

Minutes

STATE ADVISORY GROUP ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION MEETING

March 13, 2026
Office of Juvenile Affairs
MC Connor Building
2501 North Lincoln Blvd, Ste 400
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Ms. Erin Jones-Slatev called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Present: Demetrius Bell, Dr. Jaime Burns, Marquess Dennis, Chad Gragg, Maureen Guerrero, Pray'Eon Jackson, Erin Jones-Slatev, Dr. Greg Parks, Jamie Sherman, and Jessica Teszewicz.

Absent: James Edwards, Rep. Emily Guise, David Grewe, Jake Roberts, Les Thomas, and Brian Wahnee.

II. Approval of Minutes

Jamie Sherman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2026, SAG meeting. The second was made by Demetrius Bell. Demetrius Bell, Dr. Jaime Burns, Marquess Dennis, Chad Gragg, Maureen Guerrero, Pray'Eon Jackson, Dr. Greg Parks, Jamie Sherman, and Jessica Teszewicz voted yes. Erin Jones-Slatev abstained. The motion carried.

III. Delinquency Prevention Tribal Youth Programs Grant Applications **Discussion and possible action to approve and/or amend proposed Title II Formula Tribal Funding awards to:**

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.

- **Youth and Family Resource Center, Citizen Potawatomi Nation project proposal in the amount of \$200,000, consideration for up to \$151,863.27**

The Youth and Family Resource Center, in partnership with Citizen Potawatomi Nation, requested funding to strengthen youth and families. Focus will be on

community and school-based prevention services including emotional regulation, coping skills, and family. They scored 29.75 out of 40. Ms. Francis did reach out to the Executive Director of Youth and Family Resource Center to get more information regarding their goals. The recommendation is to fund them at \$151,863.27 contingent upon providing additional information on program models, goals, and outcomes.

A motion to approve the Title II Formula Tribal grant to Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa in the amount of \$200,000 was made by Chad Gragg and the second by Dr. Greg Parks. All present voted yes and the motion carried.

- **Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa/MODOC Nation project proposal in the amount of \$200,000, consideration for up to \$200,000.**

The Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa, in partnership with MODOC Nation, requested funding for an expansion of their after-school program at a new location as their current program is at capacity (about 100 youth a day). The program model is Positive Action curriculum. They scored 32.75 out of 40. The recommendation was to fund them for \$200,000.

Demetrius Bell made a motion that was seconded by Maureen Guerrero to approve the Title II Funding grant in the amount of \$200,000 to Youth and Family Resources. All present voted yes and the motion carried.

IV. Old Business

Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference May 27-30, Washington DC. Confirm attendance.

Presenter: Alison Humphrey

Ms. Alison Humphreys spoke briefly to the SAG about the upcoming Annual Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) conference and confirmed those who wanted to attend. Cabinet approval is needed and that paperwork has been sent. Once approval is received, emails will be sent for travel requests to be signed.

V. Reports

- **Finance**

Presenter: Kimberlee Gray

Ms. Kimberlee Gray provided the monthly financial report as of February 28, 2026. A handout was given to the SAG.

- **Title II / Grants**

Presenter: Jennifer Francis

The Title II Grants update was given previously by Ms. Jennifer Francis.

- **Youth Emerging Leaders (YEL)**

Presenter: Pray'eon Jackson

Mr. Pray'eon Jackson presented the Youth Emerging Leaders (YEL) report. Boys 2 Men group sessions have been approved to pilot in the Cornerstone Group home. Juvenile Justice 101 has been completed and YEL is looking for opportunities to use it. Summer events planning has begun and YEL is seeking partners for activities. Several SAG members offered several suggestions for partners.

- **Compliance & R/ED**

Presenter: Joshua Holder

The Compliance and R/ED report was given by Mr. Joshua Holder. Compliance is at 100% with 89% of all facilities personally inspected by Mr. Holder. Due to all prescheduled onsite inspections being completed through May 21, 2026, it is allowing him to focus on and prepare for the OJJDP Federal State Audit scheduled for the week of April 13, 2026, as well completing the R/ED programing training.

The final draft of the training module is being finalized with an estimated completion date of March 31, 2026. While utilizing material from previous training modules, altered and added content will add the following: body cam footage from real world encounters, resources accrued from the Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative (PADI), allegorical reference points for the information being covered, and stories of lived experiences from both officers and juveniles. These additions will not only tie the material closer to those in the seminar but will achieve the goal of “winner hearts and minds”. Accrual of data from previously visited counties will begin at the end of the month. Meetings are being held with the various agencies involved with PADI to set out the framework for a more formalized operation. It will include regular meetings, higher degrees of data and resource sharing, and recruiting events.

The training for the Human Trafficking Response Unit (HTRU) has been fully reengaged with the Canadian County Justice Cetner having received this specialized course on March 4, 2026. This training was attended by the Justice Center staff, the Canadian County Sheriff's Office, and local OJA employees. It was covered by KOCO. The link for the news story: <https://www.koco.com/article/oklahoma-human-trafficking-response-unit-training/70610133>

In the immediate future, our Central and Eastern Regional meetings will by hosting the HTRU with the eventual goal of getting this training the Western Region meetings as well.

- **Family Advisory Council**

Presenter: Emily Burns

Ms. Emily Burns gave the Family Advisory Council update. The Family Guide is in its final stages with it being edited before being released. Translation services will be put in place. The podcast will be released next week.

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

The Social Media/Outreach report was given by Ms. Jessica Teszewicz. The Social Media presence keeps growing. The committee is the process of visiting each subgrantee from 2025. Assistance without outreach was requested in the Tulsa area. SAG Board members will be featured shortly highlighting their impact.

VI. Announcements

The next meeting will be at the SAG Retreat on June 3-5, 2026.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.