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JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN PANEL

Meeting Date: July 11, 2025

Meeting Time: 1:00-2:30PM

Meeting Place: Microsoft Teams (Virtual Meeting)

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

On Friday, July 11, 2025, at 1:05 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	June Minutes
1	Chairwoman, Kyle Pelletier	X		Approve
2	Rebecca Brink	X		Approve
3	Joanne Barros	X		Approve
4	Carrie Kelley		X	
5	Corinn Crowinshield	X		Abstain
6	Rep Chynah Tyler		X	
7	Senator Liz Miranda		X	
8	Colleen Stocks	X		Approve
9	Meghan Winston	X		Approve
10	Daisy Hernandez		X	
11	Sunindiya Bhalla	X		Approve
12	Vacant Seat			

EOPSS Staff: Board Counsel Arielle Mullaney and Lisa Caputo

2. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes:

A Motion to approve the June minutes was made by Joanne Barros and seconded by Colleen Stocks. A Roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. 2025 Report and Draft Recommendations

Chairwoman Pelletier started the discussion with the work this panel has done so far and that this panel has committed to writing a report. She stated that she wanted to talk as a group of where we would like the report to go and spend August/September drafting something on paper so that come November/December we have something to vote on.

This panel has heard from six different individuals with lived experience and experiences with different systems and how they overlap. One of the panel's goals is to think about how systems work and are there areas to move forward to learn more.

Chairwoman Pelletier highlighted for member Rebecca Brink that it was discussed at a previous meeting that this panel would like to learn more about the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the work that this agency does with justice-involved women. We understand that they do not capture the data in a way that was requested by this panel. This official presentation will better educate the panel from a system's perspective and the specific work of justice-involved women.

Rebecca Brink will be happy to track the formal request made to the Commissioner's Office and chief of staff. It would be helpful if the panel could focus on specific questions that could be submitted before the presentation for a discussion that would include justice-involved women. The target date for the presentation will be in September. A courtesy notification of the presentation and then a follow-up on specific questions will be sent to DCF. This panel was asked to submit any specific questions by July 31 to Chairwoman Pelletier.

Further discussion of the draft of the report was had by this panel. It will be important to highlight that this panel invited in women with lived experience to present and how certain shared themes may shape our recommendations and the high-level theme of a significant overlap in the experiences that were shared.

It was also recommended the continued importance of interagency communication and enhancement to existing dashboards for data to support the women that are being released to glean any true success back to the community.

As a sidebar project this panel would be interested in learning about pending legislation regarding justice-involved women. It was discussed that Senator Miranda is interesting in adding to the agenda a discussion of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators. As we learn more information from Senator Miranda in the August meeting, this panel may be interested in welcoming the caucus to join a meeting.

4. Member Comment

Corinn Crowinshield shared that Dianne Fasano is no longer with the Office of Probation and will update the panel if there is any change to designee.

5. Public Comment

Sasha Isreal, Legislative aide for Representative Christine Barber - Co-Chair of the Women's Caucus Task Force on Justice-Involved Women, shared by Teams Chat: "As an office our main concern at the moment is Governor Healey's planned investment in/renovation to the Framingham prison. We are wondering if there will be further opportunities for involvement/public comment on this funding, or information on what it will go toward. We have received a lot of constituent communications and concerns about this."

Chairwomen Pelletier stated that wasn't brought up by any of the members or panelists here. We will make sure that that announcement gets shared with the panelists and should that be something that this group is interested in learning more about, that can be an opportunity for our engagement as an agenda item, in future meetings.

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

No new topics were raised.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen Stocks and seconded by Sunindiya Bhalla and the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.