



WJCIA BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2026

Location: Black Wolf Room-Staybridge Suites

9:00 AM

AGENDA

- I. Call to order by President – Icebreaker: Who is one person that made a difference in your teen years? Barb called the meeting to order at 9am by welcoming everyone prior to the icebreaker.

Present: Barb, Cathrina, Kathy, Kari, Katie, Ashley, Morgan, Sarah, Rachel, Jason, Becky, Tiffany, Jodi, Amy, Jamie

State partners: Michelle, Kiley, Lindsey

Board Members excused: Kenny, Kerry, Stacy

- II. Secretary's Report

- a. Review minutes – Cathrina emailed out February's minutes on March 24, 2026.
 - i. Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes from February's meeting. The motion was seconded by Kari. There was no discussion on the motion, and all voted in favor of passing the motion.

- III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Review report - Katie emailed out the financial reports yesterday, April 16, after the finance committee meeting.
- b. Rachel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Morgan. There was no discussion on the motion, and all voted in favor of passing the motion.
- c. During committee reports, Katie discussed with Kathy retiring it would be in the best interest of the association to start having someone else learning the processes of the treasurer's role. This would be in case Katie is unavailable.
 - i. Kathy recommended Jamie stating she would understand the programs used. Barb asked if meetings were set up, showing Jamie these processes that she and Rachel also be invited.

- IV. Reports from State Agencies

- a. DOJ – Kiley Komro

- i. 2 competitive grants open to counties
 1. Delinquency prevention program supports 3 types of programs: Applications submitted online by May 1st (one year grant)
 - a. Mental health services for at-risk youth as a prevention program and for court involved youth to prevent recidivism
 - b. Prevention activities, including early interventions, mentoring, and deflection programs especially those supporting youth school belonging, and addressing absenteeism, suspension and expulsion
 - c. Wraparound programs that support youth in their families
 2. State grant, youth gang diversion program, due May 1st
 - a. Development and implementation of a program diverting youth from gang activities to prosocial.
 - i. Appropriate educational, recreational, and employment programs, and AODA abuse education/treatment
 - ii. Serve youth 0-17 who are at risk or currently involved.
 - ii. Youth voice commission put together a final report (GJJJC website)
 1. Youth advisory board that works with governor board (explained what they do)
 2. Developed questions – went into 2 detention centers Dane and La Crosse
 - a. Then analyzed results
 3. For both centers youth mentioned a wellness area would be nice
 4. Youth in lax really liked the “blue room” felt safe/comfortable
 5. Youth in Dane Co. asked for something like a “blue room” they don’t have a room to go to
 6. La Crosse Co. has space outside; Dane Co. does not
 7. Wanting more services (typical MH/education etc.) but also religion, help reintegrating into family, safe place in community,
 8. How kids would like to be referred to: most like to be called by their name, if not name then youth
 - iii. Some recommendations from the report have already been looked at to see how to add training for workers
- b. DOC/DJC – Michelle Buehl
 - i. As of January 28, 2026, DJC is no longer on a Consent Decree. DJC has successfully met all Consent Decree requirements, and the order has been officially terminated.
 - ii. The new Type I juvenile correctional facility, Southeast Regional Care Center for Youth, is still slated to open this fall. We are working on position descriptions now, which should be posted in April. The new Type I juvenile correctional facility for Dane County is still moving forward and should be on track to open in 2029 – 32 beds for boys, 8 for females.
 - iii. DJC has posted for the Institution Superintendent position. This position can be headquartered at either the Division of Juvenile

Corrections central office in Madison, Wisconsin or at the Milwaukee Youth Facility in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. serves as the chief executive officer of Type 1 Juvenile Correctional Facilities and the GROW Academy, facilities for adjudicated adolescent males and females committed by courts for placement in the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC). This position supervises multidisciplinary administrative staff and is responsible for the overall planning, operation, direction, evaluation and management of Type 1 Facilities and the GROW Academy and attendant programs,

