



# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Policy Board

November 7, 2022

### MINUTES

**Appointed Members Present:** Mary Abboud, Zachary Slocum, Joella Gerber, Jon Green, Meghann Foster, Kate Connell

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Mayasa Hamid (youth), Lisa Williams (ICCSJ), Emily Voss (JCAO), Brad Barker (City of IC) Erin Altheide (JCS), Chris Wisman (JC Sheriff), Alton Poole (UI Police), Gabe Cook (ICPD)

**Guests Present:** Talia Meidlinger (UAY), Dawn Schott (Linn Co Detention & Diversion), Brad Kunkel (JC Sheriff), Denise Brotherton (ICPD)

**Staff Present:** Laurie Nash

**Welcome and Introductions** We welcomed new member Zachary Slocum to the Board and welcomed back Blake Rupe, Susan Vileta, and Trevor Templeman for additional terms.

**Approve previous minutes** Motion by Jon G, second by Joella G. Approved unanimously.

**Review FY22 Final Program Reports & Approve FY22 Year-End Report** The year-end report, which included summaries of the final program reports, was emailed to members in advance of the meeting. Laurie highlighted the data sections at the beginning of the report and briefly noted program outcomes. There was a question whether data included youth waived to adult court. Laurie noted that it does not and said she would work to include that in future reports.

**Review 1<sup>st</sup> quarter FY23 program reports** Quarterly program reports can be found in our Google Drive. With it being only the first quarter, most programs just got started by September.

**Pre-Charge Diversion Expansion Update** Laurie reported that United Action for Youth was awarded the subcontract for the expansion and coordination activities around juvenile pre-charge diversion. The contract started November 1 and UAY is in the planning phase. Next steps are to finalize the Memorandum of Agreement and further define the diversion activities for new allegations.

Sheriff Kunkel expressed concern about some items in the Memorandum of Agreement and asked if it has been approved by the County Attorney's Office (CAO). Laurie said that it was emailed to the CAO but she has not yet heard back from them. Sheriff Kunkel specified his concern about *Item 4. Procedures a. Referral to and Screening for Diversion ii. Notification may be made to parents. Notification shall not be made to schools by law enforcement.* Laurie shared that she has spoken with the CAO about that specific item and they advised that there is nothing in law that speaks to pre-charge communication, neither requiring it nor prohibiting it. Laurie contacted the Iowa Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) who then referred it to the Children's Rights Clinic at Drake University. Discussion about notification of formal Juvenile Court Services information to schools coming from Juvenile Court Office. Officer Cook shared that ICPD does not routinely notify schools unless there is a safety concern. Officer Poole agreed that school notification and consequences

are not advised in the latest diversion best practices. Talia shared information about best practices in diversion. Laurie and Sheriff Kunkel will schedule a future meeting to address the concerns.

**Policy & Practice: School Notification** As noted above, there was discussion about law enforcement notification to schools of youth encounters that do not result in a charge.

**Announcements.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2023 3:30-5:00**

Questions about these meetings can be directed to Laurie Nash at 356-6090 or [lnash@johnsoncountyiowa.gov](mailto:lnash@johnsoncountyiowa.gov)

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