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MEETING OF THE NEVADA STATE JUVENILE  
JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (JJOC)

October 23, 2023, at 10:00 AM

**DATE:** Monday, October 23, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**LOCATION:** Old Assembly Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Governor's Building  
101 N. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89706

**AND**

Governor's Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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**Roll Call:**

**(Members)**

Dyland K. Tedford – Chair  
Holly Welborn  
Derrica Daniel  
Sharon Anderson  
Pauline Salla  
Liz Florez  
Brigid Duffy  
Dawn Gearhart  
Jennifer Fraser  
Ethan Ewert

**(Staff Members)**

Leslie Bittleston  
Kayla Williamson  
Cindi Casselman

**Public in Attendance:** Isaac Grove - AGs office, Kristen Russel - Senior Research Associate in the National Center for Juvenile Justice, Motulalo Otuafi – Chief of Churchill County Juvenile Probation

## **TRANSCRIPT**

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Okay. Great. Well, my name is Dylan Tedford and welcome to the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission. Sadly, I'm a bit under the weather, but I'm honored to be the new Chair here and excited to get to know all of you and work together with you. It is right now 10:02 a.m. and I'd like to call this October 23rd, 2023 meeting of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission to order. Ms. Bittleston, would you please call the roll?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yes. Leslie Bittleston for the record. Dylan Tedford?

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Here.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Holly Welborn?

**Holly Welborn:** Present.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Derrica Daniel?

**Derrica Daniel:** Present.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you. Sharon Anderson?

**Sharon Anderson:** Present.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Pauline Salla?

**Pauline Salla:** Present.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Elizabeth Florez?

**Liz Florez:** Present.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Brigid Duffy?

**Brigid Duffy:** Present.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Dawn Gearhart?

**Dawn Gearhart:** Present.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you. Jennifer Fraser?

**Jennifer Fraser:** Present.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Katherine Maher? Paula Smith? Sarah Bruce? Ethan Ewert?

**Ethan Ewert:** Present.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Chair Tedford, we have a quorum.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Great. Thank you, Ms. Bittleston. So, Item 3 on the agenda is public comment. No action can be taken upon a matter raised until the matter has been specifically added to the agenda for a later meeting. Public comment will be limited to two minutes, and we are now open for public comment. If you'd like to make comment by phone, the conference line has been -- I'm still looking for a number on that, if somebody could share it in the chat so that I can drop that in. But if there's any public comment in Carson City, then we can get started there.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Not seeing any public comment in Carson City.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Seeing none, we will move to Las Vegas. Is there any public comment?

**Brigid Duffy:** There's no one here for public comment, Chair. It's Brigid Duffy for the record.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you Ms. Duffy. We will proceed onto the next Agenda Item until I receive this phone number in a way that I can share it for everybody to make public comment, maybe towards the end of the meeting if there's somebody who's trying to participate by phone.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Chair Tedford, this is Leslie Bittleston. I do have the phone number, so I will read the --

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Great. Could you please provide it?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yes.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you.

**Leslie Bittleston:** The new phone number is (775) 321-6111. Access code is 841863529#.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Chief Bittleston, would you mind please re-reading that just for the record so that everybody has it?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Yes. Number (775) 321-6111. Access code 841863529#.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you for that. Hearing no additional comment here. Immediately, we'll move on to the next Agenda Item, Item 4, which is reviewing and approving the minutes from the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission's meeting from September 10th, 2021. Is there any discussion regarding the minutes there?

**Holly Welborn:** Okay. Mr. Chair, this is Holly Welborn. I have a quick question about the minutes. I would typically abstain from voting on minutes from a meeting where I was not present, but since the commission hasn't met for over two years, I'm wondering what the protocol will be for approving these minutes today.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you for that question, I'm glad that you've asked it. At this point, I've consulted with, a few people familiar with Robert's rules and general meeting rules, and if members who were not at the previous meetings would prevent us from having a quorum vote to approve those minutes, then unless there is a good reason to oppose the vote, I think it might be better to just move forward with it so that we can approve these minutes and keep moving on. I spoke with Ms. Bittleston earlier today and had similar concerns, but I said that I thought I

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would vote since I've at least been briefed on the meetings. So, if you're uncomfortable voting on the minutes, because you don't have sufficient explanation, I certainly understand. If you would like to seek that explanation, that would be great also. But I don't think there's a need for us to hold up on those minutes if we're comfortable with approving them in general. So, if you have questions, please ask, but --

**Isaac Grove:** And this is Isaac Grove from the AGs office.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Great. Thank you.

