



**CJJ's 2020 Virtual Annual Conference
Council of SAGs Meeting
November 20th, 2020**

I. The meeting was called to order by Pastor Palmer at 12:00 p.m. Eastern. Roll call followed quorum is confirmed.

Board Members Present: Pastor Palmer, Michelle Diaz, Danny Turek, Lt. Carlos Camacho, Chief Tony Jones, Stacie Nelson Colling, Anya Sekino, Brock Landwehr, Cecely Reardon, Tracey Wells-Huggins, Gordon McHenry Jr., Hon Steve Teske, Mark Hutchinson, Hon Mike Mayer (represented by Gary Charwood), and CJJ Staff (Naomi Smoot Evans, LaToria Sheppard, Kristen Powell).

States Present: AK, CO, FL, HI, IL, IA, AZ, DC, GA, ID, IN, KS, KY, ME, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NV, NH, NJ, ND, NY, OH, NC, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, UT, VT, WA, WI, PR

II. Consent Items:

- A. MOTION:** Pastor Palmer asked for a motion to approve the consent items listed on [agenda](#). Alfred Morton (NJ) motioned to approve the consent item as presented. Tracey Wells-Huggins seconded the motion. No further discussion. No objections. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Discussion Items:

A. CJJ Progress Report

1. Updates: within the last 6 months CJJ had two major staff changes. LaToria Sheppard became the Communication and Training Senior Associate and Kristen Powell became the Administrative and Youth Partnership Assistant.
2. CJJ conducted work around Covid-19 best practices and how to navigate which led to policy platforms that are to be voted on today.
3. CJJ is at the highest number of registrants for the Annual Conference with 750 participants.
4. The Youth Summit which was also virtual hosted by the Emerging Leaders Committee was at its largest virtually as well.
5. Upcoming in 2021: The release of a R/ED Peer Resource Guide and an updated version of CJJ's Youth Manual.

B. CJJ Progress Report

1. Despite the pandemic, CJJ has solidified funding from new and ongoing donors:
 - \$150,000 over three years from the Andrus Family Foundation

- \$80,000 over two years from the Tow Foundation
- \$60,000 in new funding from the Annie E. Casey Foundation
- \$55,000 from the Raikes Foundation

IV. Regional Chairs' Reports

- Review the [reports document](#) from CJJ Committees
 - Northeastern Updates: Vermont raised the age in juvenile justice; DC is working on youth involvement by preparing a Youth Zoom call for young adult onboarding.

V. Family First Prevention Service Act

- Opportunities:
 - Reduced JJ involvement due to better CW responses
 - Better/earlier service availability
 - Increased collaboration between systems and stakeholders
 - Focus on meeting adolescents' needs
 - Working towards broader change
- Concerns:
 - Increased use of JJ confinement as group homes close
 - Increased JJ system contact if CW is not meeting the needs of youth and families
 - Potential for lack of real change

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VI. Proposed Policy Platform: Reducing R/ED at the Justice System's Front End

- [Ending the Over-policing of Youth of Color](#)
 - Amendment: Modify recommendation III
Include: Law enforcement personnel or other personnel with the authority to effectuate arrest may be stationed in a public school only upon a demonstrated showing of a substantial security need justifying the placement of such personnel and then only for as long as the need exists.
 - Jay Elliot (SC) approves motion to modify. Tracey Wells-Huggins (NJ) seconded the motion to modify.
 - Friendly amendment of adding data driven to demonstrated showing and a second friendly amendment to the end of the sentence that says as long as the need exists and such that that RED disparities are factored into such determination.
 - Cecely Reardon approves motion to add amendment to modification. Joe Vignati seconded the motion.
 - MOTION:** Pastor Palmer asked for a motion to accept the policy recommendation with the notion that a working group will meet to modify and amend the wording to address School Resource Officers. Cecely Reardon motioned to approve the policy recommendation with

modifications. Hon Steve Teske seconded the motion. The motion passed in favor of the Yays (32 states in support).

B. Schools

1. **MOTION:** Pastor Palmer asked for a motion to accept the policy platform as is. Molly Rogers (OR) motioned to accept the policy platform as presented. Barbara Wallace (NJ) seconded the motion. No further discussion. No objections. The motion passed with 29 states in support.

C. Investing in Communities of Color

1. Amendment: Modify recommendations II and III by clarifying the wording 1) prioritizing funding to prove bias doesn't exist, 2) small communities not evidenced-based programs is suggesting two different things
2. **MOTION:** Pastor Palmer asked for a motion to accept the policy platform with the notice to re-word recommendations II and III. Susan Delyea (ID) motioned to accept the policy platform with word modifications. Barbara Wallace (NJ) seconded the motion. The motion passed in favor of the Yays (26 states in support).

D. Training

1. **MOTION:** Pastor Palmer asked for a motion to accept the policy platform as is. Barbara Wallace (NJ) motioned to accept the policy platform as presented. Andrew Allen (PA) seconded the motion. No further discussion. No objections. The motion passed with 29 states in support.

VII. Bylaws Change:

- A. Adding a National Compliance Monitor as an additional board member
- B. **MOTION:** Pastor Palmer asked for a motion to approve the bylaws amendment. Joe Vignati (GA) motioned to approve the bylaw amendment as presented. Mike Pennington (PA) seconded the motion. No further discussion. No objections. The motion passed with 33 states voting in support, 0 states opposing.

VIII. Proposed Policy Position: Participating States

- A. **MOTION:** Pastor Palmer asked for a motion to accept the policy position as is. Joe Vignati (GA) motioned to accept the policy position as presented. Mike Pennington (PA) seconded the motion. No further discussion. No objections. The motion passed with 30 states supporting, 0 states opposing .

IX. Adjourned meeting at 2:56pm

MOTION: Pastor Palmer asked for a motion to adjourn the Council of SAGs meeting. Barbara Wallace (NJ) motioned to adjourn. Mike Pennington (PA) seconded the motion. No further discussion. No objections. The motion passed unanimously.