

**JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ANKENY KIRKENDALL PUBLIC LIBRARY
125 SW DISTRICT DRIVE, ANKENY, IOWA COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM
JUNE 12, 2025
10 AM – 3 PM**

MEMBERS: Andrew Allen, Diamond Denney, Stephanie Hernandez, Joshua Seltz, Judge Cheryl Traum, Zoie Points, Jeralyn Westercamp, Dan Larson, Melvin Gaye, Chad Jensen, Zoie Points, Armi Navarro-Damken

STAFF: Kayla Powell, Scott Musel, Kathy Nesteby, Alison Roe, Sam Johnston

OTHERS: Audi Wodrazka Espinoza, Laurie Nash, Tony Branch

WELCOME & CENTERING ACTIVITY – ANDREW

Andrew Allen opened the meeting at 10:05 am and extended a welcome and led the team in introductions. He also announced that he will be stepping down from the Advisory Council and as chair.

APPROVE (FEBRUARY 2025) MINUTES

Diamond Denney made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2025 and was seconded by Dan Larson. All in favor. So, moved.

YOUTH JUSTICE COUNCIL (YJC) ACTIVITIES

Zoie shared all the activities YJC members have participated in. Sharing that they have been extremely busy (professionally and personally) while continuing to grow/thrive.

IOWA TASKFORCE FOR YOUNG WOMEN (ITFYW)

Kathy shared that Jennifer Tibbetts has stepped down as chair and Laurie Nash has stepped up in the interim. There are several new members and there have been additional meetings to complete the publication “Healing Justice”

RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES (R/ED)

This sub-committee has undergone a lot of changes including a name change. Tim Johnson former R/ED Coordinator is no longer with HHS. Diamond also shared R/ED goals, objectives, and area of focus. She also shared R/ED will continue the work and collecting data.

JUVENILE COURT SERVICES – CHAD

Chad shared the Juvenile Court Services Realignment that realigns supervision from districts to being under Chad as the Director. As well as other updates.

JOHNSON COUNTY PRE-CHARGE DIVERSION – LAURIE & TONY

Laurie and Tony are with United Action in Iowa City. They are funded through the Diversion Grant. They shared a PowerPoint presentation to further explain their program details, data, and experiences.

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NATIONALS AND STATE UPDATES – STAFF

Scott shared that they have been in contact with the Governor’s Office regarding appointments. So, now we just wait for decisions. If anyone has any suggestions, please share and apply. We are currently down several positions within our team. There currently has not been any movement regarding the filling of the JJ Specialist position.

END OF 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES – KATHY

Legislation was signed to expand the use of supervised independent living for youth that are under a consent decree, and other bills that could be of interest to the JJAC.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – KATHY

There was a bill introduced to reauthorize the JJDPa through 2030. This Act is known as the Juvenile Justice Prevention and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2025 was introduced and cosponsored by Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island.

COUNCIL BUDGET – SCOTT

Scott referred to a current budget handout that was included in each packet. Budget currently sits at approximately \$75,000. Although there are still some outstanding charges which leaves Council funds closer to \$60,000.

COALITION FOR JUNILE JUSTICE MEMBERSHIP – SCOTT

Scott referred to another handout that was included in the meeting packet regarding Coalition for Juvenile Justice Membership dues. These due are normally accessed in December in order to continue to be voting members of the coalition. Council agreed that dues will be paid.

COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE CONFERENCE REPORT – ANDREW & STEPHANIE

Stephanie, Andrew, and Audi share their thoughts and experiences at this conference.

TALKING WALL PRESENTATION – KAYLA POWELL

Kayla, Armi, and Audi shared the latest data from the most recent Talking Wall. Also, shared upcoming event details.

TITLE II AND DIVERSION GRANT PROGRAMS – KATHY

Kathy referred to two handouts within the packet and briefly went over the program, grantees, and service areas.

MESKWAKI SETTLEMENT JUVENILE COURT OFFICER – KATHY

Kathy introduced the Meskwaki Settlement letter. There is currently funding available to this federally recognized tribe that needs funding. The Executive Team will need to set a meeting in order to decide on this request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We will discuss priority areas and Meskwaki decision at the next meeting on July 17, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

This meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.