**Isaac Grove:** And my understanding is that is correct. Members can vote on a meeting, especially as this is two years old. So yes, they can vote on that. And if they need to abstain, they can.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** I appreciate that, Counsel. Thank you.

**Liz Florez:** This is Liz Florez for the record. Regarding the minutes of September 10th, 2021, my request would be to correct the spelling of my last name from F-L-O-R-E-S to F-L-O-R-E-Z.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Ms. Bittleston, who should I direct to make that change on the record, please?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Leslie Bittleston for the record. Staff at DCFS will make that change before the final approved minutes are posted.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Okay. Thank you. And I think that's a scrivener's error, so I don't see any need to approve that. Counsel, is that correct?

**Isaac Grove:** I think you guys just did it. If you guys want to look at that and she can make the note and you can say so noted and it can be done via that way.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Okay. Well, so noted.

**Pauline Salla:** This is Commissioner Salla. I move that we approve the minutes from September 10th, 2021 with the change in Commissioner Florez' last name.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you, Commissioner Salla. Is there a second?

**Brigid Duffy:** This is Brigid, I'll second.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Great. Then all those in favor, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying aye.

**Unanimous:** Aye.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Those oppose, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying nay. Do we still have any abstentions? Okay. Seeing none, that motion carries. Thank you. Progressing to Agenda Item 4. This item is for myself as the new Chair and other members of the board to briefly introduce ourselves. There are kind of a few of us here, so let's try to keep to some kind of a form of our name, our affiliated organization, whether we've been here before, whether we're coming back and then just a brief summary. So, to start, my name is Dylan Tedford. I grew up in Fallon. I work currently as the Deputy General Counsel for Governor Lombardo. And I went to college at a few places and then I went to law school at USC, moved back here a few years ago and am really-really

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excited to serve the people in Nevada and get to know people that are doing good things for good people. So, it's nice to meet all of you.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Chair Tedford --

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Ms. Bittleston?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Would you like to start in Carson City?

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Ms. Bittleston, yes. Let's start up in Carson City and then move down to Vegas from there.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Okay. Thank you.

**Ethan Ewert:** Hi, this is Ethan Ewert and I work under Leslie Bittleston in the Carson office in Juvenile Justice. And I live in Reno currently, working in compliance and data management. And I'm a youth member and I'm new. Thank you.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you, sir.

**Liz Florez:** Good morning. My name is Elizabeth Florez, and I am the director of the Washoe County Juvenile Services Department where I have worked for the last 29 and a half years. I'm a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, and I was reappointed to this commission, and I am not new.

**Pauline Salla:** My name is Pauline Salla. I am the Director of Juvenile Services in Humboldt County. And prior to that position, I was the Juvenile Justice Specialist for the state for 10 years. I am not new, and I think that that's it. I think it's my fourth appointment to this commission.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Well, thank you for making the drive out today, Commissioner Salla.

**Holly Welborn:** There we go. Making sure the mic works. This is Holly Welborn. I am a new appointee. I'm the assembly recommended appointee. It's a pleasure to serve on this commission. Although it is my first time serving on the commission, I've definitely worked with many folks who are at the tables in Vegas and here in Carson City, and I'm looking forward to our work throughout this interim. I am the Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Alliance and I'm pretty new to that role. I started in January. But prior to that, I've worked in the legislature, did a short period of public defense, but prior to that I was with the ACLU of Nevada for three legislative sessions. So, I'm looking forward to, you know, working collaboratively with everyone to see how we can best serve Nevada's children.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you. Chair Tedford, that is all in Carson City. Would you like to move to Las Vegas?

