

JCAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 18th, 2024

JCAB Mission: Wyandotte County works together to support positive youth development and a safe community through the efficient and effective use of resources.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Judge York

II. Roll Call

The following Board members were in attendance:

Terri Broadus, Shelby Woodward, Mindy Fugarino, Phil Lockman, Michael Nichols, Jamie Oborg, Clarice Podrebarac, Maj. Brittanie Pruitt, Curtis Ross, Delia York

Not present: Ralph Garrett, Lana Gerber, Andrea Paulakovich, Michael Knight

III. Approval of the minutes from last meeting:

1st-Phil Lockman, 2nd-Clarice Podrebarac

Roll Call

Yes vote-unanimously

IV. New Business:

a) JCAB Grant Programs Review

York: We are going to get an update on our programs that the JCAB is funding.

Martin: Lowriding 2 Success.

See attached report.

Moses: Jegna Klub-Connecting the Dots.

See attached report.

York: I have witnessed an uptick of interest in the digital engineering world. We hope to continue to refer more kids your way.

Moses: We hope so. We have a great program coming up this summer that the boys are excited about.

Cory: Connection To Success-Project Start.

See attached report.

York: I don't want to gloss over the loss we experienced. It is unfortunate. So, reach out to one another if you ever have that moment in time. We will continue to support one another through this.

Curtis: Girls Circle and Boys Council.

See attached report.

Graduation March 27th.

b) The Delinquency Prevention Grant Recipient Review-Max Mendoza

Max: Heartland Primary 180

See attached report.

York: What do you see the barriers are for the folks that enrolled for the program but are not able to complete?

Max: A wide variety of barriers. We try to break down those barriers as much as possible, such as providing transportation, support ones with hardship, and provide childcare. But I think a lot of it has to do with their work schedule, things outside of our control. Not giving them the ability to be the classes. Some parents that tried to be there either missed too many classes successfully complete the class. They were given certificates of participation.

c) FY2025 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan-Bonnie Mejia

Bonnie: FY 2025 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan.

Just a reminder that the Juvenile Comprehensive Plan grant covers our personnel that are supervising our youth in the community, Operations, Evidence Based grants. This is not due till next year. The Reinvestment Grant is due next year. The Comprehensive grant is done annually, and this is what we will review.

Phil: KDOC said to expect the same amount of money that we've received over the past years, which is \$2,506,227.84. This covers Supervision, ISP, Case Management through Community Corrections, the Delinquency Prevention program that Max, Heartland 180 is providing, and JIAC. The budget will not be confirmed till the end of the session. But we are expecting the same amount of money.

See attached report.

Mary: We are still going through growing pains with the NTA in getting the reports. But I've been pleased with the number of parents that are contacting us within 48 hours when they receive the NTA.

York: The NTA's are a notice to appear. It is not the traditional notice to appear in court, it's a notice to contact the JIAC. They are issued by police and law enforcement entities. It is at their discretion to complete an NTA on a youth or allow them to release the young to their parents or guardians rather than bring them directly to the intake center.

Mary: That helps us control the flow of how many youths and parents come into the office.

Bonnie: Back to the report, page 11.

York: A bill was introduced about waiving court costs. However, this bill will not pass this year. The fiscal note on that was half \$1,000,000.00.

For those of you who wonder how youth pay their court costs and fees. I routinely convert cost and fees to community service hours. Just ask me. We are not going to hold youth up on probation or send them to jail because of the unpaid fee.

Bonnie: KDOC will continue to look at that. Back to the report.

York: Both family engagement staff are doing a great job. I can't stress how important that is to our community.

Bonnie: We have 1 supervisor, 1 family engagement, and one day reporting staff that is bilingual.

Phil: The document is hard to read because of the formatting. The State uses Amplifund which is the grant management portal. It's designed to be read electronically section by section. When you print it out, it's difficult to read and I apologize for that. Once the bugs are worked out, the database will be a lot easier for applicants to fill out.

