

Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Minutes

Date and Time: February 23, 2018 from 8:30am to 1:30pm

Location: Kansas Judicial Center
Fatzer Courtroom, 3rd floor
301 SW 10th Ave
Topeka, KS 66612

Committee Members in Attendance:

Randall Bowman, Judge Paula Hofaker, Sen. Carolyn McGinn, Megan Milner, Joe Norwood, Sen. Pat Pettey, Derrick Ploutz, Rep. Randy Powell, Amy Raymond, Janet Waugh

Committee Members on the Phone: *Due to inclement weather, many members joined the meeting via conference call.*

Lara Blake Bors, Kevin Emerson, Rep. Gail Finney, Donald Hymer, Max Mendoza, Melody Pappan, Former Sen. Greg Smith, Judge Delia York

Committee Members Absent

Kathy Armstrong,

Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) Consultants on the Phone:

Jennifer Christie

Committee Support:

Karyl-Ann Roehl

1 & 3. Welcome and Review of the Agenda

Sen. Smith opened the meeting at 8:45am. Karyl-Ann had two grammatical changes to the minutes. Sen. Pettey moved, and Derrick seconded, the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

2. Introduction of New Member

Judge York introduced Max Mendoza as our new youth member on this committee. Max is the co-founder and Director of Heartland 180.

4. Review and Take Action on the Draft Bylaws

Sen. Smith asked if there were changes to the draft of the Bylaws and there were none. Derrick moved, and Rep. Powell seconded, the Bylaws be approved as distributed. A Roll Call vote was taken and the decision to accept the Bylaws was unanimous. See attached report of votes.

5. Update on Legislative Session

Amy reported on four (4) bills out of the House Corrections Committee.

- HB2453 is about the charging of fees for the Immediate Intervention Program (IIP).
- HB2454 is about waiving the 14-day detention hearing.
- HB2455 changes the statute language in SB367 about the duties of the JJOC. It removes the word “calculate” and replaces it with “monitor”.
- HB2456 is about the start dates of the overall case length limits and probation.

Randy Bowman mention three (3) other bills he is aware of.

- HB2738 reduces penalties for consensual sex between two juveniles and it sometimes referred to as the Romeo and Juliette law.

- HB2739 is about sex offender registration for juvenile offenders, removing judges' discretion on registration. Sen. Pettey asked if this committee should take a position on this bill. The consensus was that we should not.
- HB2751 creates a position in the Department of Administration responsible for oversight of child welfare and juvenile justice issues.

Don mentioned a bill requiring law enforcement contact with a youth if there are signs of abuse.

6. Stakeholder Updates

a. Department of Corrections

Megan talked about three (3) initiatives:

- KJCC has received a technical assistance grant from CJCA targeting the most difficult juvenile offenders and the use of segregation.
- PEW has partnered with the National Juvenile Defense Center and they plan to visit Kansas at the end of March.
- She is in the preliminary talks with National Crittendon about a technical assistance grant on how to better serve female juvenile offenders.

b. Judicial Branch

- Amy is also talking with the National Juvenile Defense Center and has sent their training protocol to them for review. Judge York mentioned plans to meet with them for an hour on the 29th.
- She announced the forms and procedures for earned discharge credit is being finalized for approval and release.

c. Department of Education

- Janet reported every USD has responded with an MOU.
- She asked if the Gang-Free Kansas Initiative was still going. Derrick will find out.

d. Law Enforcement

- Derrick has not received negative feedback about the MOUs. He is thinking through how to keep on top of those when staffing changes occur. He wants to be sure interest is maintained and they are not dropped. Don said the MOUs were signed on behalf of an agency, so changes may not be problematic. Derrick said he wants to keep everyone on the same page.
- Derrick attended the SB367 pilot training. The trainers have narrowed the scope and are working on an online version of the training. They plan three (3) more trainings this spring.

e. Department for Children and Families

- Jen received an email from Kathy Armstrong saying she is working on updates for our next meeting.

7. Review of the Implementation Process

Jen had a PowerPoint presentation for today, yet the weather prevented her from presenting it at the meeting. She is going to send it out to committee members.

She explained implementation begins right after policy approval and continues over time. The stages are not dominated by time, but by tasks. Implementation happens in stages: Exploration Phase, Installation Phase, Initial Implementation Phase, Full Implementation, and an Innovation

Phase. Everyone has done a good job of revisiting topics and policies pertinent to implementation. A lot of training has been provided, and additional training needs have been identified. Inter-rater reliability and agreement is part of training. The State has done very well in working realistically toward effective dates. We are right on schedule.

Next is the Full Implementation Phase for preparing for the future. Everything else has built up to this phase. We will look at where things are going and where possible improvements can be made. After that, the Innovative Phase asks, "How do we make it better?"

8. Data Subcommittee Update

Jen said this group includes two (2) smaller workgroups. The purpose of the first group is to determine how to share data across agencies. The Kansas Sentencing Commission and the KBI have been pulled in to this group. The KBI's infrastructure for data sharing will be helpful for this group. They are working on a visual representation of what the data sharing will look like. It may be costly, so next the group will research who has the ability to get this done. Jen says the meetings are very productive.

The second group is looking at Juvenile Services and DCF crossover data, for which there is a more immediate need. They are looking at how to get the data. Their next discussion is scheduled for March 9th.

9. Update on KDOC Administered Reinvestment Grants

Megan is having all information about these grants added to the KDOC website. Districts are getting programs up and going, and it seems things are going well in communities. Megan asked for suggestions on what update information is helpful to this group.

10. New Business

Don said the legislature is amending domestic battery law to allow the arrest of juveniles when in violation of a protection order.

11. Discussion of Agenda for Next Meeting

Sen. Smith asked if the Doodle procedure was working for everyone in scheduling our meetings. Everyone said it was. He will get some dates together and send them to Karyl-Ann for sending out a Doodle.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

GS/kar

Vote on the Acceptance of Bylaws, 02/23/2018

NAME	YES	NO	NAME	YES	NO
Laura Blake Bors	X		Randy Bowman	X	
Kevin Emerson	X		Rep. Gail Finney	X	
Judge Paula Hofaker	X		Donald Hymer	X	
Sen. Carolyn McGinn	X		Max Mendoza	X	
Megan Milner	X		Joe Norwood	X	
Melody Pappan	X		Sen. Pat Pettey	X	
Derrick Ploutz	X		Randy Powell	X	
Amy Raymond	X		Former Sen. Greg Smith	X	
Janet Waugh	x		Judge Delia York	X	

Member Kathy Armstrong was absent.

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