Meeting Minutes

Justice Involved Women and Girls Task Force

Date: September 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 Afton Room

Attendance:

NAME	ROLE	TERM END DATE	ATTENDANCE
ANGELA THOMPSON	Taskforce Member	3/12/27	Online
TANA WELTER	Taskforce Member	8/8/26	In Person
JEFF SPIES	Taskforce Member	8/8/26	In Person
AMBER FAULKNER	Taskforce Member	8/8/26	Absent
SAVANNAH RIDDLE	Taskforce Member	2/12/27	Absent
VICKI HUNTER	Taskforce Member Interim Chair	8/8/26	In Person
KILOMARIE GRANDA	Taskforce Member	1/9/27	Absent
VACANT	Taskforce Member	N/A	N/A
COREY THOMPSON	Taskforce Member Interim Co-Chair	8/826	Absent
MAYA MASON	Taskforce Member	2/12/27	Online
KAYLEE HENSON	Taskforce Member	2/12/27	Absent
ANGELISA MAYS-ANDREWS	Taskforce Member	3/12/27	Online
NASRA HASSAN	Taskforce Member	2/12/27	Online
CECELIA VIEL	Taskforce Member	8/8/26	Absent
LINDA FLANDERS	Taskforce Member	2/12/27	Absent
NIKKI ENGEL	Taskforce Member	7/29/26	Absent
PAULA SCHAEFER	Taskforce Member	8/8/26	In Person
ANGELA BREWER	Taskforce Member	2/12/27	Online
MADELYN ADAMS	Taskforce Member	3/12/27	Online
VACANT	Taskforce Member	2/12/27	N/A
SHELBI GROATH	Staff	N/A	In Person
CRYSTAL BRAKKE	Liaison	N/A	In Person

Welcome, Roll Call, and Announcements

- See attendance above
- Shelbi will no longer be supporting the Task Force; support will now be provided by Don Klick. His contact information is Donald.Klick@state.mn.us and 651-361-7345.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Discussion – Liz Richards & Gino Anselmo

- Gino and Liz discussed PREA within Minnesota Correctional Facilities focusing on advocacy, compliance, reporting, investigations, and education.
    - Since 2022, all PREA advocacy has transitioned to outside community-based agencies. 20 community-based advocacy programs around Minnesota have Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with DOC to provide these services.
    - MCF-Red Wing does offer advocacy services for juveniles.
    - These services are paid for out of DOC's budget, there are no grants that funds these services.
    - Screening is conducted within 72 hours of arrival to try and identify the likelihood of victimization or a potential abuser. Discussion on the personnel who are conducting the screening/intake process.
    - Annual Report is published by DOC discussing reports, responses, etc. This report is a very high-level look back at the last three years.
    - There is a three-year cycle for federal audits.
    - All individuals are provided education on PREA which includes a brochure and video which covers how to report and services. Instructional posters are also hung in a variety of locations throughout the facility.
    - IPs can make a report by calling the Ombuds Office, a 1-800 number and *77 to reach local advocates. Third party reporting is also accepted.
    - Allegations of abuse are handled by the DOC Office of Special Investigations.
    - Harassment investigations are conducted by facilities.
    - What is DHS's role and what do they do as part of PREA?
    - PREA section will provide the screening tools and screening protocols, as well as PREA Policies that are currently being revised.

Education and Updates – Angelisa Mays- Andrews

- Angelisa discussed her issues regarding receiving her high school diploma after completing program while incarcerated in multiple locations

Conference Discussion

- There was no discussion

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

Final Member Comments

- There were no additional comments

Action Items

- Paula will find someone to speak about the Hawaii model of residential services for girls at a future meeting
- 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

- Discuss and prepare recommendations for DOC PREA Policies

Future Meetings

- CSAC Subcommittee Involvement – Angela Brewer
- Discussion with Margaret Zadra, Ombudsperson, regarding relevance of Ombuds Office for girls' grievances
- Presentation on Hawaii's Model of Girls Residential Services (November)
- Ramsey County Girls Report (November)
- Pertaining to PREA, what are the quality of resources, the source of data, and the accountability for juvenile facilities?
- JIWG would like Precious Lowery (DHS) to brief on PREA when she's available
- Discussion on educational program tracking within Minnesota Correctional Facilities

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Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Next Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 - 10 AM to 12 PM
MN DOC Central Office – Afton Room (Main Floor)