

Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Minutes

April 18th, 2025 10:00am

Location: Zoom

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1. Call to order @ 10:01 am
2. Roll-call: Members Present – Christopher Esquibel, Don Hymer, Hon. Richar Flax, Jeff Butrick, Lara Blake Bors, Mary Snipes, Megan Milner, Rachel Bell, Randy Regehr, Rebecca Gerhardt, Rep. Jarrod Ousley, Rep. Bob Lewis, Rodney Smith, Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Stephanie Springer, Steven Stonehouse
3. Public Comment: No public Comment
4. KORA - Kansas Open Meetings Act statement by the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee
5. Approval of meeting minutes
 - a. Moved to approve by Lara Blake Bors, 2nd by Rebecca Gerhardt. Unanimously Approved
6. Community program presentation
 - a. – *Mirror Inc. who receives funds from the Evidenced Based Practice Account through different grants. A brief overview of Mirror, Inc. and their different services and locations. Discussed their different levels of treatment and how EBPA fund are utilized. - Des Martens, President/CEO; Jason Greever, VP Treatment Services; Lance Carter, Director of Adolescent Treatment Services*
7. Chair/Vice Chair Report-out
 - a. Introduced New Member – Deborah Bremer, Dept of Education
 - b. Next quarter's meeting will be held in person, in Olathe, KS on July 18th, 2025.
8. Legislative update
 - a. Sen. Faust-Goudeau discussed the One Heart Project, that is expanding to Sedgwick County.
 - b. Rep. Lewis reported on the work of his committee and HB 2329 addressing concerns with crossover youth and not having sufficient tools to address mid-level offenders. Also announced was the Russ Jennings Committee is planning on holding hearings on the issues around HB 2329.
 - c. Sen. Faust-Godeau asked about applicants for community funding and clarifying that process. It was discussed that the JJOC allocates money to fund grants, then KDOC reviews and gives approval for grant applications.
 - d. Rep. Ousley expressed appreciation of the work of Rep. Lewis and his committees.

- e. Governor's office update - Rachel Bell reported out regarding Budget that was signed by Governor Kelly. Bell briefed about the various proposals that impacted the Evidenced Based Practice Account (EBPA), and thanked JJOC participants for their advocacy and work in attempting to preserve the EBPA.
- 9. Crossover youth report-out- Ashley Brown (DCF) A webinar was held on Monday to promote expansion of Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM). There now are fully implemented in 3 counties and working towards sustainability. A link to a survey was given for members to participate in. This is a step towards expansion to other counties.
- 10. KAG Update – No update.
- 11. Committee
- 12. Subcommittee report-outs
 - a. Reinvestment – Matt Billinger
 - i. The reinvestment subcommittee approved the Allocation Plan to recommend spending amounts to KDOC.
 - ii. The Subcommittee met with JAG K to better understand their funding and program details.
 - iii. Further program updates were provided by Jeff Butrick and Matt Billinger of KDOC.
 - b. Legislative – Lara Blake Bors
 - i. The subcommittee met frequently over the last few months reviewing pending legislation. The subcommittee discussed and offered different testimony and information to legislators.
 - ii. The subcommittee is proposing a workgroup of individuals to participate in a review of HB 2329 and the concerns the bill intends to address. A motion was made to authorize the legislative subcommittee to form a work group with regard to pending legislation HB 2329. This was unanimously voted in favor.
 - c. Communications Steven Stonehouse – the subcommittee is discussing on ways to enhance communication to highlight the use of the EBPA and to decrease the impression that the JJOC is “just sitting on a pile of money”.
 - d. Data – Matt Billinger provided an update on a contract with CJI with a planned start date of May 1st to address the KDAI validation study and further data enhancements.
 - i. KDOC and Amy Raymond (OJA) provided a review of data reflecting the juvenile justice system in Kansas.
 - ii. A comment was made to explore options for reporting out data related to poverty levels.
- 13. Recap action items

Next meeting date: July 18th, 2025 (in-person) Olathe, KS. 9am to 12pm.

Adjourn @11:49am