Stephen Sage is our new fiscal officer. We have been struggling since Rebecca retired. The accounting dept has been taking care of our staff. The Accounting Dept has recently come into compliance with KDOC. KDOC released our last paychecks from the state, which was a positive thing. So, moving forward in July, Steve will be taking over most of the role of taking care of our accounts receivable, grant monies and reporting. He will also be working with the sub grant recipients meeting with them to see if there is anything we can do to help them on their reporting and making sure their paperwork is up to correct and up to date so that we can get it satisfied with KDOC.

Bonnie: Any questions on FY2025 Comprehensive Plan.

York: Motion to Approve. Mindy motion to approve, second motion-Clarice.

Roll call-Unanimous.

Reminder to everyone participating. We understand if you can't join us on a particular meeting day, please have your proxy available on that day. We are going to talk about the prospect of coming back together in person a little later.

d) FY2024 Q# Juvenile Plan Outcomes Report-Bonnie Mejia

Bonnie: I have four goals our department implemented to be in compliance with KDOC

1. To increase program hours, we started the data collection process to look at who is going through. We moved to a monthly meeting to work on increasing the program hours. We are having a program meeting in Division 15 next week to try to get the word out for what we have available. We meet with youth when they come on supervision so we can be transparent letting the youth know what is available, trying to get them involved.
2. Our goal is to look at the ISO's caseloads to ensure the ISOs are in compliance with KDOC standards. We are doing audits on the ISO's every quarter. My supervisors have continued to get all those done. We are sending out monthly compliance lists to ensure they are caught up with risk assessment. We are fully staffed, and I am proud of what my staff has done this past year.
3. Updating Agency policies was a goal to meet because we went through the KDOC review. All the policies updated that KDOC approved. Now it's just updating the policy monthly as

they come in. When Clay McArthur from KDOC sends us an update, our supervisor team has a meeting to discuss the new policies, then they give them to the staff to update the policy in their manual.

4. Shakila, the Quality Assurance Supervisor, has done a great job of looking at program fidelity and providing feedback to the officers regarding their office visits. This past year our team worked hard at getting trained in all the Evidence Based practices. Shakila came up with a scoring guide when sitting in on office visits every month to ensure staff are using those EPIC and MI tools. Officers look over homework with youth and review Case Plans every single office visit. Shakila is providing feedback to the officers on how we can best supervise the youth. Shakila is trained in most of our in-house programs. She will attend training class for Meditation to remain certified.

I am proud of the staff I have. We are doing a great job in Community Corrections.

Martin: Thank you for helping us, for supporting us and believing in what we are doing.

Mary: I'm excited to say we down to needing two people. Our part timers start next week. I have some of the best people on my staff and over half of them are bilingual. I can't say enough about my staff. I appreciate the extent the staff do to help our kids. I appreciate the support from everyone.

Max: I want to echo that. I think a lot of the success is due to collaborative partnership. Everyone is working together. Bonnie's amazing team has been a great support for us. PACES and Mr. Cervantes' team have also been a great support for us. Everybody is working together, and I think that is where the positive impact is coming from is everyone's collaborative efforts. Like Mr. Cervantes quote, "It takes a village". And our village is really coming together.

Moses: I appreciate you. Thank you very much. Lonnie helped us to learn a lot and to move forward.

York: I am a witness to the collaboration, and I want to also thank Court Services and Community Corrections. I could not do this without you and our community partners. It goes without saying, our youth will continue to need you, they will forever be impacted by your services.

About coming back together in person. We all recognize having to go to meetings and places in our city that is further away than others are sometimes too much, However, we are structured in a way that we have to comply with the Kansas Open Meeting Act. Sometimes coming together and visiting is more productive. We are going to come back together in person at City Hall on the 5th floor. Our next meeting is July 18th at 9:00. We will send out an invitation to the next meeting. It will have the address of the City Hall for those who do not frequent the downtown area. We look forward to seeing everyone's faces again in person. Thank you today for coming. Anything else we should cover before we leave?? Parking. That's a good question.

Phil: I'm not sure if City Hall still validates meetings or not. We can find that out. I know they went through a period where they said they. Would not validate parking tickets. Probably to save a couple of dollars. We'll check on that.

York: That parking info will come out. On the next invite for the meeting.

Adjourned: 9:58am