- iv. SUD programming at CLS/LHS is done through a contracted provider – Dynamic Family Solutions.
- v. Chrystal Reynolds has been hired as the DJC Safety Director. She previously worked at Ethan Allen and Southern Oaks School, then was a Corrections Field Supervisor with the Division of Community Corrections. She will begin May 17th.
- vi. Motivational Speakers: Sharmain Harris recently spoke with youth being supervised out of the SE regional office and youth at CLS/LHS. He is set to speak with youth being supervised out of our NW regional office in May. We also have Lester Young set to speak with both regions and youth at CLS/LHS in May as well.
 1. If you have question about placement or programs at CLS/LHS, please reach out to Casey Gerber:
casey.gerber@wisconsin.gov

Facility:

Population as of 4/10/26:

CLS	5
LHS	74
MJTC	26 males/10 females
GROW	5
Total	120

- vii. **Administrator's Memo #26-01:** Update Regarding Interstate Compact for Juveniles Incoming Case Assignments
 1. Effective January 2026, assignment of Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) cases from other states is overseen according to where the youth will reside and the youth's age, as follows:
 - a. Youth scheduled to discharge from supervision prior to age 18 will be assigned to the County for supervision.
 - b. Youth scheduled to discharge after age 18 will be assigned to a Division of Juvenile Corrections Agent
 2. In cases where there are additional circumstances that may warrant a deviation to assignments, the ICJ office will communicate with the appropriate county Youth Justice Supervisor.
- viii. DJC is in support of **SB 485** - This bill authorizes group homes, shelter care facilities, and child welfare agencies that operate a residential care center for children and youth to use video surveillance and recordings in common areas, entrances, and exits without the consent of the child being surveilled or recorded, but must inform the child and the child's parent, guardian, legal

custodian, or Indian custodian about the video surveillance and recording. (Signed by Governor Act 184)

- ix. Act 98 – relating to homeless individuals that need to register on the sex offender registry & GPS:
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/related/lcactmemo/act098>

- x. Field: N/A

- xi. Grow Academy:

- 1. Terry Jones was hired as the Grow Academy Institution Unit Supervisor/Program Manager position, effective 12/28/25. Terry has been at the Grow Academy for the past 6 years, as a Youth Counselor - Advanced and Supervising Youth Counselor. terry.jones@wisconsin.gov

- c. DCF –

- i. Jada Hrubes is new youth justice section leader

- d. WCWPDS – Lindsay Campbell Ebben

- i. Nearly done with the very first cohort of WiLearn YJ, which started at the end of 2025. They are excited to continue to learn with them how this program is working and gather feedback as we continue.

- 1. The second cohort has been underway, and the third is just starting

- 2. Training consists of 4 elements that are YJ specific

- a. Trauma informed practice

- b. Culturally responsible practice

- c. Engaging families

- d. Case practice with American Indian Tribes

- ii. YASI eTraining (“YASI Booster 3 – Hybrid”), which counts toward the annual booster training credit, will be rolling out soon. (watch for emails)

- 1. Etraining consists of a 5-week period where online modules are assigned, followed by a 1 1/2-hour huddle.

- 2. When you sign up for this booster, you sign up for the huddle date you can attend, and then you will be assigned the online modules 5 weeks prior to that date (so they won’t get the modules until those 5 weeks prior to the huddle date they choose).

- a. currently planning on one date in Aug, one date in Oct, and one date in Dec.

- iii. Youth Justice Philosophy and Case Process (YJPCP) is officially one year old.

- 1. There will be two additional Youth Justice Philosophy and Case process orientations for supervisors

- a. Intended to give supervisors a run through of the YJPCP training in the event they have not been able to attend but wish to support their staff.

- b. Everyone is welcome to the training – no RSVP is needed, just show up

- c. May 20, 11am-12pm

- <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/9646086317>

- d. October 16, 11am-12pm

- <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/9646086317>

- 2. If you have any questions – main contact for YJPCP is Mindy Mattson mattson5@wisc.edu

