

**JCAB Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

JCAB Mission: Wyandotte County works together to support positive youth development and a safe community through the efficient and effective use of resources.

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**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Bonnie Mejia.

**II. Roll Call**

The following Board members were in attendance:

Terri Broadus, Shelby Woodward, Mindy Fugarino, Lana Gerber, Bonnie Mejia, Courtney Peters, Clarice Podrebarac Brittanie Pruitt, Curtis Ross, Judge York.

**Not present:** Michael Knight, Michael Nichols, Ralph Garrett, Andrea Paulakovich

**III. Approval of the minutes from last meeting: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Roll Call:** Unanimously

**IV. New Business:**

**a) JCAB Grant Recipient Program Review: Bonnie**

**See Report**

We have 4 grants that we review every year. The Juvenile Comprehensive Plan pays most of Community Corrections salaries, Juvenile Reinvestment Grant through KDOC that pays the salary for our Mental Health salaries. Next month, we will start the review process for the organizations that reapply for the grant.

Community grants are the Evidence Based Program Grants. There was a distribution of \$469,378.20 for FY24 and FY25 to 4 programs awarded. The document JCAB EBP Grant Program Info was sent to everyone. It shows what the programs were awarded for FY25, what the organizations shared with me, and what we are looking for in the next quarter. The 4th grant is the Delinquency Prevention Grant. You also received the Juvenile Supervision Numbers report. This report shows the population that Wyandotte County is working with. This report is a snapshot of Community Corrections and Court Services. October, November, and December month end numbers.

We have the organization attending the meeting to give us an update on how their program is going. Martin with Lowriding 2 Success was awarded \$102,127.00 for FY24.

**b) Lowriding 2 Success Bike Club-Martin Cervantes**

**See report.**

**Martin:** A couple of youth are taking advantage of the Substance Abuse therapy sessions. We are starting art class on Friday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. There are 5 bikes that have been entered

into the World of Wheels Car Show that is coming up February the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. The participants will receive two passes for the weekend event. Our youth are proud of their bikes. So, feel free to stop by to visit our youth. Our youth can benefit from your presence.

**Bonnie:** Jagna Club Connecting. The Dottes. With Moses awarded 269,000. Zero \$11.19 for fiscal year 25.

#### **c) Jegna Klub (Connecting the Dottes)-Moses Wyatt**

##### **See Report**

**Moses:** We started working with Workforce Development Coaching, which is a partnership with Black Development of Greater Kansas City. They come in monthly to provide services such as Soft Skills Interviewing and Time Management. The goal is to 1) Help change the mindset of youth. 2) Teach the youth how to communicate and advocate for themselves. 3) Help build a network so the youth will be successful and to engage in and with positive adults.

We have formalized our media and entertainment business with Henderson Entertainment. The youth will be taught how to be independent in the industry, build relationships, learn about contracts, how to read contracts, register their music, promote their music and put it on the streaming platform. market it, promote it and put it on the radio.

In the third quarter the youth will be doing a video project for the song they created. This is the business side of the multimedia industry they will be learning. We have two youth that are a part of the Real-World Learning that have already produced a song.

Started True Talks in December in the JDC with Dr. Bates twice a month. This provides relationship building. There have been 24 youth participating on a weekly basis. This has built a bridge for the youth to have somewhere to go when released.

#### **d) Connections to Success (Project START)-Brandi Jahnke**

**Bonnie:** Corey Finley with Connections to Success was awarded \$100,000.01, but this award did not become effective till December. After implementing the program, the 1<sup>st</sup> class will start today, January the 18th 2024. Since KDOC just started funding the program, half of the funding will have to be returned to KDC.

**Cory:** Five referrals have been received. Orientation starts today and classes will be held at the Day Reporting Center starting on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Once this class gets off the ground, we will start working on the next schedule and prepare for the next group. We will focus on getting youth prepared for jobs, look at what their goals are, help them set goals for themselves, work through the steps to reach their goals and continue life coaching.

