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# **GOVERNOR'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL UPDATE**



## **JUSTICE INVOLVED YOUTH AND ADULTS – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The interface between the behavioral health and criminal justice systems is substantial. The increased involvement of people with mental illness in the criminal justice system remains a difficulty for both state and local governments.

The JIYA Subcommittee convenes constituents at a policy level to carry out the vision and mission with the intent to promote actions for state level change through policy recommendations and planning.

### **JUSTICE INVOLVED YOUTH AND ADULTS SUBCOMMITTEE CHARTER**

1. Develop a strategic plan to identify goals and objectives for state level change through policy and planning.
2. Formulate and prioritize strategies to achieve objectives of the strategic plan.
3. Implement strategies through workgroups, including timeline for completion.
5. Issue annual policy recommendations and planning to the Secretary from the Departments for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), Children and Families (DCF), and Corrections (KDOC).

### **VISION AND MISSION**

The vision and mission of the JIYA is as follows:

#### ***Vision***

Justice involved Youth and Adults with behavioral health needs will achieve recovery.

#### ***Mission***

To promote a recovery oriented system of care for individuals with behavioral health needs in or at risk for involvement in the justice system through policy recommendations and planning focused on prevention, diversion, treatment and reentry.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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## SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKGROUP SUMMARIES

### JIYA SUMMARY INTRODUCTION

In the FY20 JIYA Report, the JIYA subcommittee adopted the following FY2021 Tasks:

- JIYA members to serve on the Kansas Stepping Up Technical Assistance Center Oversight Committee
- Continue to follow the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission (KCJRC) and various subcommittees; anticipating working with KDADS and/or KDOC where possible on policy development and programs based on recommendations for reform
- Assist KDADS with any short-term projects or tasks needed in support of the statewide plan referenced in this report, the aforementioned “top priorities and recommendations”, or on any other ad hoc basis deemed necessary

In response to the FY21 Tasks, the JIYA subcommittee and its members have been actively involved serving on the Kansas Stepping Up Technical Assistance Center Oversight Committee, following the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission, working closely with KDADS and/or KDOC where possible on policy development and programs, and assisting KDADS with short-term projects or tasks as needed to support the statewide plan delivered to the Legislative Division of Post Audit in May of 2020. In FY21, under Audra Goldsmith’s leadership, the Kansas Stepping Up Technical Assistance Center has been implemented and has gained significant traction across the state of Kansas, adding Shawnee County, Ellis County, and Crawford County to its service network. Additionally, NAMI Kansas has actively engaged the Stepping Up Initiative through its awarded SAMHSA grant (Statewide Consumer Network) to engage consumers and bring their voice to the community decision tables concerning the Stepping Up Initiative.

Additionally, the JIYA subcommittee members have engaged various statewide taskforces, committees, and workgroups discussions on mental health issues related to youth and adult justice systems in Kansas. The JIYA subcommittee recognizes that these discussions, topics, and issues raised about systems of care specific to behavioral health and how these behavioral issues connect to the justice systems for youth and adults are transformational in nature. In response to these various discussions, topics, and issues, the JIYA recommends the following priorities that can aid in these transformational issues and initiatives.

### TOP PRIORITIES & RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### Immediate

1. Support the implementation and funding for **988**.

2. Support development and implementation for **Behavioral Health Jail Liaison** positions in all CMHCs.
3. Support the role of **peer support** in the arenas of behavioral health and criminal justice, such as peer support services within correctional settings.
4. Convene the **Competency to Stand Trial** Evaluation and Restoration Statewide Workgroup to address the legal challenges, delay, and system capacity issues.

#### Longer-Term

1. Support behavioral health and juvenile and adult criminal justice system **collaborations** (per CCBHC standards).
2. Support the study, and implementation of, **best practices** where the public behavioral healthcare system and the criminal justice system intersect, keeping in mind the principle of “scalability” of programming/services adaptable to frontier, rural, and urban regions/counties.
3. Continue support of the **Stepping-Up Initiative**.
4. Support discussion on planning for, and implementation of, **specialty courts** (mental health courts and drug courts).
5. Support the **Zero Suicide Kansas Project**, including prevention/intervention strategies between state and local systems.
6. Support discussion on planning for, and implementation of, **Assisted Outpatient Treatment** (AOT).
7. **Support city and county** level innovations and services, including support for learning and information sharing statewide.

#### FY 2022 TASKS

- JIYA members will continue to serve on the Kansas Stepping Up Technical Assistance Center Oversight Committee
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#### SUMMARY

In summary, the JIYA Subcommittee, through its diverse members of the subcommittee and workgroups, provides a unique avenue for members to come together to collaborate, analyze, and create recommendations for the GBHSPC. A continuing role and mission of the JIYA should be to monitor the work of other groups and make sure that important issues show up in their work. Also, our JIYA role should continue to be to encourage communication and coordination of the work of the various groups, as well as being a sort of clearinghouse and a resource to the KDADS Secretary and her team as they build policy.