

Meeting Minutes

Justice Involved Women and Girls Task Force

Date: January 14th, 2026, 2025, 10:00am-12:00pm

Purpose: The Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls consults with the Commissioner of Corrections regarding choice of model programs to receive funding, reviews and makes recommendations on matters affecting female offenders, identifies problem areas, and assists the Commissioner in seeking improved programming for female offender

Open Meeting Law: The taskforce is governed by **The Minnesota Open Meeting Law** requirements.

Location: Hybrid: Webex Webinar and in the DOC Itasca Conference Room

Attendance:

NAME	ROLE	TERM END DATE	ATTENDANCE
ADAMS, MADELYN	Taskforce Member	3/12/2027	Absent
BIZZOTTO, LAUREN	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	In-Person
BREWER, ANGELA	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
ENGEL, NIKKI	Taskforce Member	7/29/2026	Online
FLANDERS, LINDA	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
GRANDA, KILOMARIE	Taskforce Member	1/9/2027	Online
HASSAN, NASRA	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
HENSON, KAYLEE	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Absent
HUNTER, VICKI	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	Online
MASON, MAYA	Interim Chair		
MAYS-ANDREWS, ANGELISA	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
RIDDLE, SAVANNAH	Taskforce Member	3/12/2027	Online
SCHAEFER, PAULA	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
SPIES, JEFF	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	Absent
THOMPSON, ANGELA	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	In-Person
THOMPSON, COREY	Taskforce Member	3/12/2027	Absent
VIEL, CECELIA	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	In-Person
WELTER, TANA	Interim Co-Chair	8/8/2026	Absent
VACANT	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	In-Person
VACANT	Taskforce Member	N/A	N/A
	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	N/A
DON KLINK			
CRYSTAL BRAKKE	Staff	N/A	In Person
	Liaison	N/A	In Person

Welcome, Roll Call, and Announcements

- See attendance above
- Minutes approved unanimously
- Violence Free Minnesota Event will be held on January 30, 2026, at St. Paul College Club and virtually. Nikki Engle will send an invite to Don Klick for distribution to the task force.

Updates on Body Searches and Scanners (Jeff Spies)

- Policy Highlights
 - Searches must avoid unnecessary indignity and be least intrusive.
 - Body scanners are used when available and feasible.
 - Exceptions: wheelchair users, pregnant IPs, minor IPs, IPs with medical devices, combative IPs, or entering secured areas.
- 2025 Data Summary
 - Unclothed body searches: 1,375 total, 8 positives (0.58%).
 - Reasons: admissions (315), segregation (266), holding (190), max dosage (154), and scanner unavailable (200).
 - Body Scans: 157 searches, 54 positives.
 - Scanner downtime caused 200 unclothed searches.
 - Training and skill retention for operators remain a challenge.
- Suggestion to allow minors to consent to scans with informed consent discussed. Jeff will explore this and report back to the task force.
- Suggestion to add this topic to the agenda on an annual basis was discussed.

Subcommittee Updates

- Conference Subcommittee.
 - Members: Nikki Engel, Tana Welter, Angela Brewer, and Angelisa Mays-Andrews.
 - Nikki met with Heather (conference planner)
 - Meeting scheduled for tomorrow (1/15) to set monthly meetings and plan the next steps.
- PREA Policy Review Subcommittee.
 - Members: Vicky Hunter, Maya Mason, Angela Thompson, and Tana Welter.
 - AI comparison of DOC Policy vs. PREA statute completed and recommendations sent to the DOC.
 - Awaiting DOC's final version for review at February's meeting.

- Juvenile PREA Compliance
 - Paula drafted question for DHS. They were forwarded to DHS for February meeting discussion.
 - There is no subcommittee formed for this topic; we will revisit after February presentation.

Membership Review

- Open Positions:
 - Tribal liaison (Commissioner's Office is working on this).
 - Lived Experience Representative. Don will send a link out to task force members for applications.
- Attendance Review:
 - Kaylee Henson and Cecilia Vale were identified as having multiple absences.
 - Vicky will reach out to them regarding continued participation.
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Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

Final Member Comments

- No final comments presented.

Action Items

- JIWG Subcommittee reviews DOC PREA Policy (Final Draft) and have feedback prepared for February meeting
- DOC PREA unit compares PREA Standards vs. 2960 and identifies gaps
- JIWG Subcommittee and DOC reviews findings and identify legislative recommendations if applicable
- Crystal will get the information from the I&E Team about the current practices and the current way that they are asking questions

Next Month

- Update on PREA Policy Review (February)
 - Discuss DOC data on false reporting discipline (February)
 - Juvenile PREA compliance and potential legislative recommendations (February)
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Future Meetings

- Ramsey County Girls Report – Guest Speaker Christy Cobb (March)
 - Video presentation on Hawaii's Model of Girls Residential Services
 - CSAC Subcommittee Involvement – Angela Brewer
 - Discussion with Margaret Zadra, Ombudsperson, regarding relevance of Ombuds Office for girls' grievances
 - Pertaining to PREA, what are the quality of resources, the source of data, and the accountability for juvenile facilities?
 - Discussion on educational program tracking within Minnesota Correctional Facilities
 - Discuss DOC Licensing requiring PREA at juvenile facilities.
 - Accounting for educational programs completed by incarcerated persons.
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Meeting adjourned at 10:48am

Next Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 - 10 AM to 12 PM

MN DOC Central Office – Itasca Training Room (Lower Level)