**Bonnie:** One Circle and Boys Counseling. Curtis Ross Awarded 5240 dollars. Fiscal year 2024.

#### **e) Girls Circle & Boys Council**

##### **See report.**

**Curtis Ross:** 100% self. Efficiency. Looking forward to the third quarter.

**Bonnie:** Heartland 180 Delinquency Prevention Grant-Max

**f) Heartland 180-Max**

**See Report**

**Max:** We have a new partnership with McNewton's Outreach Center located at 13th and Parallel. It allows us to have an onsite therapist. This program accepts Medicaid. Youth with State coverage have a long waiting list before receiving mental health services, so it helps having access to the therapists on site. One thing that makes me nervous at this location is the adult transitional living on the top level. There is separation between the two groups, but having adults and youth on the same premises makes me a little nervous. Therefore, we are looking at other arrangements going forward.

**Bonnie:** Are there any questions or clarifications on the five programs?

**Judge York:** I appreciate our community partners. We've been in survival mode for the last couple of months because of the breach of the Court network. By way of information, it has been a challenge to piece together the history of all the cases. So, I appreciate our community partners continuing to stay the course and being patient with us. We do have access back to the case management system, so my hope is things will move a little more smoothly and into the future. We won't be trying to remember our cases. Again, I appreciate our community partners. The next quarter, I would like to see a breakdown of the budget for each of our Programming organizations. I want to see how the money is coming in and what the money is being spent on. I'm always a little concerned about fiduciary responsibilities to our taxpayers. So, for the next quarter, I would like the program facilitators to work on that.

**Max:** Would it be helpful to include the JCAB when I email my quarterly fiscal report to the UG?

**Judge York:** Not all JCAB members need to receive those reports, but if you can send them to Bonnie, I would appreciate it.

**Bonnie:** That's fine. You can send the report to me, and I'll get together with all five of the groups and work a more simplistic breakdown.

The 4th grant is the Juvenile Comprehensive Plan grant. We will be talking about the annual goals for the Community Correction Agency. The goals will need to be approved by JCAB at the end of the year. But I'd like to give a quarterly update on what we're doing on the goals so that the JCAB is aware.

As a reminder. Our goals are 1) To increase program hours in accordance with the youth YLS risk level scores. KDOC has a standard that is based on a youth risk level, low, moderate, and high. The youth are assigned to a number of program hours to complete based on the YLS score. This is something we tend to struggle with because a youth that scores a high-risk level is to complete 120 program hours. In the past it's been hard to complete these hours because of school and other outside activities. Working toward that high goal is difficult to accomplish. Our supervisors sit down with the probation officers monthly to do a check on where we are at with

the youth's program hours. The supervisors discuss quarterly hours over quantity hours and how to maximize the hours in those programs 2) To ensure we are in compliance with KDOC standards, we are still working toward that goal by doing internal audits. Every quarter our supervisors discuss with the youth what they find with teens, 3) Keeping our agency policy updated. We are continuing to update policies as KDOC sends us monthly standard updates. KDOC did a review by coming to our office to look at our internal policies and cognitive programs. The final plan was sent to KDOC with those updated policies. The program review is complete and we will not be up for a review for another two years, 4) Establish a Quality Assurance position for this division. Since we offer internal programming, bringing in someone that can look at fidelity and programming, sit in on an office visit will help to ensure our probation officers are using Motivational Interviewing, EPICS tools and things that evidence shows is helping youth succeed during probation.

One problem we face with programming is giving quality treatment to the youth due to other activities outside probation period. We try to find the best way to give that quality treatment without having them being in a program 24 hours a day. There is always room for improvement because it takes us to really look at each individual youth. Individualizing a case plan for the youth on what programs will likely help them succeed. I wanted to give you a quick update so you will know what I am sending to KDOC. Again, we don't vote until the end of the year.

Our next meeting is April 18th, 2024, 9:00 AM. Please plan to attend because that meeting will review the money that is applied for through the JCAB grants. The Delinquency Prevention Plan, Reinvestment and Juvenile Comprehensive grant will be reviewed, and we will have to vote and approve.

Adjourned: 9:45am