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**EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-02**

**THE WASHINGTON STATE  
PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (Council) provides a common point of analysis, planning, and advocacy for youth involved in the juvenile justice system or youth at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system. The collective efforts of this broad array of stakeholders further the positive development of youth and the health and safety of the state. This Executive Order restructures the membership of the Council, in order to improve its efficiency and effectiveness as an advisory body.

**WHEREAS**, the Council supports a continuum of culturally responsive evidence-based or other programs (including delinquency prevention, intervention, mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment, family services, and services for children exposed to violence) that are trauma informed, reflect the science of adolescent development, and are designed to meet the needs of at-risk youth and youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

**WHEREAS**, coordinated efforts to improve the juvenile justice system will better protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, provide treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of juveniles and their families, and improve the lives of youth and families in Washington.

**WHEREAS**, the Council provides a platform for assisting the Governor in leading the State's collective efforts to address the disproportionate numbers of youth of color in the juvenile justice system and tackle complex racial and ethnic disparities in new and meaningful ways.

**WHEREAS**, the Council can encourage the creation of employment opportunities and a seamless education experience for youth transitioning out of the juvenile justice system.

**WHEREAS**, the Council can play an important and beneficial role by reviewing and providing recommendations for the State's juvenile justice and delinquency prevention needs and programs. And,

**WHEREAS**, the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 (Act) reauthorized and substantially amended the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (as Amended Through P.L. 115-385, enacted December 21, 2018). It became effective October 1, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the state of Washington do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The re-establishment of the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (Council), with membership to conform to the requirements of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018, as amended. The Council will be the State Advisory Group for Washington State and will comply with all federal requirements pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5601 – 5681 and 42 U.S.C. 5781 – 5784.
2. The Council shall advise the Governor as required by federal regulation and, on a regular basis, provide information and recommendations to the Governor. The Council shall be designated as the primary advisory state-planning group for matters pertaining to juvenile justice in Washington.

The Council shall operate as the advisory board for all planning, administrative, and funding functions of the Act and shall make sub-grants for planning and improving juvenile justice consistent with the intent of the Act.

The Council shall:

- a. Play a strong, proactive role, providing collaborative leadership and direction, and recommend innovative juvenile justice reforms and best practices for implementation;
- b. Establish priorities for the granting of federal juvenile delinquency and delinquency prevention funds;
- c. Submit, at least every two years a report and necessary recommendations regarding State compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act ((1) deinstitutionalization of status offenders, (2) separation of juveniles from adults in secure facilities, (3) removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups, and (4) addressing racial and ethnic disparities within the juvenile justice system), including recommendations for the improvement of the juvenile justice system to the Secretary of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) for review and comment, to the Governor, and to the Legislature;
- d. Promote effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, family re-engagement, and rehabilitation programs in the areas of juvenile delinquency and improvement of the juvenile justice system;
- e. Promote partnerships with community employers to create new opportunities for skill development, job readiness and training, and engagement in the workforce for at-risk and system-involved youth;
- f. Promote partnerships with the educational system to increase effective responses to youth who have learning disabilities, or emotional, behavioral, and substance abuse issues both before and during involvement in the juvenile justice system;
- g. Promote strong transition and reentry programs for system-involved youth;

- h. Promote strategies to reduce the percentage of youth of color involved at each level of the juvenile justice system; and
- i. Develop and approve the state's three-year juvenile justice comprehensive plan and implement the plan.

DCYF shall convene the Council and will provide staff support through the DCYF Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) subject to the availability of federal funds.

- 3. The OJJ shall:
  - a. Provide staffing, administrative support, and assume other responsibilities, as requested, to enable the Council to perform its functions;
  - b. Provide background information and analysis of juvenile justice delinquency issues as needed;
  - c. Monitor jails, lock-ups, detention facilities, and correctional facilities to ensure the core requirements are met and evaluate the state's compliance with the Act.
  - d. Review the progress and the accomplishments of the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention projects funded under the state's three-year comprehensive plan; and
  - e. Administer grants and other financial and technical assistance pursuant to federal regulations.
- 4. The Partnership Council shall operate under its by-laws. Its members may receive reimbursement for travel expenses as authorized by state and federal law.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Council shall be convened by DCYF. The OJJ will staff the Council. The Council shall consist of no more than 26 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall designate one-third of the initial appointees to serve a one-year term, one-third of the initial appointees to serve a two-year term, and one-third of the initial appointees to serve a three-year term. Thereafter, all appointees, except appointments to serve out the remainder of an existing term, shall serve three-year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the Governor. Members may be appointed to serve three full consecutive terms. If a member resigns before completing a term, the Governor shall appoint a new member to serve out the remainder of that term.

The Council will be comprised of leaders who have extensive experience and knowledge in juvenile justice and who are able to affect or influence system reform and improve educational, vocational, and employment opportunities for youth across the continuum and address racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system. In making appointments, the Governor shall ensure geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity with special consideration of representation of overrepresented minority populations in the juvenile justice system. A majority of Council members shall not be full-time employees of federal, state, or local government.

The Partnership Council membership shall consist of:

1. One general public member to serve as chair of the Council who shall not be a full-time employee of federal, state, or local government;
2. One locally elected official representing general purpose local government;
3. One representative of law enforcement;
4. One representative of juvenile court administration;
5. One representative of juvenile and family court judges;
6. One representative of prosecuting attorneys;
7. One representative of defense attorneys;
8. One representative of the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration within DCYF;
9. One representative of public agencies engaged in children's mental health and concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment;
10. One representative of private nonprofit organizations with a special focus on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or dependent children, the quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for children;
11. One representative of volunteers who work with delinquent youth or youth at risk of delinquency;
12. One representative of programs that are alternatives to incarceration;
13. One person with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and alternatives to suspension and expulsion;
14. One representative licensed or certified by the applicable State, with expertise and competence in preventing and addressing mental health and substance abuse needs in delinquent youth and youth at risk of delinquency;
15. One Indian tribal/American Indian/Alaskan Native/Indigenous representative (if such representative is available) or other individual with significant expertise in tribal law enforcement and juvenile justice in Indian tribal communities;
16. One representative from the Office of the Governor;
17. One representative from the Washington State House of Representatives;
18. One representative from the Washington State Senate;
19. One representative of private or public employers who help youth with job development, job skills and training, and opportunities to help them overcome barriers to obtaining and retaining employment;
20. One person with special experience and competence in helping youth achieve a successful transition and reentry back to their communities; and
21. One representative of victim or witness advocacy groups with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse and exploitation and trauma, particularly the needs of youth who experience disproportionate levels of sexual abuse, exploitation, and trauma before entering the juvenile justice system.

