

Justice Involved Women and Girls Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: July 8th, 2026, 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
BREWER, ANGELA	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Absent
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
HUNTER, VICKI	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	In-Person
	Interim Chair		
JOHNSON, SHERRY	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
MASON, MAYA	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
MAYS-ANDREWS, ANGELISA	Taskforce Member	3/12/2027	Absent
RIDDLE, SAVANNAH	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	Online
SPIES, JEFF	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	In-Person
THOMPSON, ANGELA	Taskforce Member	3/12/2027	Absent
THOMPSON, COREY	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	Absent
	Interim Co-Chair		
WELTER, TANA	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	Absent
WIKELIUS, ABBY	Taskforce Member	3/12/2027	Online
ZDON, LAUREN	Taskforce Member	2/12/2027	In-Person
VACANT (#1)	Taskforce Member	N/A	N/A
VACANT (#5)	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	N/A
VACANT (#14)	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	N/A
VACANT (#17)	Taskforce Member	8/8/2026	N/A
DON KLICK	Staff	N/A	Online
CRYSTAL BRAKKE	Liaison	N/A	In Person

Welcome, Roll Call, and Announcements

- See attendance above.

MCF-Shakopee Programming Expansion & Construction Update

- Presenter: Warden Kathy Halvorson and Karl Hunt, Capital Resources
- Overview:
 - MCF-Shakopee was built in 1987; there has been a significant increase in population since then.
 - A study was conducted around 2021 to identify expansion options with approximately \$18 million in funding approved via 2023 bonding bill.
 - The Design Phase took approximately 15 months and the approximately 16,000 sq. feet of additions and renovations are currently underway.
- New Spaces: Expanded Library, Permanent Virtual Courtroom/Hearing Space, Parenting/Children's Program Rooms, Chapel Expansion, Multipurpose Rooms, Classrooms, Computer Lab, Renovated Space for Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP), and Staff Office Suites.
- Additional projects running in parallel: Security Upgrades, Underground Field Tank Upgrades, Kitchen Flooring, Mechanical/AC Replacement, Ongoing Emergency Maintenance, and Upcoming Request for Additional Full-Time Employees to Operate Expanded Areas.
- Operational Impacts of Construction
 - CIP housing has been temporarily relocated and CIP capacity has been reduced to 20 participants.
 - The gym will close for 30-45 days for infrastructure work; compensatory outdoor recreation options planned.
 - Interior office relocations during construction.
 - Programming schedule reduced or shifted due to limited rooms.
- Native American Programming Updates
 - Reentry programming being developed collaboratively with DOC Tribal Liaison Wendy Spry.
 - Cultural Coordinator hired to facilitate groups and individual sessions within the facility.
 - Expected rollout within the coming months.

Conference Committee Update

- Presenters: Nikki Engel and Maya Mason
- Planning progressing currently in contract with an external planner.
- Committee is evaluating funds and services.
- Next committee meeting will be next week.
- KiloMarie Granda added to the committee.

Membership Committee Update

- Presenter: Vicki Hunter
- Two recommended candidates. They will be brought to the commissioner for final review.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

Action Items

- Crystal will talk with Assistant Commissioner Kelly Mitchell regarding updates on Field Services.

Next Month

- PREA Policy Annual Discussion
- Conference Update
- Membership Update

Future Meetings

- Field Services Updates - TBD
- 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.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Next Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 - 10 AM to 12 PM

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