

Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

1/21/2022 Minutes

Date and Time: January 21, 2022 from 10:00 am - Noon

Location: ZOOM Meeting

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Committee Members in Attendance: Shanelle Dupree, Hope Cooper, Kate Davis, Don Hymer, Melody Pappan, Mary Snipes, Stephanie Springer, Janet Waugh, Max Mendoza, Janet Waugh, Jeff Butrick, Steve Stonehouse

Committee Member Designees:

Criminal Justice Institute:

Tessa Upin

Leila Khelfaoui

KOMA statement was read. Shanelle Dupree called the meeting to order, the roll call was taken and Shanelle read the KOMA statement.

Shanelle introduced Steve Stonehouse as the newest JJOC member. He was appointed by the Attorney General's Office for the Director of a Detention Center position.

Public Comments: There were no public comments

Minutes from October Meeting: Kate Davis requested an edit to the minutes of the October meeting. Under the Governor's Update it should be The Office of Public Advocates not Child Advocates. The Office of Public Advocates will have a Children's Advocate. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the edit. Hope Cooper 2nd the motion. The motion carries, October minutes are approved.

Information Agenda: Tessa will try to put the meeting agenda in the chat box.

Shanelle testified yesterday in front of the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee. A question that came up was, "Is there confusion about how to access the evidence-based funds?" Shanelle's response was that since her tenure the JJOC has spent a lot of time on informing partners and the public on how to access funds. One of the things that was clarified was that evidence-based funds are designated for justice involved youth.

A question was raised at the last meeting. Progeny wanted to know if they can have some of their members attend the sub-committee meetings. Progeny and anyone else can attend the sub-committee meetings. They are public meetings. For anyone interested in attending please get in contact with the chairperson for that sub-committee. All meetings are announced on the KDOC website as well.

Tessa and Leila are compiling a list of the JJOC members, their appointment dates as well as their designated term on the committee. E-mails will be going out to members to gather this information

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The Governor's Office: The Governor's budget recommendation does include restoration of the \$21 million dollars. There is a proviso that suspends the provision of the statute to allow JJOC to provide prevention funds to JKAG up to \$3.5 million. The full budget bill should be out next week

Shanelle is concerned that this would be a recurring obligation to fund JKAG with the budget proviso.

Kate Davis responded that she does understand the concerns. The proviso is written very narrowly. It is narrowly focused on JKAG up to \$3.5 million. It doesn't lock us in for an on-going commitment.

Don Hymer responded with his concerns that if this is a worthy program, which it is – fund it individually. We have previously had to turn down numerous great programs because they were prevention based and out of the scope of what the reinvestment fund is designated for.

YLS Validation Analysis: Hope Cooper

There are 6 recommendations.

1. Group data collection – OJA is working on a database system.
2. Consistent case numbers across all systems OJA and KDOC. ****The main focus has been on data systems.**
3. Validation study for Hispanic youth **(Has not been started yet)**
4. Inter-rater reliability. This has been contracted with the University of Cincinnati.
5. System assessment: Ethnic disparity
6. Adopting new cut-offs. **(Has not been started yet)**

Juvenile Justice & Education Annual Report: Janet Waugh

MOU was done originally and not done since. The recommendation is that it be done every 3 years. Right now the districts are overwhelmed and doing it more frequently is not feasible.

There is one change to make. It is in the 3rd paragraph and starts "However": Janet's concern is that she does not want the statute revisited – That is opening a Pandora's box. They are removing "Any suggested changes will need to be incorporated to the actual statute by the legislature". That entire sentence will be removed.

Educational staff is overwhelmed.

The biggest impact that COVID has had on education with students and actually with staff as well is mental health.

Foster children are out of school sometimes for several weeks when placement changes. This is just not acceptable.

Sub-committee Updates

Data: Judge York

Re-Investment: Melody Pappan

Communication: Don Hymer

Judge York:

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- Sub-committee did propose a list of performance measures and recidivism.
 - The sub-committee wants JJC to see outcomes on a more frequent basis and not just in the annual report.
 - Adding ethnicity to the data points per JJOC request.

 - Will be presenting initial data at the April JJOC meeting. How does JJOC want to see the data?
- Several members spoke up and suggested graphs, charts and comparison understanding.

Melody Pappan:

- Creation of 2 new full time administrative positions to assist the JJOC.
- Juvenile Defense is working with KAG.
- The sub-committee identified 4 areas where funding and resources are needed.
 1. Enhancement & Sustainability
 2. Standards development
 3. Training augmentation
 4. Data Outcome measures**Family engagement is another priority area.

- Reached out to Opioid Response Network, they are a national training and technical assistance organization with roots in Kansas. They will be using local experts to provide support to the sites that they are working. They are proposing 3 sites (we are working to identify a mix of urban and rural). They will go to each of these sites for 3 days to locate what assets and services are already available and what gaps exist. They will be attending the next Re-Investment subcommittee meeting. The services that ORN is providing are free of charge.

Don Hymer:

Communications has identified 2 areas to really focus on.

1. Dissemination of Information to stakeholders and the public.

2. How to deal with legislative issues as they come up.

They do have an ask of the JJOC members: If you represent an organization here, they ask that you be willing to send out the annual report to those in your organization that would benefit from it. The sub-committee is going to create a spreadsheet for who the point person is for each member's organization. They ask that you would send out the annual report along with an introduction and maybe talking points that most apply to your organization/discipline.

Create a speaker bank for presenting to other organization. The JJOC Chair and Vice-Chair would still speak to the legislature, but have other members speak to Stakeholders and other organization in regards to the JJOC mission and goals.

Action Agenda: Shanelle Dupree

We need to add a space on the meeting agendas for allowing organizations to announce or share something that they are doing that could be of interest to JJOC.

Legislative Update: Hope Cooper

HB2200 is coming up and is a bill that you may want to take a look at. It is not a new bill it is just being reintroduced.

Next JJOC meeting is April 22nd.

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Shanelle closed meeting by reading the Vision Statement

Vision Statement:

Improve the lives and well-being of all youth in Kansas

Max Mendoza mad a motion to adjourn.

Kate Davis 2nd

Meeting adjourned.