Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Date and Time: Friday July 17th, 2026 10:00am

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1. Call to order @ 10:03 am
2. Public Comment - No public comments
3. KORA - Kansas Open Meetings Act statement by the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee
4. Community Program – Mick Thornton from Northwest Educational Service Center is here to present on a community program that received EBPA fund for their Traumer Informed Resilience Community program.
5. Approval of meeting minutes – Lara Blake Bors moved to approve the minutes, Randy Regehr second, and unanimously approved the minutes
6. Chair/Vice Chair Report-out – Stephanie Springer
    a. Recognized Melody Pappan, Steven Stonehouse, Judge Delia York, and Lara Blake Bors for their work as subcommittee chairs.
7. Legislative update -
    a. Senator Faust-Godeau – The Child Welfare System Oversight Joint Committee met and had topics discussed that included crossover to the juvenile justice system.
    b. Representative Lewis – Juvenile Justice Joint Committee will meet this year, Senator Warren is the chair, and we are in the process of putting the agenda together.
8. Governor's office update (Rachel Bell) – Office of Early Childhood is up and running.
9. KAG Update (Max Mendoza, in person) – No new updates but continued from previous updates on the governor's report and their planning. Members from KAG attended the National Conference for the Coalition of Juvenile Justice. A formerly incarcerated youth was appointed to the emergent leaders committee for work around advocacy. Mendoza was awarded the A.L. Carlyle Youth Advocacy Award. Next KAG meeting is scheduled in August. There was discussed on youth expulsions, expungements, and pardons.
10. Subcommittee Updates
    a. Reinvestment – (Melody Pappan)
        i. Discussed allocation planning process, no new information to share but discussions continue. Matt gave some highlights on EBPA funded programs. A full update will be in the supplementals. Rebecca Gerhardt provided and update on the juvenile crisis centers.
    b. Communications (Steven Stonehouse)
        i. Working on the annual report that is due to come out before the end of November, but the goal is to get it out before juvenile justice interim. We also do a quarterly newsletter and work hard to get the message out about

the different programs funded by the EBPA and what programs are in danger of losing services.

c. Data Subcommittee (Judge Delia York)
    i. Continue its work with CJI to assess juvenile justice data and improve the way we use our data. The assessment of OJA and KDOC data and updating data collection measures is still in progress. The project timeline has been delayed due to some security processes and challenges; those are being worked through and hope to be resolved soon. Reviewed KDOC quarterly data, noted that OJA data was not the same to report due to a change in staffing at OJA, so that will be delayed.
d. Legislative (Lara Blake Bors)
    i. Discussed topics the subcommittee has discussed, including the traffic code regarding youth receiving felony level charges that currently go to traffic court, should go to juvenile court. This also affects the fines and fees discussions we have had previously.

Next meeting date: Friday October 16th, on Zoom.

Adjournment – Moved by Melody Pappan and seconded by Steven Stonehouse .