

Juvenile Justice Steering Committee

March 11, 2025

Voting Members Present:

1. Multnomah Education Service District: **Bich Do**
2. The local sheriff, or that person's designee: **Deputy Chief Reardon**
3. The district attorney, or that person's designee: **Kate Molina**
4. The county Juvenile Services Director, or that person's designee: **Silvia Gomez**
5. A substance abuse professional: **Dauntae Roberson**
6. A juvenile defense attorney: **MPD- Dawn Andrews or designee**
7. A member of the business community: **Adriel Person**
8. Representative from Multnomah County Health Department: **Yolanda Gonzalez**
9. A representative from a community partner agency - VOA: **Greg Cussen**
10. Youth serving attorney: **Tyler Neish**
11. Lead juvenile judge or designee assigned by the Chief Family Law Court Judge: **Judge Amy Holmes Hehn**
12. Lived Experience: **Krystal Menefee**
13. OYA: **Sandra Santos/Gunnar Browning**
14. Gresham Representative: **Marcell Frazier**
15. Victim Rights: **Nichelle Moore**
16. IDD/Health Department: **Jessica Jacobsen**
17. Gresham Police Department: **Jarom Sweazy**

Others Present: Enrique Rivera, Heather Updike, Denise Pena, Ansley Flores, Lily Yamamoto

Note taker: Tiona Cage

Last Meeting's Action Items

Kyla

- Share document that outlines the services offered in Multnomah County's Detention
- Share JCP Proposal via email

Meeting Discussion Notes:

- Kyla is on maternity leave through August 2025. Silvia Gomez will participate in JJSC as her designee during her absence.
- Charter adoption discussion
 - A few updates were made since the last meeting

- The specific goals/objectives listed in the original draft were moved into a separate document, so that those can be more easily updated as needed annually.
 - A clause was added that specifies that in the case of a long-term absence (more than 1-2 meetings) of the JSD Chair, the JSD designee would step in as JJSC co-chair, alongside the DA.
- A quorum of members was present so a motion to adopt the charter was placed.
 - Tyler Neish seconded the adoption.
 - A vote was held and passed. Those in favor: Adriel Person, Jessica Jacobsen, Marcell Frazier, Jarom Sweazy, Chief Deputy Reardon, Dawn Andrews, Bich Do, Nichelle Moore, Silvia Gomez, Judge Holmes Hehn, Greg Cussen, Gunnar Browning, Kate Molina
- There are several vacant roles on the committee. **ACTION:** If anyone knows of people who might be a good fit, please let Kate or Silvia know. Open positions include:
 - A member of the faith community.
 - A county commissioner.
 - Two persons under the age of 21 years, or one person under the age of 21 years and one member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk juveniles.
 - A youth mental health professional:
 - A representative of a local parks and recreation program.
- One concern raised is that this noon hour meeting may not work for youth and families.
 - Also, a question was raised regarding if youth and families could be incentivized to attend.
 - Ansley shared that Family Voice Council members (youth, parents) could attend and they are able to be incentivized via FVC.
 - FVC is still in its early stages and is recruiting participants.
 - Incentivizing FVC members to attend JJSC would be something JSD would need to budget for
 - Dawn suggested we could offer other ways for families/youth to participate: via video testimonies etc.
- The question was raised: Could we shift this meeting? Maybe subcommittees could meet in the evening, to increase accessibility.
 - Sandra Santos shared that OYA has a family advisory committee – she offered that a JSCC representative could attend to invite people to participate OR to ask for feedback on specific questions/issues (every 2nd Tuesday night)
 - Tyler offered that to attend their next family advisor meeting
 - Judge Holmes Hehn suggested we consider leveraging JCC connections
- Marcell shared that he has heard there may be budget cuts impacting school-based mental health resources. He mentioned the importance of the County's Health team and Trillium.
 - Yolanda Gonzales shared that she is happy to help make connections to community-based partners
 - Tyler shared that one of his clients was working with a culturally responsive mental health practitioner. He wasn't sure how the connection was made.
 - Kate offered that doing some system mapping to see how people get connected to these types of resources/resources.

- Jessica added that she's not sure how realistic it would be complete some system mapping since it takes a lot of capacity.
- Silvia highlighted that youth may also have parents with needs similar to their own (ie vocational). She suggested we might aim to offer resources in ways that benefit the whole family, not just the youth (exp. an employment fair that shared job opportunities for youth and their parents)
- The group reviewed a goals and objectives handout that provided some possible objectives that could be ways to work toward progress on the three goals the group has chosen as focus areas (outlined in the charter).
 - The goal suggested some potential edits to a few of the objectives shared.
 - Overall, the group felt like the objectives outlined were generally in line with how the group envisioned working toward promoting the three goals.
 - Kate shared that working on one goal at a time might fit our capacity better than working on all three simultaneously. She recommended advancing Goal #2 (mental health), since that was the goal with the least amount of suggested edits.
- Volunteers were solicited for a Goal #2 Subcommittee for Mental Health. The following committee members volunteered:
 - Yolanda
 - Marcell
 - Bich
 - JSD representative
- Kate/Tiona will follow up with volunteers, post-meeting by email.

New Action Items:

All -If anyone has suggestions on potential people to fill the empty roles on the committee, let Kate or Silvia know. Open positions include:

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Judge Holmes Hehn - Check to see if Judge Gates wants to help with subcommittee (mental health)

Tyler - Check with contact who might be able to link us to a county commissioner/designee to participate

Tyler - Connect with Sandra regarding attending April OYA family advisory group meeting for recruitment purposes

Denise - Check to see if a county commissioner (or designee) may be interested in participating

Kate/Silvia - Retool goal #3 to share with the group