews or count them as violations. With this reauthorization in 2018, they are now going to be included 3 years after that signing date. So, beginning December 2021 it will be a violation for youth in adult jails if they are not sight and sound separated. These are the pre-trial youth the ones that are in Clark County Detention and sometimes up a Washoe County Jail. So, those types of kids, so I'm just kind of presenting this because it's a big issue and it's something the Commission on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice is addressing with the kids in Lovelock so it's kind of a perfect time to really sit down and discuss what are we going to do going forward with these kids so it's a big, big issue. The data collection will be a pain but it's something we can address in incremental steps. But this big issue of what are we going to do with juveniles in adult jails is much bigger. So, those are two kind of big things that came from the reauthorization. Um, and the JJDP Act is really funded by the Formula Grant so as long as we the State except the Formula Grant every year we have to comply with their requirements put out. That was a lot of information are there any questions?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Jack do you have any questions?

**Jack Martin:** Not particularly no. I just feel like we're constantly circling the drain with these conversations. I'm struggling, I'm struggling to find my bearings Pauline.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** I hear you. I think that as I'm looking through that list, I think it looks overwhelming the way that it is um, but I think I'm going to be optimistic here and I'm going.

**Jack Martin:** Going to be a little ray of sunshine

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** I'm going to be a little ray of sunshine and I think there's several data points that I was looking through that if we're inputting all of our information into Tyler Supervision anyways I think that it's going to capture a lot of those as I'm looking through them. You know the adult jails that's always been a beast of its own, so I think the State is going to have to figure out how to work with local adult jails and prisons to get that information. Most of the kids awaiting certification are housed in juvenile detention centers anyways, so I think that takes out that portion of it. But I really as I'm looking through that I think maybe for our next meeting um, I'll highlight the ones I don't think we capture right now and then maybe we can have a conversation about those instead of this big document that looks like we want to push it over the ledge.

**Jack Martin:** I have heard that Adult P & P is also going on Tyler Supervision.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** I heard it, but I wasn't sure it was accurate.

**Jack Martin:** I had a bunch of them, I had 20 of them come down here and do a whole review and log onto our stuff. I don't know if that could help us capture more of that continuous data as it goes through, you know who's in jail, who's not in jail and also be able to help track actual true recidivism. I know they were excited about it. They came down here and interviewed a bunch of our staff about it and users. I'm hoping it will go through.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** That's great. Yeah, I think it's because if we think about it, we have the formula grant new data requirements and then we have the AB449 is that what it is?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yes

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** That State level data that we talked about at NAJJA and I really think that we're capturing all of that I think it just needs to be streamed lined and we focus on the ones we're not capturing so we can develop a game plan for those. Because what we don't want to happen is for the State or the Feds to come and say "yeah, we need this data for the last 3 years," right? That's what we don't want to have happen. We want to have a plan, develop an implementation date of when we're collecting that because we all know how horrible it is to go back and get data 3 years ago when we may not have been collecting on that data element. So, I'm just going to remain optimistic and just say that his is doable.

**Leslie Bittleston:** I apologize for the format. I didn't know what else to do when I was going through requirements and NRSs. It was overwhelming to write so I apologize for the view and the overwhelmness to you guys.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Yeah, I think it's doable and maybe what I'll do for NAJJA is take this document I'll highlight the ones I think we're capturing and send it to NAJJA and then you guys can tell me if I'm way off or if I missed something, And then we'll focus on what we need to. How's that?

**Jack Martin:** Thank you Pauline.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Because we've got to include our state ones, our new state ones that we spoke about so you know me, I love data, I really love data but I get it, this stuff is looking a little overwhelming.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yep

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Leslie anything else on those?

**Leslie Bittleston:** No, I don't think so. I just kind of wanted to present it to you guys as you know this is things, we need to work on throughout our next few meetings on what we're doing. I do have kind of a question. Is anybody testing girls for pregnancy in your facilities?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** This is Commissioner Salla. If they request it or if they want to know then yes.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok, because I am not aware if Caliente is testing girls when they are committed to us so that's a conversation that we need to have. So, I was just wondering if you were already doing that because it was one of the data requirements, new ones.

**Rebekah Graham:** Well I would think that this is Rebekah Graham, I would think that it's not universal like every girl doesn't get a pregnancy test just because you're a female, you don't automatically get pregnancy tested. It's if they request it or they believe there's a reason, the youth wants it.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Agree

**Leslie Bittleston:** But if they do request it and say, "hey there may be a chance, I'm pregnant," you are testing them at that point?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Yes

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok, alright

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Yeah, because this is Commissioner Salla it's definitely not something we want to be like "hey you're a girl, you're getting a pregnancy test."

