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JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN PANEL

Meeting Date: September 5, 2025

Meeting Time: 1:00-2:30PM

Meeting Place: Microsoft Teams (Virtual Meeting)

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

On Friday, September 5, 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		

EOPSS Staff: Lisa Caputo

2. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes:

The review and vote for approval of August minutes was placed on the October agenda.

3. Presentation: Department of Children and Families

Chairwoman Pelletier invited Rebecca Brink to introduce her colleague, Melissa Foley, Director of Policy and Implementation. Melissa Foley shared her professional experience with the Department of Children and Families and then provided the Panel with a detailed presentation, gave a thorough overview on the mission of DCF; mandated reporters; screening 51A reports; guiding principles; FAAP policy; permanency planning policy; and children in placement. Presentation below.



DCF Overview
Presentation 9.5.25 (0

Chairwoman Pelletier thanked both panel member Rebecca Brink and Melissa Foley and opened it up for member questions which focused on justice-involved women and DCF incarceration notice, and the topic of DCF training that would be beneficial for an alignment to support all systems, and the need for open and honest conversations about the involvement a justice-involved client may have with all systems.

4. 2025 Report and Review of Draft Recommendations

Chairwoman Pelletier reminded the Panel that the draft report is available on the share drive and that the data portion is being updated. Members are asked to review the different areas that they are assigned. On the October agenda there will be a focus to start the discussion on the recommendations and what they mean for this group with the goal of a vote in December.

For future work of this panel, member Carrie Kelley, would like to explore substance use best practices and what programs are available to justice-involved women in custody.

5. Member Comment

No member comment.

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 Sunindiya Bhalla and seconded by Colleen Stocks and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.