

Meeting Minutes

Justice Involved Women and Girls Task Force

Date: December 10th, 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 Pung3 Conference Room

Attendance:

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

Welcome, Roll Call, and Announcements

- See attendance above
- Minutes approved unanimously
- No announcements

PREA Policy Update

- The DOC PREA Policy's (Final Draft) presented by Liz Richards and Gino Anselmo of the DOC.
 - JIWG input from October was considered, and some suggestions were incorporated.
 - The policy aligns with Federal PREA standards for uniformity and audit compliance.
 - Adds flexibility with attachments and checklists for implementation guidance.
 - An Annual Review process will consider future updates and improvements.
 - The draft has been presented to the DOC Executive Council for final approval.
- Concerns Discussed
 - Accountability for staff not following attachments
- Next Step: JIWG subcommittee will review PREA Policy (Final Draft) and bring recommendations to February meeting.

Juvenile Facilities & PREA Update

- PREA update for juvenile facilities was presented by Kristi Strang and Mikael Garland of the DOC.
 - Rule 2960 governs juvenile facilities, including sexual safety and reporting standards, but does not reference PREA.
 - DOC inspects juvenile facilities for compliance with Rule 2960, not PREA. Some juvenile facilities voluntarily pursue PREA audits.
- Concerns Discussed
 - Lack of oversight for girls in juvenile facilities.
- Next Steps
 - DOC agreed to make a comparison of PREA Standards along with Rule 2960 and identify gaps.
 - Explore whether legislative or rule change is needed after comparison.

Shakopee Facility Updates

- Updates presented by Jeff Speis
- Body Scanner Data
 - Over 17,000 scans over the last year.
 - Average of about 1,433 scans/month with 90% for visiting and 7.5% for new

- admissions.
 - Scanners reduce the need for unclothed searches, though they are still conducted in disciplinary or safety -related situations.
 - Next Steps: Taskforce requested data comparing scanner use vs. body searches for January Meeting.
 - Transgender Support
 - Biweekly support group led by external facilitator.
 - No culturally specific therapy currently offered, though facility is working on culturally specific program for Native American women (who make up approximately 25% of the population).
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Public Comment

- There was no public comment.
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Final Member Comments

- No final comments presented.
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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
 - Data comparing scanners vs. body searches
 - Crystal will get the information from the I&E Team about the current practices and the current way that they are asking questions
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Next Month

- Ramsey County Girls Report (Guest Speaker Christy Cobb)
 - Taskforce Membership Review
 - Updates on Body Search Data and Policy (Jeff Spies)
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Future Meetings

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

- 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 11:45 am

Next Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 - 10 AM to 12 PM
MN DOC Central Office – Itasca Training Room (Lower Level)