

# Juvenile Justice Steering Committee

June 10, 2025

## Voting Members Present:

### Roll Call of Voting Members

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 juvenile defense attorney: **YRJ- Lisa Kay**
6. A member of the business community: **Adriel Person**
7. A representative from a community partner agency: Latino Network- **Ximena Ospina**
8. Lead juvenile judge or designee assigned by the Chief Family Law Court Judge: **Judge Amy Holmes Hehn**
9. OYA: **Sandra Santos/Gunnar Browning**
10. Gresham Representative: **Marcell Frazier**
11. Victim Rights: **Nichelle Moore**
12. IDD: **Jessica Jacobsen**

## Others Present:

Enrique Rivera, Shelly Sullivan, Sarah Mullen, Sarah Delepine, Micaela Thurman

**Note taker:** Tiona Cage

## Last Meeting's Action Items

### ALL

- Email Tiona with mental health resources you'd want to see included in the resource map
- Email Tiona with names of potential committee members for the vacant areas

### Bich

- Mention juvenile justice liaison idea to Sam

## 06/10 Meeting Discussion Notes:

- **ACTION:** DA Molina/Silvia - Contact social services to designate new representative, since Sherelle Jackson is in a new role
- Mental health subcommittee met
  - Are still working on asset mapping spreadsheet
  - Once the spreadsheet is complete, it will be used to identify potential service gaps
  - We can also repurpose the document as a resource for JCCs
  - Next steps:
    - The committee will build the document out a little more then will present to the larger committee
    - Others from the larger committee can add additional resources, if needed
- Micaela flagged that Commissioner Dixon Jones shared two notes that is of relevance:
  - Budget Note #9 - Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon: Service Connection Technology (DCJ) \*Silvia and Ansley already notified on this.

“DCJ, in collaboration with DCA, will provide a plan for Board funding consideration in FY 27 to support the technology upgrades and implementation of the application that connects juveniles in, or transitioning out of, the juvenile justice system with services. This application will support improved participation for youth and families in treatment and wraparound service referrals and mutual accountability. DCA and DCJ will submit an implementation plan to the Board by October 30, 2025.
  - Budget note NEW: Commissioner Jones-Dixon Requests the Chair to direct the Health Department to oversee a third-party study around best practices in youth violence prevention in Multnomah County.

\*I believe this was adjusted for the COO to oversee when it was presented today.
- Micaela also offered that if the committee needed assistance with marketing materials at any point, the DCJ Communications team would be able to help
- Data - Lisa Kay flagged that ODE has some tracking data that we might be able to source. She recommended we work within their systems to show the need for additional support needed for JII and to help foster relationships with school/district partners.
  - Silvia mentioned that there is a Bars to Bridges program that is supposed to be focused on helping youth transition out of Detention back into school.
- Bich added that depending on ODE to track this consistently or in a targeted way for JII might not be wise, since this is not specially funded/legally required.
- Bich suggested we focus on what JCC's/JCSS's are tracking.

- Bich mentioned the education tab in JJIS is often blank when she checks it.
  - Silvia added that JJIS does capture data regarding who is in school that is on supervision. However, it doesn't track completion or attendance.
- Gunner added- it could be helpful to speak with the MESD workers to identify:
  - Are you experiencing barriers?
  - What are they?
  - What do you need to overcome them?
- Marcell shared that there is a need to try to translate our findings into recommendations that can be championed by a public official or by someone with policy-related influence who can help get funding.
  - One potential resource could be to get a funded continuum of care position separate from MESD or JSD, someone who can walk them through the complete journey. He mentioned Commissioner Jones-Dixon had expressed support of this idea.
    - Amendment: "Replacing #39 Commissioner Jones-Dixon - EMOPI Continuum Care Coordinator (\$210,0000) (EMOPI) Offset: Program offer # 95001 Roll over gun violence grant revenue swap (175k)"
- We reviewed objectives 3.2 and 3.3 - updated versions of both were approved
  - Objective 3.2: Organize a time-limited workgroup (no more than 6 individuals within a 3-month span) to identify systematic barriers to school enrollment, attendance, and graduation, and develop recommendations for reducing or removing those barriers.
  - Objective 3.3: Facilitate at least one event per year for youth in Detention and one event per year for youth on community supervision with a focus on providing additional educational or vocational opportunities/supports for youth involved in the juvenile justice system (revised as of 06/02, needs review by the committee)
  - Next step: Create a subcommittee focused on Objective 3.3
    - Volunteers: Silvia, Ximena, Deputy Chief Reardon
    - We'll follow up with those who volunteered - a separate group will be convened as a later date to address Objectives 3.1 & 3.2

## Next Meeting Topic Ideas

- Bich - provide 15 minute presentation on data related to justice involved youth and education, including some of the related OARS's

## New Action Items

DA Molina/Silvia

- Contact social services to designate new representative, since Sherelle Jackson is in a new role

**Bich**

- Prepare to present at the July 8th meeting