

Minutes

STATE ADVISORY GROUP ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION MEETING

June 5, 2026
as of Juvenile Affairs
Lake Murray Resort
3323 Lodge Road, Ballroom C
Ardmore, OK 73401

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Mr. Les Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Present: Demetrius Bell, Marquess Dennis, Chad Gragg, David Grewe, Maureen Guerro, Pray'Eon Jackson, Erin Jones-Slatev, Dr. Greg Parks, Jake Roberts, Jessica Teszlewicz, and Les Thomas. James Edwards arrived at 10:20 a.m.

Absent: Dr. Jaime Burns, Rep. Emily Gise, Jamie Sherman, and Brian Wahnee.

II. Approval of Minutes

Marquess Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2026, SAG meeting. The second was made by Chad Gragg. Demetrius Bell, Marquess Dennis, Chad Gragg, Maureen Guerrero, Pray'Eon Jackson, Erin Jones-Slatev, Dr. Greg Parks, Jake Roberts, Jessica Teszlewicz, and Les Thomas voted yes. David Grewe abstained. The motion carried.

III. SAG Retreat Review Presenter: Jennifer Francis

Ms. Jennifer Francis spoke to the SAG regarding the applications for the Tribal Youth Programs grants. They had 3 applications. One never moved beyond draft mode but there were 2 good applications. The subcommittee met last Friday to review the applications. A handout was given to SAG for each application.

- **Feedback from Participants**

A review of the retreat was started by Ms. Francis. The retreat was started by a SAG 101 which went over why the SAG exists, what the roles of the members are, the 4 core requirements of the OJJDP act. The SAG also discussed the status of the 3-year plan. Goals and outcomes of the current plan were reviewed to see what still needed to be addressed.

A breakout session with 4 groups was done with a SWOT analysis—Strengths and Weaknesses (internal) and Opportunities and Threats (external). The entire group voted for the top three from each category that are the most urgent or applicable. Staff will review and will be shared with the group. This will help us with the next 3-year Plan and let us know where we are strategically.

All committees had a break-out session as well. Ms. Erin Jones-Slatev gave the update from the 3-year Plan committee. The plan on having a draft ready by January 2027 to present to the SAG. Ms. Jessica Teszlewicz provided the update from the Social Media subcommittee and asked if any pictures from the activities be sent to Mr. James Millington as well as headshots and bio from any SAG member who would like to be featured on SAG social media. Chair Les Thomas asked that all SAG members send in the pictures and bios. The Tribal subcommittee update was given by Mr. Jake Roberts. He spoke about multiple goals which include funding, partnership opportunities, the Tribal Liaison position mentioned in the current 3-year plan, as well as training and education. Ms. Amy Wright spoke about the Title II grants with Ms. Jennifer Francis given a more in-depth update later in the meeting.

- **Recommendations for Next Year**

The SAG had a discussion for next year's retreat. Retreats are tailored by what each year's priorities are and what needs to be focused on. For example, this year the focus was on the upcoming 3-year plan. Members wanted to see more breakout sessions and more time for each one along with more breaks. Requests were made for more time to gather in the evenings to allow members to get to know each other better.

- **Retreat Date 2027**

A discussion was held for the 2027 retreat date. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) is held in the last week of May each year. This year there were 5 slots available for SAG members and only 2 were used. Holding the retreat in the 1st week of June makes it difficult for OJA staff and SAG members. The Lake Murray Lodge does not have availability for June 2027. This item has been tabled for further discussion.

- **Recommitment Forms (Chair, Mr. Les Thomas, Sr.)**

Mr. Les Thomas spoke to the members regarding recommitting to being on the SAG. The recommitment forms will not be used at this time, but he asked that each member commit to serving on the committees, attending meetings, and making the effort to be at 4 out of the 6 annual meetings including the retreat. The SAG will be adding 2 new members. The requirements are for 4 members to be under the age of 28.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Reports

- **Finance**

Presenter: Kimberlee Gray

Ms. Kimberlee Gray provided the monthly financial report as of February 28, 2026. Handouts were given to the SAG.

- **Title II / Grants**

Presenter: Jennifer Francis

The Title II Grants update was given previously by Ms. Jennifer Francis. She did update the SAG following the Finance report to add that there is \$17,000 left for Tribal funding. The remaining is already allocated for YEL activities. There is an option to put out an RFP for Positive Youth Development.

The biggest takeaway for Title II Formula Grant is that the Federal FY25 application was late due to the government shutdown earlier in the year. It was released in April, and the application was submitted in May to OJJDP. Its status is pending. The application was for \$689,000, of which \$145,000 will be for Tribal pass-through, \$285,000 for Delinquency Prevention, and \$130,000 for Positive Youth Development. Another \$65,000 was requested for Compliance.

In looking at the current 3-year State Plan, it suggested doing Compliance RFP's and those could be done for this upcoming year. The Federal Auditors have advised that as soon as the FY25 funds are granted, it is believed that the application for FY26 will be released. Once those funds are released we will have 48 months to do RFPs.

- **Youth Emerging Leaders (YEL)**

Presenter: Pray'eon Jackson

Mr. Pray'eon Jackson presented the Youth Emerging Leaders (YEL) report. YEL is currently working on recruitment for more members. This will allow them to continue with programs as well as to expand into the Group Homes with girls. The More Youth SAG members will be able to assist YEL. They have also completed Boys to Men which was very successful. They have participants fill out a survey after completion.

- **Family Advisory Council**
Presenter: Emily Burns

Ms. Emily Burns gave the Family Advisory Council update. FAC is actively recruiting members and has added 2 new members. They are still working on their podcasts.

- **Social Media/Outreach**
Presenter: Jessica Teszewicz

The Social Media/Outreach report was given previously.

- **Tribal Committee**
Presenter: Alison Humphrey

The Tribal committee report was given previously.

- **Three-Year Plan Committee**
Presenter: Marquess Dennis

The Three-Year committee report was given previously.

VI. Announcements

There were no announcements.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.