

Juvenile Justice Steering Committee

September 9, 2025

Voting Members Present:

1. Multnomah Education Service District: **Bich Do**
2. A chief of police in the county, or the appointed chief's designee: **Jarom Sweazey**
3. The local sheriff, or that person's designee: **Deputy Chief Reardon**
4. The district attorney, or that person's designee: **Kate Molina**
5. The county Juvenile Services Director, or that person's designee: **Dr. Kyla Armstrong-Romero**
6. The director of the District 2 department of social services, or that person's designee: **Marissa Moon**
7. A substance abuse professional: **REAP Mark Jackson or Dauntae Roberson (notetaker present)**
8. A county commissioner: **Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon**
9. A juvenile defense attorney: **MPD- Dawn Andrews**
10. The Chief Family Law Court Judge: **Judge Patrick Henry**
11. A representative from a community partner agency: Latino Network- **Ximena Ospina**; POIC- **Kamille Irwin-Cordero**; VOA: **Greg Cussen; Michelle Davis-SOS**
12. Lead juvenile judge or designee assigned by the Chief Family Law Court Judge: **Judge Amy Holmes Hehn**
13. OYA: **Sandra Santos/Gunnar Browning**
14. Victim Rights: **Nichelle Moore**
15. IDD: **Jessica Jacobsen**
16. A member of the faith community: **Brandi Gonzalez**

Others Present:

Sarah Delepine (DCJ), Silvia Gomez (DCJ), John Cookus (AECF), Enrique Rivera, Sarah Mullen (LPSCC), Lisa Merrick (MESD)

Note taker: Tiona Cage

Last Meeting's Action Items

- none

09/09 Meeting Discussion Notes:

- Bich shared a presentation on [Education Data and OARS](#) (if you cannot access the link, please see the .pdf of her slides attached)
 - Q&A
 - If you need support with transitional services for a youth, Bich is a resource for any questions you have. There is also a referral link in the presentation slides attached to this email.
 - IEPs are implemented/updated as necessary while a youth is in Detention. However, typically this is not updated unless a youth is in Detention for at least 30 days.
 - For youth who are there short-term, they still receive credit but it may be very small if the youth is only there for a few weeks. DEL also compiles transcripts for youth (typically for those in Detention for at least 30 days).
 - DEL graduation rates have increased during the last few years, but that is due to the length of stay of some of the youth. Last year, seven youth graduated. Four youth are currently being supported in post-secondary studies. Note: OYA covers the cost of post-secondary studies, DEL does not, since it's intended to be a short-term facility.
 - 30-50% of youth at DEL come in with an IEP. MESD is working with Corrections Health to see if there are opportunities to collaborate to address the need including around issues like traumatic brain injuries (TBI).
 - If you have concerns a youth might need an IEP, community partners can submit a referral recommendation.
 - One suggestion: MESD could speak with a youth's legal team to help facilitate support for a youth in potential need of an IEP.
- Behavioral Health Subcommittee Update - DA Molina
 - The subcommittee is still working on updating the resource sheet to share with the committee within the next few months.
- Vocational Ed Supports Subcommittee
 - They met for a 2nd time.
 - There are a few new members: Christine Otto, Captain Rob Stuart
 - They will work on planning a community-based event first, corresponding with El Dia de Los Ninos (Date TBD, potentially 04/05 or 04/30).
 - Latino Network has offered up funding toward snacks.
 - Target group for event: Youth age 13-18.
 - Also, there is a plan to invite participants from 4D and Mt. Hood Community College to participate on the subcommittee.
 - The subcommittee will continue to meet monthly.
 - As the event details are planned, there may be a need for contributions (financial/material) from other member organizations represented on the committee.

- Commissioner Jones-Dixon recommended the behavioral health committee potentially connect with those working on the gun violence prevention gap analysis group in LPSCC.
- Check-In on how JJSC is going
 - Though the timing makes it difficult, there is a desire to have youth representation on JJSC.
 - One alternative offered - gather input/thoughts from youth in Detention and have a staff member or representative relay their ideas/concerns to JJSC.
 - Kyla highlighted that we would need to be mindful about any potential legal implications of having a pre-adjudicated youth in Detention speaking into the JJSC space. However, there is a youth voice council/group being formed in Detention.

Next Meeting Topic Ideas

- Update on Family Voice Council

New Action Items

- none