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Please, let's do that. Anybody in Las Vegas, please introduce yourself.

**Leslie Bittleston:** We have three commissioners in Las Vegas. Please go ahead.

**Brigid Duffy:** Good morning. I'm Brigid Duffy. I am the assistant DA of the Juvenile Division in the Clark County DA's Office. I have been in that role for about 11 years. I have been a part of the JJOC since its inception, and then prior to that it was the Supreme Court's Juvenile Justice Commission I was a part of. And I'm looking forward to getting back to work with a bunch of new members and moving forward since it's been two years.

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**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you. We're excited also.

**Jennifer Fraser:** Good morning. This is Jennifer Fraser. I'm the Chief Public Defender of the Juvenile Division in Clark County. I've been in that position since 2019, which is the same time I've -- since that I've been on this commission. I've been a Public Defender since 2006 with the majority of that time spent in the Juvenile Office. So, just like Ms. Duffy, I also look forward to re-engaging with this commission.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Great. Thanks for all your service to the state.

**Sharon Anderson:** Good morning. My name is Sharon Anderson. I serve as the Deputy Administrator for the Division of Child and Family Services Juvenile Justice Services. I've been in that role for just almost a year and a half. And prior to that, I served at the Nevada Youth Parole Bureau for 17 years. And so, I am new to the commission, new to the committee -- I'm sorry, to this commission, and I look forward to the work that we're going to do here. Thank you.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thanks, Sharon. Good to see you. Nice to put a face to the name.

**Sharon Anderson:** Yes.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Chair Tedford, that is all in Las Vegas. We could move to the phone. Commissioners on the phone, please introduce yourself.

**Derrica Daniel:** Hello, my name is Derrica Daniel. I have the honor of being the President of the ACLU of Nevada's Emerging Leaders. We're a youth led program that's focusing on building the next generation of civil rights leaders. I've been a youth advocate in Las Vegas for over seven years and this is my first time joining, and I'm happy to be here.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you for being here.

**Dawn Gearhart:** Hello, my name is Dawn Gearhart and I am a Deputy District Attorney with Washoe County with the juvenile team. I've been here for about two years. Previously, I worked with the Defense Bar, specifically the Public Defender's Office in Washoe County, Elko and in San Bernardino. I'm a graduate of Boyd and I am a new member, first time appearing.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you.

**Leslie Bittleston:** I believe that is all the members, Chair Tedford.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Great. Thank you. Well, then we will proceed to Agenda Item 6, which is Ms. Kristen Russell, who will be providing us a presentation which was provided, as I believe, attachment number 6. For those of you who may be attending in person, if you don't have that available immediately, there should be printouts. So, just please ask around and try to locate one of those. But if there's nothing else, then Ms. Russell, would you please introduce yourself and proceed with your presentation?

**Kristen Russell:** Yes. Can you hear me okay?

**Dylan K. Tedford:** I sure can. Thank you.

**Kristen Russell:** Great. Thank you. Good morning, everybody. Today, I'm going to be providing a brief introduction for you to the Nevada Center for Juvenile Justice Innovation. I'm sure some of you are already familiar that we will be doing a pretty broad overview today. So, the information I'll be sharing with you is also in a PowerPoint, as Dylan had said. So, if you'd like to follow along with our slides, you can find those towards the back of the agenda handout that was distributed earlier this -- last week. So, I'm going to start by introducing myself. My name is Kristen Russell. I am a Senior Research Associate in the National Center for Juvenile Justice, which is the research division of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Through this role, I have the pleasure of serving as the Project Director for the Nevada Center for Juvenile Justice Innovation. And just some background about myself and my connection to Nevada, I actually lived in Reno for five years, I got my Ph.D. and worked at UNR and then I did move away for a few years, but I'm very excited to say that I just recently moved to Vegas this past month, and so, I hope that I'll have the opportunity to connect with a lot of you in person and be more hands on now that I'm actually here. So today, I'm going to share with you the history of NCJJJ, our mission and our vision, and then I'm going to share some of our recent work and resources with you just to give you some insight into how we might be a good resource for you and your employees. So, on the last slide, you'll also find our website and contact information. So, we highly recommend reaching out. You can do that either to me directly or through the NCJJJ e-mail to get added to our listserv. We don't really send communications too often, so you don't have to worry about us spamming your inbox or anything, but we will send out newsletters every few months with resources as well as announcements about our upcoming webinars and training opportunities.

