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JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN PANEL

Meeting Date: November 7, 2025

Meeting Time: 1:00-2:30PM

Meeting Place: Microsoft Teams (Virtual Meeting)

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

On Friday, November 7, 2025, at 1:00 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
1	Chairwoman, Kyle Pelletier	X	
2	Rebecca Brink	X	
3	Joanne Barros	X	
4	Carrie Kelley	X	
5	Corinn Crowninshield	X	
6	Rep Chynah Tyler		X
7	Senator Liz Miranda	X	
8	Colleen Stocks	X	
9	Meghan Winston		X
10	Daisy Hernandez	X	
11	Sunindiya Bhalla	X	
12	Vacant Seat		

*Senator Miranda, Daisy Hernandez, and Sunindiya Bhalla joined after roll call vote.

EOPSS Staff: Lisa Caputo

2. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes:

Agenda item moved to December meeting.

3. 2025 Report and Review of Draft Recommendations

Chairwoman Pelletier gave an overview of each section of the draft report and reviewed member updates in the document from the work that the Panel accomplished this year.

The Panel then focused on the data section. It is important to keep providing the data to understand the vastness of justice-involved women. As in previous annual reports, the data is displayed in the same way represented with updated data and being consistent in measuring that data. It was discussed the importance of clarifying definitions with using footnotes. The Mass.gov Cross Tracking link is added to the report.

The Data Gathered section was reviewed on the information provided to this Panel and wants to continue to work on developing better methods of collecting data acknowledging that data gaps do exist.

The section of Lived Experience Testimonials was held as a placeholder to provide an overview of the invited women that shared their justice-involved experiences. Sunindiya and Daisy will add some themes from the testimonials and make this section more robust. Meeting minutes to be added as an appendix

To highlight the agency presentations, the meeting minutes will be attached as an appendix.

Themes were reviewed as placeholders by exploring both micro and macro themes to be built out by Joanne, Daisy, and Sunindiya on family impact, implications of multi-system involvement, and substance use disorder. Listing and defining would be helpful to the reader of the annual report.

Based on the Panel's work, draft recommendations are starting to take shape with more focus in the December meeting. Senator Miranda would like to add a recommendation for family connectivity and sponsoring big events like former Rep Kay Khan did for women and their children, and cross-system communications. Senator Miranda discussed the existence of the BRAVE Unit and could we be doing the same thing, and college preparedness and programs continues to be a need. The Panel discussed the PEACE Unit in Framingham.

Colleen suggested as a recommendation that it may be a follow-up on recommendations from last year to see how they have been implemented because this is what we have heard from lived-experience women and this is what we see in the data we have reviewed. As a goal for 2026, it may be to learn more about the Mass.gov Cross Track system and how those folks ask for data and when.

Carrie would like a goal for 2026 to look at substance use treatment and learn what is out there across the board.

Chairwoman Pelletier shared next steps before the December meeting that the Panel should be getting into the report, adding the content that has been assigned and finetune the recommendation section. The Conclusion section will be updated after the recommendation section is complete.

The Panel should be prepared at the December meeting to have a discussion and vote on each recommendation and vote on the final report itself as it needs to be filed by December 31, 2026.

4. Member Comment

No member comment.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

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 and approved at 2:20 pm.