

# Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Date and Time: Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10:00am

Location: Zoom

1. Call to order at 1:02PM
2. Roll-call
  - a. Members Present: Lara Blake Bors, Jeff Butrick, Kate Davis, Shanelle Dupree, Don Hymer, Megan Milner, Melody Pappan, Sen. Faust-Goudeau, Amy Raymond, Mary Snipes, Steven Stonehouse, Judge Delia York, Secretary Jeffrey Zmuda.
3. Public Comment – Chair gave time for any public comments, there were none.
4. Approval of July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes
  - a. Melody Pappan moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan Milner. Unanimously approved.
5. Chair/Vice Chair Report-out
  - a. Welcome Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, who is taking the place of Senator Pat Pettey. Recognized the many years that Sen. Pettey served the JJOC.
  - b. Recognize Shanelle Dupree for her many years of service and accomplishments during her time as Chair. She will be replaced by Rebecca Gerhardt, DCF Director of Permanency and Licensing.
  - c. Chair Hymer presented to the legislators on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and discussed his presentation and discussions with the legislators.
  - d. Discussed the chair and subcommittee chairs have a standing weekly meeting, and have discussed bylaw amendments.
6. Legislative update, no update at this time.
7. Governor’s office update, no update at this time.
8. Crossover youth report-out – a report was sent out to members ahead of the meeting. Daniel Olson was present for questions, but there was no discussion.
9. KAG Update – Melody Pappan gave an update from the Kansas Advisory Group.
  - a. Discussed many transitions happening this year including the chair (Max Mendoza) and support staff.
  - b. KAG attended a training on implicit bias training in Oklahoma, and had positive feedback from it, and plans to explore options to implement that in Kansas.
  - c. KAG is wrapping up their work with the Gault Center, for efforts in Juvenile Defense. This contract will go until September 2024.
  - d. A subcommittee is working on a handbook on what to expect when going through the court process and “what to do if pulled over”.
  - e. KAG will be involved Hill Day with the legislators at the capitol.
10. MOU – Validation OJA/KODC – Leila Kelfaoui from CJI gave an update that they have collected data from OJA and KDOC and are in process of reviewing that information at this time. Initial findings are scheduled to be discussed in January 2024 and a final report made available in March of 2024.

## Action Agenda:

11. Elections (Chair and Vice-Chair) Chair Hymer reviewed the bylaws that each chair and vice-chair serve a one year term and can be elected for two additional terms. Hymer announced that himself and Melody Pappan would accept a nomination for additional terms. Judge Delia York nominated Don Hymer for chair and Melody Pappan for vice chair, a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Lara Blake Bors. Hymer asked for any other nominations, there were none. A vote was taken with unanimous approval for Hymer and Pappan to remain as chair and vice-chair.
12. By-Law Amendment – Chair Hymer discussed the by-law amendment process to include the necessity for a 2/3 vote of approval for amendments to the by-laws. Hymer discussed the by-law amendment proposal as the request is to be able to have other members other than the chair and vice chair. Lara Blake Bors moved to approve the by-law amendment. Megan Milner gave a friendly amendment to add language to the last sentence to include the chairperson designee after “Vice Chairperson”. Blake Bors accepted the friendly amendment. Melody Pappan provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> for the amendment.
  - a. Article X (G) The Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson, **or the Chairperson’s Designee**, may provide formal testimony before the Kansas Legislature on behalf of the JJOC without approval of the JJOC. The Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson, **or the Chairperson’s Designee**, may seek the advice of the JJOC prior to testimony but is not required to do so.
  - b. Passed unanimously.
13. Subcommittee report-outs
  - a. Reinvestment – Subcommittee Chair Melody Pappan reported that the subcommittee continues to review the recommended allocation plan and has 2 proposals today, but further committee work will likely lead to additional proposals at a later date.
    - i. Moved to add a \$2 million allocation to juvenile crisis intervention each fiscal year (FY 24 & FY 25) and add \$353,549 in FY 24 and \$353,163 in FY 25 for additional staff for KDOC to work with JJOC processes and grants. Seven Stonehouse moved to approve the amendment to the recommended allocation plan. Kate Davis provided a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote was unanimous approval.
    - ii. Pappan announced that KDOC plans to offer grant opportunities throughout the year, likely quarterly. This is an attempt to satisfy legislative requests for “rolling grant opportunities”.
  - b. Communications – Subcommittee Chair Steven Stonehouse reported that the communications committee has been focused on the annual report, as well as promoting what the JJOC does and how it benefits communities. The committee was sent a draft of the annual report previously, and opened the floor to discuss the annual report. There was no additional discussion on the content of the annual report.

- c. Legislative – Subcommittee Chair Lara Blake Bors informed the committee they have had several meetings and hosted different community stakeholders to gain their perspective on recently passed HB 2021. In addition, they are discussing topics to get more information on and prepare for possible legislative action on. They will meet often during the legislative session.
- d. Data – Subcommittee Chair Delia York reported out that the subcommittee reviewed the graphs and data in the annual report. The subcommittee discussed ways to display data in an organized and clear manner, that tells and understandable story. They have reviewed the data performance measures, approved in October of 2021. Phase I is nearing completion, and Phase II will be a focus in 2024. Discussed additional data points to be added, many of which involve the passing of HB 2021.
  - i. OJA was not able to report out on data due to recent technical issues.
  - ii. Megan Milner discussed data submitted from the state JCAB reports.
  - iii. Matt Billinger reviewed KDOC data highlights including Intake placement outcomes, length of case for JISP and IIP. Billinger shared the link to the public dashboards. <http://www.doc.ks.gov/dashboards/annual-report-dashboards>

**14. Next meeting date:** Need to establish meetings for 2024 (via Zoom). It was determined by the body to keep a scheduled of meeting quarterly, in the first month of the quarter on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. List of meetings below.

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am : April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am : July 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am : October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am

**Adjourn at 11:32am.**