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok. Yeah, that's a conversation we need to have with Caliente and I just kind of wanted to gage what you all were doing so that when I gage it with Caliente that I present it in a way that is not lets test every girl when they show up. So, ok, got it thank you.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Alright let's move to agenda. Anybody else have anything on that one? I'm sorry. Ok, let's move to agenda item 9. Training opportunities and these are the problematic training area that have been brought I guess from other jurisdictions right Leslie?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yes, I do apologize I'm very late working on the training report do to the fact that I spent the first couple of months in quarantine doing grants. Um, so I just within the last couple of weeks have been working on the training report and a couple of the smaller jurisdictions I noticed you know had blanks on some of their training areas. So, I reached out to them you know is this true you train no one on this topic and they said yes, because we don't have any training and could really use some help on those areas. So, that's where those came from, from the latest training report that I'm working on.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** So, this is Commissioner Salla um, one of the things we did before from the JJ Programs Office is that we went to jurisdictions to train. Like I did all the PREA trainings until agencies got training up on it, room confinement so that we helped the smaller jurisdictions to get caught up to speed because you know sometimes its difficult for our smaller jurisdictions. I mean with the data collection that's really especially with Tyler Supervision and all of us going to it that really should resolve it's self once they're up and running and reports are created because they have to know the data is only going to be as good as what they input into the system. But Disaster Planning Training is so difficult to do on-line because it is so facility and community specific right? I mean our Disaster Plans are our agency, our facility, what's available in our community, what partnerships and MUO's do we have. I just think that um if they're lacking and the other thing as NAJJA we would help those jurisdictions get those trainings that they need. Are they asking this committee to develop a training for them?

**Leslie Bittleston:** You know I don't know if they were asking this committee to develop a training for them, I think they're just asking for any help in general. Um, and I tend to agree with you, I think for things like data collection and Youth Rights and Constitutional Rights the Program's Office may be very appropriate to train on those items but there's other items like you said are very facility specific that I don't think the Programs Office would be the right people to train on those, so.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** This is Commissioner Salla, one of the best things that I did here for our training is sign up our agency for Police I Academy and Corrections I Academy and they have I don't know like 4,000 different trainings and they gave a lot of juvenile specific ones and they meet the requirements of our statue for Nevada. There is a cost to it, but I didn't think it was that crazy and I know other jurisdictions are using Police I also to get all the mandatory training in. So, we might just have them check that out to.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** And then I guess as the Chair of this committee you can have them reach out to us and NAJJA to.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** We will help them get the training they need

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Jack, Commissioner Martin

**Jack Martin:** Just as a secondary point Chairwoman Salla, in the past we didn't just regurgitate the data the data was analyzed. I propose of this commission I'm not representing from Clark County I'm a representative of Clark County but I think we should be looking at trends, negative trends, you know other things that are happening statewide so that we can make recommendations at a statewide policy level right? So, I would like to see Leslie, if you could if that is part of the bailiwick or if there is something there that we do some analysis around the data. Are there trends, are we seeing trends across jurisdictions are we the report out of the raw data? I mean we have our own data to analyze, while Pauline's the nerd and loves data, I don't process it as easily as she does. I mean some analysis around it would be helpful maybe even some comparisons to other jurisdictions or other states that have similar data I think would be helpful to me.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok, thank you Jack that's a really, really good idea umm, unfortunately data can be absolutely overwhelming so I think that for the sake of this committee at the Chair's discretions we can maybe identify some data topics that we really want to look at so that I can narrow the data down so like I said because it is so overwhelming so I can bombard you with data. Ask Rebekah I just bombarded her with a bunch of Racial and Ethnic Disparities data the last two meetings. So, it is a little overwhelming so if there's topics that we can actually sit down and discuss, and I could present data on I would welcome that from Madam Chair or the group.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** This is Commissioner Salla, and I think because everyone is coming at us for more data elements that if we streamline our data collection to become more manageable, I think analysis can occur with less overwhelmed. But I think what happens is that we get all these data requests and we don't see why it's so important for us to submit that data because it goes somewhere and it's just the raw data and we're like if we're not going to analyze it then why are we just submitting it. I think the analysis of the data like if I would think that if OJJDP is requesting all these new data elements they're going to want some analysis on that data they're not some raw data agency.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yeah, I agree

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** So, if they're asking us to collect that I'm assuming the State is going to have the data analyzed within the 3 year plan from that. Which would identify trends Commissioner Martin as you're talking about and would really think OJJDP if we're identifying trends or gaps in services that's were they're going to want our formula grant funding to be spent. It's all tied in together like that.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Right

