

Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Date and Time: January 17th, 2025 10:00am

Location: Zoom

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1. Call to order: 10:01 am
2. Roll-call: Members Present; Betty Arnold, Christopher Esquibel, Don Hymer, Hon. Delia York, Hon. Richard Flax, Jeff Butrick, Secretary Jeffery Zmuda, Lara Blake Bors, Mary Snipes, Megan Milner, Melody Pappan, Rachel Bell, Randy Regehr, Rebecca Gerhardt, Rep. Jarrod Ousley, Rep. Bob Lewis, Rodney Smith, Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Steven Stonehouse.
3. Public Comment- No public comments
4. KORA - Kansas Open Meetings Act statement by the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee
5. Approval of meeting minutes
 - a. Moved by Laura Blake Bors, 2nd by Hon. Delia York, unanimously approved
6. Chair/Vice Chair Report-out
 - a. New member Representative Bob Lewis. Replacing former Representative Stephen Owens who is now in the Senate.
 - b. JJOC will be presenting to the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice on Tuesday January 21st, 2025.
 - c. Communications subcommittee successfully published the 2025 JJOC Annual Report ahead of schedule.
7. Community program presentation
 - a. JAG-K – Bev Mortimer, Vice President of Programming presented on the current and future programming that JAG-K does in the state of Kansas. Discussed their evidence-based programming, funding, and future plans. Further discussion with the committee included collaboration options, support for their work, and a request for information on outcomes of those justice involved youth.
8. Legislative update
 - a. Sen. Faust-Goudeau – Announced a bill to be introduced called the 2nd Look Act, a bill to take a 2nd look at sentences after 10 years of the sentence. Sen Faust-Goudeau asked for an update on Cedric Lawson situation. Stonehouse will send an update.

- b. Rep. Ousley – Advocated for Senator Owens to be appointed as the Senate appointment. Discussed budget cuts, where state agencies were asked to present a budget that showed a 7.5% reduction.
 - c. Lewis – introduced himself as a new member and announced the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice committee is hearing from agencies.
9. Governor's office update Rachel Bell –
- a. First Executive Order of handling federal benefits, where youth in foster care are able to get federal benefits while in foster care.
 - b. Budget Recommendations – look at the budget, includes an enhancement to the EBPF, recommends 5.5 million be dedicated to JAG-K, for program expansion
 - c. Faust – how do kids aging out of the program made aware of those funds available. Ousley added that DCF will work with SS, Treasury, that all that information is processed for the child. A lot of is case specific. It appears to me that the details have been worked out.
10. Crossover youth report-out – Daniel Olson
- a. Reported on multiple updates to include the progress to quarterly schedule of meeting, modifications of definitions, and putting in multi-disciplinary teams. There has been development of a protocol for youth exiting KJCC into the community, to help bridge the gap in that transition.
11. KAG Update – Melody Pappan
- a. A juvenile justice specialist position has been filled and working with KAG. Appointments have been made to be in compliance with members. This year, KAG is focusing on mentoring, counseling, and training programs across the state.
12. Subcommittee report-outs
- a. Data – York
 - i. Met another milestone with OJA statewide data management is now statewide. Which has a positive impact on data collection. The subcommittee continues to discuss with outside resources to help fill gaps related to data. Quarterly data was sent out on behalf of KDOC and OJA data (included in meeting supplementals).
 - b. Reinvestment – Pappan
 - i. The subcommittee will start reviewing and making recommendations of an allocation plan of funds, that will happen in the coming meetings.
 - ii. Another quarter of grants was given out, these are commonly called rolling grants. Over the last quarter over 2.8 million was awarded to community programs.
 - iii. Programs updates were sent out to members ahead of time (included in meeting supplementals).
 - c. Legislative – Lara Blake Bors
 - i. Welcome to Representative Lewis to the committee.
 - ii. This subcommittee will have standing meetings, every Friday at noon during the legislative session. This are a as needed meeting, cancellations will occur if no business discussion is required.

- iii. One topic we have ongoing discussion, is moving a few Chapter 8 offenses under the juvenile code, and considering possible legislation recommendations.
- iv. Is continuing to monitor proposed legislation to look for any opportunity to provide information to legislators.
- d. Communications – Steven Stonehouse
 - i. Recognized Coordinator Matt Billinger for his work with communications.
 - ii. The JJOC Annual Report was completed and submitted in accordance with the statute. We also continue to publish newsletters. Both are great publications that are great reference materials to speak to the work of JJOC and the state juvenile justice system.

Next meeting date: April 18th, 10am via Zoom

Adjourn