

Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

08/12/20 Minutes

Date and Time: August 12, 2020 from 10:00 – 1:00 pm

Location: ZOOM Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance: Judge Delia York, Judge Paula Hofaker, Lara Blake-Bors, Hope Cooper, Shanelle Dupree, Kevin Emerson, Gail Finney, Max Mendoza Megan Milner, Jeanette Owens, Melody Pappan, Fred Patton, Pat Pettey, Katrina Pollet, Amy Raymond, Greg Smith, Tom Fischer

Committee Member Designees:

Criminal Justice Institute:

Jennifer Christie

Committee Support:

Nancy Burghart

Roll Call and Welcome of New Members: Tom Fischer, Undersheriff of Stafford County is the newest member. He is replacing Derrick Ploutz on the board.

Greg Smith called the meeting to order and the roll call was taken. Greg also read the KOMA statement.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the 2/28/2020 & 6/29/20 meeting minutes were approved.

Megan Milner showed the 1st draft of the data report. KDOC needs to go through and “polish” it a bit before it is presented. The Kansas Advisory Group has seen it. The final report is expected in October.

Amy Raymond (OJA) presented data and graphics regarding court filings, severity levels (misdemeanors/felonies) Will polish before the next meeting.

Megan – DOC, OJA, JJOC data sharing meeting for MOU meets frequently on ZOOM. They are working with Georgetown as well.

Jen Christie reported on the Validation Report. It will be available tomorrow. Some of the notable changes are recommendations for new risk level cut-offs. CJJ will work with KDOC and OJA to develop action plan for recommendations presented in the validation study.

Re-Investment Funds Update: Megan & Judge York

Megan – Status of Governor’s allotment. This requires legislative approval until January when the legislature starts the session.

Judge York: Lots of planning for Governor’s contingency. A lot of programs cannot operate.

1. Physically clean up what we are doing, not develop another COG program. The need has been filled through reinvestment grants and the new JCAB grant.
2. The reinvestment committee has had discussions with the Children’s Cabinet regarding partnership to address substance abuse.
3. Looking at ways to fund mental health programs

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4. No general crisis intervention center – looking at working with other entities to come up with funding.

Megan: Putting together a Plan A & Plan B for reinvestment funds. Depending on whether the funds are swept or not. If moneys are removed (understanding, there are major deficits) there may be changes in what services can be provided.

Senator Pettey: The Mental Health Modernization and Reform committee is meeting later this month and there may be a way for us to work with them.

Greg: Commission on Criminal Justice Reform met yesterday and are working on the mental health issue as well.

Amy Raymond: Chief Justice sent a letter for funding request and Amy discussed the proposed items of training and data collection. The reinvestment subcommittee will look at this further and provide the JJOC with a recommendation for approval of the funds for the judicial branch in the amount of \$244,800.00

Statutory change recommendations – Did not receive any.

Updates regarding COVID-19

Shanelle Dupree: The last week in July, all DCF offices are open to families. Still doing staff welfare checks. Fingerprinting is up and running.

Katrina Pollet: responses of Juvenile Detention Centers vary across the state but most are quarantining new admissions and conducting health screenings. It is a very case by case basis.

Megan Milner: DOC Juvenile Services are all still teleworking. A lot of the trainings are virtual. Working on planning YLS training. DOC has been working with Microsoft on Athena. They are nearing completion of the build phase, moving towards training. They are anticipating going live towards the beginning of 2021. This program will allow us to track an individual from the very beginning – Juvenile – Adult.

Hope Cooper: KJCC does not have any active cases or active exposures. We are working with detention centers for intake purposes. Intakes do have medical isolation for 14 days. We are limiting cohort movement. Programs have started. Increasing phone calls and video visitations.

Amy Raymond: Court Services staff are meeting with offenders virtually but have started meeting face-to-face with moderate to high risk youth.

School MOU's

Lara Blake-Bors: Kansas School Board meeting on August 28th

Shanelle Dupree: Would like to see a sample MOU if available. Lara is on the Garden City school board; she will get a copy of what they have done and disseminate. Tom will reach out to Kearney and Newton.

Senator Pettey: If we want to look at this as a legislative issue look at the legislative recommendations.

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New Business:

Next Meeting will be working on the report. Jen and Amy suggested smaller groups to work on the report. Megan and Amy are the only members so far to volunteer. Actual work time would be 10-20

hours max. Groups can meet by Zoom put information on 1 drive or shared folder.

Next Meeting: October 14th.

Max made a motion to adjourn at 10:56 am; Amy 2nd. Motion carried.