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** So, I think there's two different issues. One is our data collection and ones the analysis of the that to become helpful information and not just a reminder of how many data element points we collect right, when it's raw data. So, I think that we're really going to have to streamline the analysis piece of it.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Right. One of the things that I'll be presenting at the next JJOC is the Scorecard and Performance document. So, which is a requirement in statue that I presented to the JJOC so that will be looked at there so there's that piece. Umm and then the DMC report that's the other one we were kind of influx not meeting regularly when I completed the DMC report and normally, I would bring that to this committee. So that maybe another thing I can bring to this committee at a future meeting and go over it with everybody.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** And this is Commissioner Salla. The DMC report is so much raw data I use to partner with Melissa Sickmund and she helped me do the analysis piece of it so we could drill down on that because there's you know looking at DMC data sometimes at first glance it looks horrible and scary and then once we start digging in to it or we can see some you know like at least provides us an understanding of what's happening and what that DMC data we have to go outside of us.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Right

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Ok, so agenda item number 9 for the training opportunities, Leslie if you could let the jurisdictions know to bring it back to NAJJA to so we can all game plan there. And I'll make a note to add it to our agenda so we can make sure that all jurisdictions have the ability to meet the training requirements.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok, I will do that.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Thank you. Let's, so an update on agenda item number 10 YLS/CMI and Case Plan. Is there any, I know there's problems now with some glitches or the systems down or

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yes, so within this late last week and early this week several counties and the state reached out to me with various issues. One issue was that the YLS was just not processing it wasn't producing any scores or anything. A second issue was after the YLS was completed and scored the supervisor went in there and found some errors and rejected the YLS and requested changes. Once those changes were made and it was processed it wouldn't process. And the third thing was some PDF reports weren't producing so I reached out to both MHS and Tyler Supervision and told them of our issues and how detrimental it was to our business practices and that they need to let us know what's happening ASAP. But in the mean time I just sent an e-mail right before this meeting to continue business as usual with the exception of keeping track of any of those YLSs that are not processing or have issues or not producing PDFs so you can go back later once the system is fixed and get those things processed and the PGF reports. Um, so other than that, that's it. The case plan I was supposed to have the completed case plan for testing last week, I did not get it for testing probably because the YLS issues blew up last week but the case plan should be coming very soon. It is the same case plan that was selected by the Risk Assessment Committee awhile back with one exception. There was an area added to the case plan titled "Re-Entry." It's just a narrative box to where we can satisfy the state requirements you know what we have discussed re-entry and allows if you have a discharge summary you can say refer to discharge or something like that. So, just to make sure we are satisfying our statute requirements so that's it there.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** I must be this is Commissioner Salla. It must be hit or miss so far, our YLS has been working.

**Leslie Bittleston:** That's really good because Dan from the 11<sup>th</sup> reached out to me, Lynette from the 7<sup>th</sup> and the Las Vegas DCFS staff were having issues. You're right it must be hit or miss. So, either it's working or it's a mess. So.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Heather are you having issues?

**Heather Plager:** So, yeah, I have today and for us it is sometimes is stuck but it's not every time we submit one, so it is kind of hit or miss. Sometimes it will be just fine and sometimes we can't get the report out.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Right, ok

**Leslie Bittleston:** Geez

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Eric are you having issues?

**Eric Smith:** Yeah, hit or miss

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Hit or miss, Jack, yep ok.

**Leslie Bittleston:** They are aware, so I'll update you when I find something out.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Thank you

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yep

**Pauline Salla Smith:** Don't transfer up North. Ok, so agenda item 12, I mean 11 is the MAYSI-II discussion and I just wanted to ask this committee to um we've been discussing, ok let me back it up. We've been discussing the MAYSI-II for our probation level kids, not our kids in detention. We love the MAYSI-II in detention but the decision to utilize the MAYSI-II for probation-based kids when they're going to Disposition has just created some concerns in some jurisdictions. I want to just clarify with that. We've had a lot of discussion surrounding the MAYSI-II um, we had a discussion in NAJJA at our last meeting about the MAYSI-II to see if this committee would be ok with asking for an agenda item at the full commission meeting to explore the opportunity to use something different than the MAYSI-II for our identified mental health screening tool. Now you know the full commission, I think, is always open to have those discussions um, one of the things we talked about in NAJJA is that when we go to the Oversight Commission that I'd bring it up there through this committee to um, we're going to take, have two options we can ask if the commission would entertain the idea to change the identified screening tool from the MAYSI-II to maybe a couple different screening tools that jurisdictions can pick from that are reliable and validated and could still provide us the right information that we need for our kids. Or if the commission would entertain the idea of developing a sub-committee with people from jurisdictions, like our juvenile agencies plus some commission members to vet a different tool. Jack?

