

**JCAB Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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 9:04 a.m. by Judge York.

**II. Roll Call**

The following Board members were in attendance:

Terri Broadus, Ralph Garrett, Mindy Fugarino, Lana Gerber, Phil Lockman, Jamie Oborg  
Brittanie Pruitt, Curtis Ross, Judge York.

**Not present:** Clarice Podrebarac, Michael Knight, Michael Nichols, Shelby Woodward

**III. Approval of the minutes from last meeting: April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, & Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Roll Call:** Unanimously

**IV. New Business:**

**a) FY24 Quarter 1 Supervision and Program Numbers Review: Bonnie**

**Bonnie:** See attached report.

**Judge York:** What can we do to move forward with connections to success process?

**Bonnie:** The MOUs were drafted last week for the Legal Dept to review and approve. I submitted the numbers as if the contract would start the 1st of November. We have 6 MOU's that need to be updated. Five are being funded because their contract is already in place. Project Start is a new contract that we need to finish the process so that the funding can get started.

**Judge York:** Connections 2 Success. Our intent is to push forward with the MOUs so you can start your services. I'll give it my best effort.

**Brandy:** Thank you. We are looking forward to working with you and your clients.

**b) Board Members Update-Judge York**

**York:** Mr. Cervantes with Lowriding 2 Success. I want to acknowledge everyone who comes to support our youth. Mr. Cervantes is a steady participant in the community and is in our court system as well. He is very well versed on how it takes to raise a village. We can't stress that enough. We need as many folks as possible in our community supporting our youth and their families. Thank you for your work.

**Mr. Cervantes:** Thank you for the opportunity. We are continuing to grow in our program. We have Ms. Katie Jones with CAPAZ counseling. She comes in once or twice a month to

do group or individual counseling sessions. We started with Heartland 180 programs weeks ago which provides social emotional learning curriculum. They come once a week for an hour. We have Mr. Bobby Newman from Newman Interventions. He comes in once a month to do individual drug counseling as needed. Mr. Newman is willing to help with emergency interventions while in court. I can give you his information. Our kitchen is finally ready and up and running to start cooking classes so the students will be taught to cook a healthy meal.

**York:** Moses, I want to recognize you and Mr. Keys for supporting our youth not only in the program but also in court. You are 100% invested in assisting our youth in making better choices. At a hearing last week, a young man was encouraged by Moses and Mr. Keys to tell the truth and tell what happened. That was a learning experience, and we appreciate you, Mr. Moses.

**Moses:** We appreciate the opportunity to serve our youth. November 8th, we will have an open house and want to invite everyone to come to our facility to see what skills the youth are learning and to see our set up. Two of our youth are working on a couple of projects that should be done by then and will present them to the community. We started making a connection with JDC to start programming as well as day reporting classes. This will be starting within the next month. We have also connected with Client Connection Projects whom we are hoping will give our youth a few more black achievers of Kansas City. They are coming more regularly to our site to teach the soft skills of art to our youth. We are excited to reach more of our youth that can use good relationships to help them engage in positive behavior.

York: Thank you, Moses. We are going to continue to rally around those young people. Referrals will keep coming. I know it seems like a trickle but keep the faith.

Bonnie: Can you please add the date, time, and location of your building for your Open House on chat for everyone to have?

Moses: Yes.

**York:** Thank you, Moses.

Matt is with Heartland 180. We appreciate you are partnering with some of our other programming partners in the community. I think it is fantastic that you are coming together so that every gap can at least have some ability to be filled. I see this collaboration in a way I hadn't seen in the past, so I appreciate that.

**Matt:** We are excited to partner with Lowriding 2 Success. We attended their fundraiser, which was amazing! Kudos to Mr. Cervantes and his team for that night. The community gathering had a rich Latino heritage, dancing, food, and all the things that make for excellent gathering. Everything was awesome. We are happy to be a part of that. We are implementing our curriculum course with Lowriding 2 Success. It is the Heartland 180 curriculum for youth and adults, which includes a strong piece of entrepreneurship, and we are excited to put that piece in place. It is a little of a different trajectory than our normal 180 curriculum, so we are happy to implement that. We are partnering with Guy Freeman at One Community Jiu-jitsu. Me and the youth participating are really enjoying it. Mr. Ray and his assistant have been so positive with our guys. We don't have any ladies, but the guys are enjoying it. It is a great collaboration with the Jegna Klub. In early October, everyone came

together to make that a special night for them. We are excited about what's happening with Heartland 180 and the partnerships we are developing across the community.

