



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

One Ashburton Place, Room 2133

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Tel: (617) 727-7775

TTY Tel: (617) 727-6618

Fax: (617) 727-4764

www.mass.gov/eopss

MAURA T. HEALEY

Governor

TERRENCE M. REIDY

Secretary

KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL

Lieutenant Governor

JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN PANEL

Meeting Date: April 4, 2025

Meeting Time: 1:00-2:30PM

Meeting Place: Microsoft Teams (Virtual Meeting)

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

On Friday, April 4, 2025, at 1:02 pm Chairwoman Kyle Pelletier called to order a meeting of the Panel on Justice-Involved Women. Advance notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with the open meeting laws. A quorum of the membership was present, and roll call was taken.

	Membership	Present	Absent	3/7/25
1	Chairwoman, Kyle Pelletier	X		Approve
2	Rebecca Brink		X	
3	Dr. Nancy Connolly		X	
4	Sarah Ruiz	X		Abstain
5	Corinn Crowinshield	X		Approve
6	Rep Chynah Tyler		X	
7	Senator Liz Miranda		X	
8	Colleen Stocks	X		Approve
9	Meghan Winston	X		Approve
10	Daisy Hernandez			
11	Sunindiya Bhalla	X		Approve
12	Vacant Seat			

EOPSS Staff: John Melander and Lisa Caputo

2. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes: 03.07.25

A Motion to approve March minutes was made by Colleen Stocks and seconded by Sunindiya Bhalla. A Roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Hybrid May Meeting

The Panel discussed the planning of the May meeting with the intent of bringing in people with lived experience in various levels of the criminal justice system to talk about their experience. The Panel wants to be mindful of the questions that are going to be asked so that it informs the recommendations.

Sunindiya Bhalla shared at this time she has two confirmed women who would like to participate. It would be helpful to prepare them so they can discuss what the barriers and challenges have been with guided questions. Roca Chelsea has the space to host this hybrid meeting.

A shared document will be circulated with the Panel so that Sunindiya can assist in preparing the women for the presentation. The focus of the questions will include topics of systems and challenges and navigating them; what worked for you; what didn't work for you; what services were required and what did you find on your own; and agency coordination.

The planning of a hybrid meeting to be facilitated by Daisy Hernandez with location to be determined is still in the planning phase. The idea of a future listening session that could virtually be attended by the women who are currently in facilities is something that this panel would like to explore further.

The May meeting will be extended to two hours to allow ample time for the presentation.

4. Data Points Discussion

The Panel had a thorough discussion about the data points that have been received from various agencies to date. The Panel reviewed the different data sources from MCI Framingham; Hampden County; Massachusetts Sheriff's Office; and Parole. It was discussed that DCF did not capture the data requested. A follow up with Probation for the status of their request for data will be made.

Meghan Winston took the time to review the Parole data with the Panel explaining the needs assessment, supervision levels, locations, and why certain numbers fluctuate.

Colleen Stocks shared that this task of requesting data really created good dialogue amongst the Mass Sheriff's departments and that they really dug in looking at the data and certain definitions. This was created during Criminal Justice reform and it was a good opportunity for the departments to see the collected data being reviewed.

The Panel will not ask for any further data points before making some sort of general recommendation to better understand and ask questions that will inform our work going forward.

5. Member Comment

Chairwoman Pelletier thanked Sarah Ruiz for her valuable work and commitment and that she will be missed on this Panel as she has been a member since the very beginning. She invited Sarah to say a few words.

Sarah announced that she is stepping down from the Panel and that Carrie Kelley will be joining as it aligns with her role at DPH. Sarah shared that she has learned a lot, and it is necessary to hear from all different perspectives, and will use this opportunity to continue to collaborate for the justice-involved women.

6. Public Comment

No public comment

7. Open Session for Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting

No new topics were raised.

8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen Stocks and seconded by Corinn Crowninshield. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.