

Meeting Minutes

Justice Involved Women and Girls Task Force

Date: November 12th, 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 Room

Attendance:

NAME	ROLE	TERM END DATE	ATTENDANCE
ADAMS, MADELYN	Taskforce Member	3/12/2027	Online
BREWER, ANGELA	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
ENGEL, NIKKI	Taskforce Member	7/29/2026	In-Person
FAULKNER, AMBER	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	Resigned
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
	Interim Chair		
MASON, MAYA	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Absent
MAYS-ANDREWS, ANGELISA	Taskforce Member	3/12/2027	Online
RIDDLE, SAVANNAH	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
SCHAEFER, PAULA	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	In Person
SPIES , JEFF	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	Absent
THOMPSON, ANGELA	Taskforce Member	3/12/2027	Online
THOMPSON, COREY	Taskforce Member	8/8/26	In Person
	Interim Co-Chair		
VIEL, CECELIA	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	Absent
WELTER, TANA	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	In Person
VACANT	Taskforce Member	N/A	N/A
VACANT	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	N/A
DON KLICK	Staff	N/A	In Person
CRYSTAL BRAKKE	Liaison	N/A	Absent

Welcome, Roll Call, and Announcements

- See attendance above
- Veteran Identification During Intake. (Linda Flanders)
 - Women veterans in corrections often come across as belligerent due to untreated PTSD.
 - State corrections are identifying this; however, counties are inconsistent.
 - Veterans Defense Project was discussed as a resource for training and advocacy.
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Conference Discussion

- Conference date is still Spring 2027.
- There was a strong consensus to hire a conference planner (i.e., Heather from last year).
- Conference Planning Committee
 - No chair identified.
 - Volunteers: Angela Brewer, Tana Welter, Nikki Engel, Lisa Adams, Angelisa Mays-Andrews, Maya Mason (not present but expressed interest earlier).
 - Don Klick can assist scheduling planning committee meetings.
- Budget & Financing
 - The DOC does not provide money for the conference.
 - The money that has been used was from a donation and is sitting at about \$6,700.
 - Possible funding sources. The Conference Planning Committee will explore these options.
 - Seed money from prior sources
 - Cover the conference planner and not much more.
 - Registration fees
 - Registration fees were low last year, so rising them need to be considered.
 - Possibility for Vendor Exhibits fees discussed. Angela will share vendor booth pricing models from other conferences.
 - Sponsorships
 - For big ticket items such as: speakers, meals, etc.
- Last year's conference had approximately 96 attendees, which was significantly lower than pre-COVID conferences (approximately 230). Goal for this conference is 300 attendees.
- Proposed themes/focus areas
 - Conference Planning Committee to refine theme: "Continuum of Justice Involved Women and Girls" or "Life Cycle of Justice Involvement"
 - Include focus areas: trauma, intersectionality, education, reentry, risk assessments, etc.
 - Format: Keynotes and Breakouts. CEU, CLE, and POST credits to be offered.
- Strong support for a greater Minnesota venue for the conference.

- Angela will research St. Cloud Event Center costs and availability.
- Exhibitor Selection Criteria
 - Planning Committee will develop criteria for vendors and community organizational participation.
 - Discussed two-tiered approach: free for non-profits and paid for curriculum vendors.
- Quarterly Planning and Outreach
 - Time will be set aside, quarterly, to discuss conference progress and any issues that have arisen. The meetings will be on March, June, September, and December 2026. The planning committee will meet between those dates.
 - All JIWG members will bring a list of potential community partners or organizations to the March meeting.
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Task Force Schedule for 2026

- JIWG schedule confirmed for the 2nd Wednesday of the month for 2026.
- Chose to not have meeting in November, because meeting would fall on Veteran's Day. If a meeting is needed, a special meeting will be called.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

Final Member Comments

- Unclothed body searches and the use of Body Scanners at Shakopee. Request that Jeff Spies provide this update.
- Transgender support at MCF-Shakopee in regards to a October protest outside the facility.

Action Items

- 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

- JIWG would like Precious Lowery (DHS) to brief on PREA when she's available. Crystal and Don will work on inviting her.
 - Crystal has received confirmation from Vicky and Gino and is still waiting for confirmation from Precious.
- Ramsey County Girls Report – Kristy Cobb (December)

- Updates on body scanners and Shakopee – Jeff Spies (DOC) and Lauren Bizzotto (OBFC)
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Future Meetings

- Task Force attendance and membership review (January 2026)
 - Video presentation on Hawaii's Model of Girls Residential Services (February-Possible)
 - 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 11:34 am

Next Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 - 10 AM to 12 PM
MN DOC Central Office – Pung3 Conference Room (2nd Floor)