- iv. Reminder – all new YJ staff are automatically enrolled in YJPCP

1. Includes those whose primary function may not be YJ but do have some YJ responsibilities
2. Course is open to all YJ and CPS professionals and supervisors
3. If you are not auto enrolled, you can self-register through PDS online
- v. There have also been several agency partners attending as observers - you can request an observer spot for an interested partner by contacting us at WCWPDS.
- vi. YJPCP is also now a pre-requisite for the last two days of YASI CCW training for all new Youth Justice Professionals (primary and secondary)
 1. If new YJPs are being auto enrolled, we are scheduling those training courses to meet the pre-requisite requirement.
- vii. Human Trafficking Training
 1. Wisconsin is not immune to the continuing crisis of human trafficking. Since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Hotline has identified 1,002 cases of human trafficking and 2,029 victims in Wi
 2. In 2023 alone, 72 victims or survivors of human trafficking contacted the hotline
 3. Fortunate to be able to continue working with the Sower Education Group to offer, “Ending the Game Supporter Training.”
 - a. Founder of Sowers, Rachel C. Thomas has worked tirelessly to sow seeds of human trafficking awareness and survivor empowerment.
 - b. All trainers are required to have survived sex trafficking or commercial exploitation
 - c. Goal of the training is to foster advanced level of understanding of coercion in sex trafficking, as well as provide a focused look at how to spark and support survivor’s resiliency
 - d. There will be 1 more in-person session in 2026 with hopes of adding 1 more
 - i. June 25 in Madison
 1. Pre-work: web-based modules, “Understanding Child Sex Trafficking in Wisconsin.” The modules can be found on the WCWPS website: [Understanding Child-Sex Trafficking in Wisconsin – Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System](#) – UW–Madison

V. President’s Report

- a. Executive Committee updates
 - i. Rachel and Barb met to go over tasks the president and vice-president have at conference and made cheat sheets to pass on.
- b. Highlights from NCJFCJ JJ Conference
 - i. Great conference, Barb thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend.

1. She found the session on AI and how much it can distort reality interesting.
- c. Request for additional funding for NCJFCJ Conference due to blizzard
 - i. The conference was March 15-18, and our region was due to have bad snow storms the day prior.
 - ii. Due to this, Barb decided to leave on Saturday instead of Sunday, needing to stay an extra night at the hotel. She also did not factor in taxes in her original requests.
 1. Barb is seeking an additional \$312.32
 2. Barb makes a motion that the board approves the extra expense of \$315.32 that was accrued. Kathy seconded the motion and there was no discussion. Everyone was in favor of the motion. Motion passes
 - iii. Presenters could not get there. Some were able to present virtually, and it worked out
 - iv. Had 500 registered had probably around 250 there

VI. County Updates/Case Discussion

- a. Teen Court- Price County, Portage County, and Sheboygan County
 - i. Price County – Sarah
 1. It has been in place since 2000, and it has been successful
 2. 1st time offense, if juror member knows the youth, they can't be on the jury, the youth must admit to the offense
 3. Youth and parents both must attend
 4. Written plea form and teen court contract parents must sign
 - ii. Fond du Lac County – Jamie
 1. Similar as Price
 2. First time offenders – booked out a few months due to the number of referrals
 3. Court is held twice a month, youth are 12-16 years old, they must attend with a parent, and admit to the offense
 4. Also has a juror of volunteered kids
 5. Community service 6-24 hours, terms of the jury, online courses depending on citation, apology letters, videos
 6. Now have a scholarship program for youth who volunteered
 7. It takes place in the court room and youth sit in the respective places
 - iii. Sheboygan County – Barb
 1. 2nd year of the program
 2. Developed program around truancy
 3. Restorative vs punitive for offense that occur at school
 4. Judge is adult, everyone else is youth
 5. Youth are ages 10-17, 1st time offense, live in the county, parent has to attend with the youth and they have to admit
 6. Will work with truancy ONLY if it relates to another offense also referred to Teen Court
 - a. Can't be just for truancy
 7. Volunteer requirements – for full school year, sign confidentiality agreement, parent consent
- b. June 2026-Transition planning with retiring board members
 - i. Bits of wisdom from them

VII. Break: We took a break at 10:25am and came back at 10:35am.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. By-Laws: Ashley

- a. Had a special meeting – by laws updated/passed and are now posted on the website.

B. Conference: Cathrina/Rachel (Vendors: Kerry; Raffle: Ashley)

- a. Went over presenters. Have a few spots open yet. Asking for contracts to be signed and back by May 1st as there is no more time, brochures and other documents need to be built.
- b. We decided on food for each day and a giveaway was picked.

