

Juvenile Justice Steering Committee

January 15, 2025

Attendees:

- Bich Do (MESD)
- Deputy Chief Reardon (Sheriff's designee)
- Kate Molina (District Attorney)
- Sherelle Jackson (ODHS)
- Lisa Kay (Juvenile Defense Attorney)
- Adriel Person (business community representative)
- Ximena Ospina, Kamille Irwin-Cordero, Greg Cussen (community partner agency representatives)
- Michelle Davis, Jeri Kelly (SOS representative)
- Tyler Neish (youth serving attorney)
- Judge Holmes Hehn (lead juvenile judge)
- Krystal Menefee (lived experience)
- Gunnar Browning and Sandra Santos (OYA)
- Marcell Frazier (Gresham representative)
- Nichelle Moore (victim rights)
- Jessica Jacobsen (RAP)

Note taker: Tiona Cage

Discussion Notes:

Reminders and updates

- Though we do have voting members, these meetings are public so anyone who'd like to come is able to attend in-person or virtually.
- Goal statement: "The Juvenile Justice Steering Committee will provide strategic direction and oversight for Multnomah County's juvenile justice system. Ongoing forum for communication and collaboration among key decision makers for the purposes of evaluating, analyzing, planning, policy-

making, and recommending action to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Multnomah County Juvenile Justice System.”

- Kyla will be going on leave in early March and will be out for 5 months. While she is out, a temporary director will be filling in for her. So, today we’ll plan to select a JSCC vice chair to run the meetings during Kyla’s absence.
- **ACTION:** Ximena – has a contact in Parks & Rec that she’ll connect us with
- Judge Holmes Hehn will be leading a juvenile systems partner check-in meeting quarterly over the lunch hour, starting in February

Committee Charter Objectives – Small Group Activity

Objective	Notes
1. Eliminate Overrepresentation of Youth of Color in Detention	Could be addressed by working toward achieving #4-6 3 votes
2. Reduce Probation Length of Supervision to Half	
3. Strengthen Data Collection and Analysis - SELECTED	Could also be addressed by working toward achieving #4-6. 3 votes
4. Promote Family Engagement and Support - SELECTED	4 votes
5. Enhance Mental Health Resources & Support Systems - SELECTED	3 votes
6. Enhance Educational Access & Support for Youth Impacted by the Juvenile Justice - SELECTED	3 votes

Other notes

- Focus on family not just youth
- Focus on alternatives to detention/incarceration
- Important to establish wraparound services and mentors

- Expediting case processing so that they are resolved more quickly is important

Vice Chair Nominations

- Kate Molina nominated. She accepted the nomination and was voted in as Vice Chair.

New Action Items:

- **Kyla**
 - Talk with SOS and Michelle about their role/voting member
 - Speak with Corrections Health regarding a representative from their office
 - Will ask Corrections Health for 20 minute presentation on mental health at the Feb meeting
- **Ximena**
 - Share Parks & Rec contact with Kyla
 - Share the parent handbook with Kyla as a resource
- **Tiona**
 - Include in meeting notes a reminder to sign up for the partner check-in and a link to the JJSC charter draft
- **Bich**
 - Prepare 20 minute presentation for the February JJSC meeting about MESD