**Jack Martin:** I like your first suggestion Pauline, because we won't be collecting that data statewide all we have to have is a validated tool so like what we're going to do down here we're thinking more robust but that might not work for someone else. So if we were to make a recommendation for policy or language change it says we're required to use one required to use a validated tool and let our whatever organization determine whatever validated is or whatever criteria is I think that simplifies it unless you see the need for that trauma based tool to be shared across jurisdictions and us do the same thing like we're doing with the YLS. I don't think that's necessarily appropriate not necessarily I don't disagree with the appropriateness but using vague language is better I think than doing another sub-committee because the sub-committee is going to feel the need is to find a tool instead of just leave the local jurisdictions with the availability to make their own decisions. My two cents once again.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Thank you, no, I appreciate that. I want to hear everyone's thoughts on it because um, because we want to take it to the full commission to start that dialog.

**Jack Martin:** I would make a motion that we recommend using validated tools. The language being vague using a validated tool. Before we put it in front of the commission then it will get batted all around unknown at that point they decide that the larger commission tells us that we have to do it, I'll be fine with it but to avoid yet another sub-committee. But I think we all know what we want. Eric doesn't want what I've got, and I don't want what Eric's got. You know what I mean, being able to leave us some discretion, I think would be important unless we see some data we can collect out of there that would have some meaning I would suggest some Tyler addition that says "yes" this person scored high in trauma you know in whatever tool we use the score "High, Med, Mod, Low" whatever it is it would be my suggestion.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Ok, and Chairwoman Hastings is giving us the thumbs up to take it to the full commission for conversation. Does anybody, I welcome anyone's thoughts on this. Thank you, Jack for sharing that. Anyone else?

**Eric Smith:** (Inaudible)

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** I can't hear you Eric.

**Eric Smith:** So, I agree with Jack. I think some latitude and vague language to give us the ability to use what's appropriate for our jurisdictions and what's needed. Did you hear that?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Yeah, I heard that, thank you.

**Heather Plager:** This is Heather. I would agree I do think there probably does need to be some valid data or some data comes out of it so we can watch and see for example how many of our kids do come in with some sort of imminent mental health issues or whatever because I think it's suppose to be a mental health screening tool. Um, but I think as far as that specific tool I think leaving it up the jurisdictions make sense.

**Eric Smith:** Can I bounce back off of that? We can collect that data in other places within Tyler, right? So, having the choice I think really what we should make and grabbing it elsewhere within the system.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** And this is Commissioner Salla. I do think that the discussions around I mean we have to meet the statue so it has to be a validated, reliable mental health screening and trauma is considered part of the mental health screening it's not all of it though. So, I think that if we're going to the full commission to have this conversation we want to make sure we don't get to far off what's required that we still even if it's left up to jurisdictions that it's still validated and reliable mental health screening tool. Because that's how our law our statue is written. So, I think we might, can we get a motion to take this to the full commission as an agenda item?

**Jack Martin:** So, moved

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Alright Commissioner Martin moved it is there a second? Can I second, this is Commissioner Salla?

**Rebekah Graham:** This is Rebekah Graham, I'll second for you.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Oh, ok there you go Rebekah did to thank you. So, Kayla if you can make sure on the next agenda that it's a separate agenda from the SAG Committee to discuss the mental health screening instrument.

**Kayla Dunn:** Yes, ma'am

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Thank you, that way I won't forget.

**Leslie Bittleston:** That's at the full JJOC right?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** At the full JJOC.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Yeah, we're moving it off us. We're taking it to the full JJOC.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Ok

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Because it's going to have to be approved through them. Alright, any new business? Any new business? Hey, we got through a lot today you guys you did awesome. Um let's set up our date and time. Let's do July because we spoke about the Grant Slate so if we keep it around the same time how about July 16<sup>th</sup>?

**Leslie Bittleston:** At 1:00pm?

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Yep, let's do July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

**Kayla Dunn:** Pauline this is Kayla Dunn. I would also like to bring up to you and the members maybe the platform that we're using and just make sure everyone is still on board with it or would like to go back to old school phone conferencing? Whatever you and the members could like.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** This is Commissioner Salla, is there a reason we don't use Zoom? Lifesize I mean I'm getting texts from people trying to call in and are having issues. I just use Zoom more; I didn't know if this is like if there's a reason why we use Lifesize?

**Kayla Dunn:** No, this was just brought to me um with Leslie. I believe Ross uses it for a couple of his meetings so we wanted to try it out so I can set up anything you and the members desire.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** What do you guys think about Zoom? Do you want to try a Zoom meeting?

**Unknown:** Yeah, I'm on board with Zoom.

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** Thank you. Yeah, let's try a Zoom meeting for our July meeting.

**Kayla Dunn:** Ok

**Pauline Salla-Smith:** And actually, that's perfect because we have a NAJJA that same day in the morning so some of you guys will see me all day long! Jack is so happy. Alright I'll set up our next meeting, I'm going to close this meeting you guys did great today. Thank you all, see you all next month thank you, be safe.