

Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

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Date and Time: June 18, 2021 from 9:00 am - Noon

Location: ZOOM Meeting

Pending Approval: June 18, 2021

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Committee Members in Attendance: Shanelle Dupree, Lara Blake-Bors, Hope Cooper, Kate Davis, Rep. Gail Finney, Judge Paula Hofaker, Don Hymer, Melody Pappan, Rep. Fred Patton, Sen. Pat Pettey, Amy Raymond, Mary Snipes, Stephanie Springer, Janet Waugh, Ken Winter, Max Mendoza

Committee Member Designees:

Criminal Justice Institute:
Tessa Upin

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

Public Comments: Terri Williams – Was contacted and would like to know whether the JJOC meetings are recorded and can we make the recordings public at least for a brief time for viewing? We will look into if this is a possibility.

Minutes from February Meeting: Don made motion to accept, Kate 2nded. Minutes were approved.
Shanelle introduced Ken Winter, the newest member of the committee.

Budget Updates: Hope Cooper

The Evidence Based Fund end of 2021 projected to be \$07,504,767. After the lapse of HB2007.

Reminder – Base allocation has been reduced by \$1.8 million, total is a little more than 12.5 million. 2 different budge programs = \$13.7 million.

Last year we had about \$8 million allotted for programs that were not implemented. We will have to go back and look at the actual spending. We will make recommendations to the Sub-Committee.

JJOC Corner: KDOC/Juvenile Services produces a newsletter from Jim Johnson. He will be saving space in it for the JJOC Corner to keep our partners and stakeholders up to date on what is going on with the JJOC.

Action Items Agenda: Things that the committee needs to vote on.

JJOC 2.0 Update: Shanelle posed the question. What is our identity? It has been 5 years since SB367. We have done a lot, and a lot more needs to be done. We want to be an effective committee.

New Business:

Sub-Committee worked on a new Mission Statement. Members: Shanelle Dupree, Judge York, Hope Cooper, Don Hymer, Melody Pappan, Amy Raymond and Tessa Upin

The sub-committee met 3 times (April-June) to draft the JJOC Mission Statement which is the the

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draft plan for the revised structure.

After reading the mission statement, discussion was opened. Kate had questions on some of the verbiage to be clarified. Sen. Pettey noted that nowhere does it mention funding. Don Hymer said that he thinks it was crafted that way on purpose as the committee doesn't have any actual control on funding – we can make recommendations only. Refer back to the statute. Add make recommendations on policy and funding. Add to improve the lives of the children in the Juvenile Justice System. – All parts of the system. **Tessa is updating the mission statement in real time.

Mission Statement as appears in chat:

Vision Statement:

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

Mission Statement:

The Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC) is a statutorily defined, multidisciplinary team of stakeholders of youth-serving programs. The JJOC is responsible for regularly reviewing information and data on progress and outcomes across all parts of those systems. The JJOC provides policy and funding recommendations and influences stakeholders across agencies and branches of government, on sound, data-driven, evidence-based implementation and sustainability of juvenile justice reforms.

Hope made the motion to approve the mission statement. Melody 2nded it. Vote passed for the version as it appears in the chat. (A copy is attached for supplemental data)

Reduce frequency of JJOC Meetings: We would like to look at reducing the frequency of full JJOC meetings to a quarterly schedule. We would keep the October meeting but cancel the August and December meeting. In 2022 the meetings would be in January, May, August and December. The times would be 10 am – Noon. We are looking at all of the meetings being Hybrid. The need for the large meetings has been reduced do to the reintroduction of sub-committees. The sub-committees will focus on the action items.

1. Data
2. Communication
3. Reinvestment.

Established sub-committees will meet in the off months to focus on the action items that will be shared back with the full JJOC. The JJOC must still approve any program that is presented on it's behalf.

A PowerPoint was presented with the information about the subcommittees (See attached for supplemental data)

What is the vision of the full JJOC? The lions share of the work should come from sub-committees.

Legislative Testimony: Amy Raymond- Since we do the annual report and it is approved, it will be the foundation. The Communications subcommittee will look ahead and use the annual report for legislative testimony.

By September we should know who the committee chairs will be, unless it is an election year.

Create an emergency procedure for voting – last year it was done by email.

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Amy made a motion for the Communications sub-committee will be looking at the language in the by-laws. Look and come up with a proposal to amend. Sen. Pettey 2nded the motion. Vote – Motion passes.

KDOC will provide notices for subcommittees on KDOC website.

Amy moved to reestablish the subcommittees.

Max Mendoza 2nded the motion

Vote – Approved, motion passes.

Amy has a survey that will be sent out to rank which subcommittee you would like to serve on.

Discussion for full JJOC meetings:

Virtual, in-person, or hybrid? Everyone agreed hybrid would be the best option to keep all of our members engaged and participating. The Judicial Center was chosen as they have the audio/visual capabilities and ample parking.

Don Hymer made the motion that the October 15th meeting be hybrid at the Judicial Center. Gail Finney 2nded it. Vote – Motion passes. Start time is 10 am for a 2-hour block of time.

Don made a motion to cancel the August and December meetings. Hope 2nded the motion. Vote-motion passes.

Tessa is available to help with the annual report that is due at the end of November.

Dedicated Support Staff: Jen, Tessa & CJI (What they do) Prepares material, support the work of subcommittees, logistics preparing testimony. Prepare annual report. Compiling data and creating coherent narrative. For the Data Subcommittee collects substantive data. Outreach & communication. Primary point person. We need a consistent person. They will assist with the JJOC Corner. They will be responsible for coordination of policy & practice changes. All of this calls for a dedicated staff person for this role.

Does JJOC have the ability to hire a dedicated staff person or is it a KDOC person? Contract has to go through a state agency. Limited FTE. Last years budget was \$66,000.00. Kate Davis commented that the lack of staff is hindering the committee. Don state that it is obvious that JJOC needs a full- time support staff.

Discussion that committee should retain CJI and hire a committee support person. For hiring a full time support staff – Look at the KU MBA program for candidates.

Action Item: Take this item to JJCO 2.0. Hope made the motion, Don 2nded it. Vote-motion passed.

Next Meeting: October 15th meeting 10:00 am – Noon. This will be a hybrid meeting. Amy is working with the Judicial Center for an in person meeting room.

Please send agenda items to Tessa Upin.

Max Mendoza made the motion to adjourn. Kate Davis 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.