**York:** I think it is very helpful for the board members to hear from our Programs, our community-based partnerships. It is informative and helpful. I want to keep this up. We have new people that are joining us today. But we will do Introductions at our next meeting. Ms. Brenda sent out a couple of emails for your updated contact information, your proxy and your proxies' information. If you haven't responded yet, please do so that we will always have a quorum when we need to vote.

**Phil:** My primary task next week is to follow up on the Commissioner's appointment. It went to the Standing Committee a couple weeks ago as a standing item, appointment to board, and commissions. New requirements for the appointee are being considered. You will have to be a resident of the county to be appointed. A background check must be done for everyone who is appointed. I do not know whether it passed or where it's at. When it gets to the Standing Committee, the Commissioner or Mayor will have to deal with that issue. When I find out where that it is at in process, I'll let everyone know.

**York:** I do hope that we get a commissioner soon to rejoin our board. It has been quite some time since we had an elected official with UG joining us. We will continue to work towards that. Phil, if you need my help, just let me know. I'm always willing to help.

**Phil:** What can drag out the process is the newly elected Commissioner may want the dust to settle. In addition to that they are not clear on the appointment process themselves. The commissioners used to rotate among themselves. I don't know if the Mayor is doing that now, but I'll get that clarified next week.

**Martin:** We just partnered with Casey Scholars, who are going to work with our juniors and seniors high school students to get them a scholarship if they want to achieve a higher education. The student can get up to \$50,000 for a four-year college degree or whatever higher education they want to enroll in. Casey and her team will be here tomorrow. We have our 3rd Friday Open House, which will be the last one for the year. Casey and her team will be talking with the community which includes not only our high school students but also our adults. So please let everyone know about the scholarships who might be interested in going back to school. The community can come tomorrow for more information regarding the scholarship and/or get advice. They are another partnership that is helping our students with their future.

**York:** Third Fridays Strawberry Hill Community Festival?

**Martin:** Yes. It is very family oriented. There will be a lot of vendors. It's every 3rd Friday at our Open House for them to come and talk to our students. It's just a fun day.

**York:** The Third Friday Starts at what time?

**Martin:** 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

**York:** Is there any old business we need to cover?

**Phil:** No.

**Brenda:** We have a quorum now, so if you want to approve the minutes, we can go ahead and do that.

**York:** Has everyone taken the opportunity to review the minutes? Motion to approve the three past meetings.

Motion to approve-Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Curtis.

**Roll call:** Yes, unanimously.

**York:** Our next meeting is Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Bonnie:** Can we move it to January? That is the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. This will give the Programs opportunity to get their program numbers together.

**York:** That is a fair ask. Can we say January 18th at 9:00, the 3rd Thursday of the month? On that day we will ask for a more in-depth introduction of our Board members and their proxies.

**Bonnie:** We will start having Quarterly meetings, every 3rd Thursday of the month at the end of the quarter so we can receive updates and data information from our Programs.

**York:** Please send out the calendar for 2024 as soon as you can get it together so that everybody have it.

Phil: The Deputy Secretary of Corrections, Megan Milner will be here next week on Wednesday. She plans visit the Adult and Juvenile Department. She also wants to visit Terri's facility. It has not been confirmed yet. Second, in the future, we will be coordinating with the Clerks Office to project the JCAB zoom meetings on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room in the City Hall. If the public does not have access to internet, they can come to the City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> floor and attend the meeting via zoom.

The JCAB website is up and current on the UG Advisory Board with minutes and board members. Coordinating with the Clerk's Office will ensure our information is up to date.

York: Thank you. FYI.... The Juvenile Oversight Committee will be putting out its Annual Report at the end of November. That report is always available on the Kansas Department of Corrections website. You can see past year's annual reports and you'll see this year's as well.

Adjourned: 9:40am