C. Conference Site: Cathrina/Kenny

- a. Contracts signed till 2035

D. Training: Sarah

a. Spring 2027

- i. Would like to do a training that is 1/2 day refresher 1/2 day guest speaker
- ii. Refresher: how to do forms, motivational interviewing, type of cases, statutes for examples
- iii. Guest speakers: topic on Ai, Derek Mosely (unconscious bias), Protein for All

E. Finance: Katie for Kenny

- a. Went over statement of accounts
- b. There were no requests
- c. Kenny will be out for 8 weeks after baby, need to figure out what he is willing to do while out of the office. Kathy would be willing to step in and help while Kenny is out if needed.

F. Grant: Stacy

- a. No meeting

G. Legislative: Need to appoint a new chairperson

- a. At least for the rest of the term
- b. Tiffany would be interested in cochairing with Kerry if she willing.

H. Membership: Rachel (Intake Directory: Kerry)

- a. New apparel – will need to place 18 orders
- b. Discussion about opening a store at conference
- c. Intake directory was all updated

I. Goals and Statements of Philosophy: Ashley

- a. Did not meet

J. Newsletter: Katie

- a. They did not meet, finishing up the newsletter that will go out this month.

K. Nomination: Stacy

- a. No meeting

L. Recognition: Rachel

- a. No meeting, will start requesting nominations

M. Technology: Kari

- a. Any updates to the website let Kari know
- b. Jamie will start to learn the website to be able to help Kari out.

IX. Regional Meeting Updates

- Region 1 – Sarah
 - No meeting scheduled

- Region 2/5 - Kathy, Jamie, Kenny, Jodi, Amy, Becky, Jason, Stacy (no current Region 2 members)
 - Nothing planned at this time
- Region 3 – Kerry, Rachel
 - March 20 Rawhide presented
 - Next meeting is August 1 at St. Croix County
- Region 4 - Kari, Cathrina, Morgan
 - Monthly meetings continue to allow for case staffing
- Region 6 - Katie, Ashley
 - March 18 was last meeting Norris and Jenny McFadden presented
 - decided on quarterly meetings
 - next potentially in person but people preferred virtual
- Region 7 – Tiffany, Barb
 - Virtual May 12, to discuss the Draí

X. Special Assignments

A. WJJN-Rotating based on dates/location – Kari

a. March 27 – Norris presented on New girls program

i. Purpose?

1. Shortage of programming for girls
2. Girls benefit from gender specific therapeutic programs
3. For some, intensive intervention can prevent incarceration, sexual exploitation, suicide or self-harm and homelessness

B. Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission – Ashley

a. Meetings all 9am-12

- i. May 12 <https://widoj.zoomgov.com/j/1601801790>
 - ii. August 18 <https://widoj.zoomgov.com/j/1615833367>
 - iii. November 10 <https://widoj.zoomgov.com/j/1600895056>
- ###### b. ERD Subcommittee meetings all 10am-12
- i. June 17 <https://widoj.zoomgov.com/j/1607976219>
 - ii. September 16 <https://widoj.zoomgov.com/j/1619471907>
 - iii. October 21 <https://widoj.zoomgov.com/j/1602722803>

C. YJ Advisory Committee-Stacy

D. Other Special assignments

XI. New business/Unfinished Business/Case Discussion

a. Old Business: Special Membership Meeting for By Laws Revisions

b. New Business:

i. Sunshine fund: How is it decided who gets cards and for what special circumstances? How do we make sure everything stays uniform?

1. If we all put in money at the beginning of the year it should be managed by someone else and outside of the association.
 - a. The board doesn't always stay the same.
 - b. Can never predict how many cards may need to be given throughout the year.
2. Amy is willing to manage this fund
 - a. Amy will come up with a list of circumstances that should get cards and we can discuss it at June's board meeting
 - b. Thoughts that this should be overseen by the executive committee.

- ii. Potluck: Discussed having a cookout in June on Thursday night, bring a dish to pass, can grill outside

XII. Adjourn

- a. Rachel makes a motion at 11:43am to adjourn the meeting. Morgan seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned