

# Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Date and Time: Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10:00am – 1:00pm

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1. Call to order at 10:01a.m.
2. Rollcall
  - a. Present: Betty Arnold, Lara Blak Bors, Jeffery Butrick, Sen. Faust-Goudeau, Rebecca Gerhardt, Don Hymer, Megan Milner, Rep. Jarrod Ousley, Rep. Stephen Owens, Amy Raymond, Mary Snipes, Stephanie Springer, Steven Stonehouse, Sec. Jeffrey Zmuda.
3. Public Comment – No Public Comment, reading of KORA
4. Approval of meeting minutes
  - i. Moved by Megan Milner, 2<sup>nd</sup> By Owens. Unanimously Approved; Ousley Abstained
5. Chair/Vice Chair Report-Out
  - a. Chair Hymer welcomed new members Betty Arnold and Rep. Ousley. Announced JJOC goals and assignment to subcommittees. Sen. Faust-Goudeau requested a list of committees and its members (see meeting supplementals).
6. Community Presentation
  - a. Repath – Jon Grover and Zach Brown discussed their program and opportunities they can provide to aid supervision of youth (see meeting supplementals).
7. Legislative update
  - a. SB 420, a bundle, in conference, scheduled this Friday with hope to move through process.
    - i. HB 2490 – case length extensions
    - ii. HB 2698 - juveniles to leave the juvenile center for programs, etc.
  - b. Discussed the move of \$18 million and the intent to make a proposal to get those funds allocated to juvenile justice priorities. Owens is proposing language to fund programs with Mirror for substance abuse, re-appropriation in 2025 for further infrastructure for juvenile crisis center, substance abuse, and evidenced informed and promising practices to be given to state finance council. Possibly create a JJOC sub-committee (ad-hoc) to develop a plan for the spending of the remaining \$15 million.
    - i. Snipes – inquired about helping families of victims in loss of life and would like to explore what options are there with funds.
8. Governor's office update – no updates
9. Crossover youth report-out

- a. Detailed update with discussion on barriers. CYPM requested support on judicial guidance and funding to pilot local crossover coordinator positions. (see meeting supplementals)
- 10. KAG Update – Peggy Pratt
  - a. KAG working with the Gault Center working on increasing training and resources for juvenile defense.
  - b. KAG is looking at getting vacancies filled and planning an upcoming member retreat.
- 11. KDAI Validation – Leila Kelfaoui
  - a. Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) has been working with OJA and KDOC to complete the validation report, and close to being able to submit drafts to the agencies for review.

**Action Agenda:**

- 12. Elections for Vice Chair
  - a. Jeff Butrick nominates Springer, who accepts. 2<sup>nd</sup> Steven Stonehouse
  - b. Vote: Unanimous approval of 12 members present
- 13. Subcommittee report-outs
  - a. Reinvestment – Megan Milner
    - i. Call for anyone interested in being chair of this subcommittee.
    - ii. Working on an RFP for a quality assurance/support for community supervision agencies
    - iii. Received request to fund the Youthful Level of Service (YLS) screener. Megan Milner moved that the Evidenced Based Programs fund pays for the YLS screener recommend that that \$8,000 annually be allocated from the Evidenced Based Programs fund for the YLS Screener moving forward, and costs based upon vendor.
      - 1. Vote: Unanimous approval by 12 members present
    - iv. Update on HB 2021 Implementation
    - v. Grants division of KDOC working on offering rolling grants
    - vi. Jeff Butrick and Matt Billinger provided program updates. More details are included in supplemental section.
  - b. Legislative – Lara Blake Bors
    - i. Subcommittee has a proposal for an amendment to the bylaws. Lara Blake Bors moved to approve the legislative subcommittee amendment regarding ex-officio members. After friendly amendments, the chair moved for a vote.
      - 1. Vote: Unanimously approved by 11 members present
    - ii. Legislative subcommittee provided testimony on various bills:
      - 1. HB 2490 – Case limitations, written testimony in support.
      - 2. SB 416 – Prohibiting fines and fees, written testimony as neutral.
      - 3. HB 2698 -Juvenile Residents at KCJJ – written testimony in support
  - c. Communications – Steven Stonehouse
    - i. Worked on getting word out to the public about what the JJOC does and funding available for what we represent. We have worked on communication about implementation of HB 2021. We have been working

on a quarterly newsletter to encompass all these areas. A format has been selected and will be sent out after this meeting. Thanks for Mary Snipes for her perspective.

- d. Data – Matt Billinger (Chair York not present)
  - i. The subcommittee continues to work on performance measures, and still working through Phase 1 measures. The subcommittee has started working on Phase 2 including juvenile detention population data, earned discharge credit, and recidivism.
  - ii. Quarterly Data – see supplemental information.

14. Recap action items.

- a. Reminder our next meeting will be July 19<sup>th</sup> and in person at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Center. An RSVP request will come out soon.

**Next meeting date:**

**July 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am (Topeka, In Person)**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Adjourn at 12:53pm.**