So, I want to start by telling you a bit about the origin of the Nevada Center for Juvenile Justice Innovation. So, in 2017, the Nevada Assembly Bill 472 was passed, establishing policies to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for juvenile justice involved youth. And as you know, the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission was established under this bill to oversee the implementation, and coordinate policy and practice. So, this bill, which was much more recently codified into law, established an evidence-based program resource center, and that was to support quality programs and practices in Nevada's juvenile justice system. The Department of Children and Family Services had issued an RFP and they selected my organization, the National Center of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, to develop and implement this evidence-based program resource center, which is now known as the Nevada Center for Juvenile Justice Innovation. Our vision here is for all children who have contact with the Juvenile Justice System to receive the right service at the right time. The mission of the Nevada Center for Juvenile Justice Innovation is to provide research, training and technical assistance on evidence-based programs, practices and tools to be used by counties, the state, facilities and service providers.

So, how do we do this? The Nevada Center for Juvenile Justice Innovation provides training and technical assistance to support the implementation of evidence-based practices and programs. We're working to develop a clearing house on evidence-based programs and practices, which you can actually find on our website under the additional resources tab. We provide support for quality assurance protocols to ensure programs meet evidence-based standards, which I'll talk about a little bit more shortly. And we also help to facilitate collaboration among state and local agencies as well as treatment providers who serve the juvenile justice system. I also want to take just a moment here to point out that we're here to serve all folks working in the Juvenile Justice system, meaning that the resources we provide and the TA that we can do extend to those working in probation, courts, residential facilities and therapeutic settings and so on. So, we really do hope to continue to extend our reach and make those in Nevada aware of what we're doing, so that we can get these resources out to more people. On the next few slides, you'll see that our evidence-based practices matrix is on there. We use this to determine which programs reach that standard of being able to be called an evidence-based program. You can find a larger printable version of that matrix, as I'm sure it's probably not very easy to see on your printout, you can find that on the landing page of our website.

And then on the next slide, you'll see some of the items that go into that matrix that help us to determine which programs we can call evidence-based. So, these are all factors that we assess, such as how statistically effective the programs are, the research design, and whether or not they include rigorous methodologies such as randomized control studies and whether the program itself has been replicated in multiple settings and has shown consistently positive outcomes. Part of the work that we've been doing to ensure evidence-based practices are being used in Nevada is the development of a quality assurance tool. So, this tool will be able to be used by all of your jurisdictions with our assistance in determining whether programs meet that standard of being evidence-based. As we determine more programs, while you're filling out this too and then we're assessing things, we'll be adding those to our clearinghouse on our website so they're easily accessible and information about those will be available to others as well. This tool was piloted by several jurisdictions in 2023 so far. We've been working to compile that feedback that we got on the tool, and we also have a few follow-ups that we still need to do. And once this is done, we're hoping to finalize the tool for you. Right now, our estimate is hopefully in early 2024 we'll be able to finalize things, but we will be sure to keep you all updated on our progress with that tool. So, while the quality assurance tool is very beneficial, we do have a number of other ways that we can help you in your jurisdictions as well, such as through individualized technical assistance, the provision and dissemination of resources and research findings, supporting training needs and providing original trainings as well as facilitating collaboration.

You'll find information on all of these items on our website, which is [ncjji.ncjj.org](http://ncjji.ncjj.org). On the main landing page, you'll see our history and mission and vision as well as our evidence-based programs matrix that you have in your slides. And then if you explore our tabs, you'll find a whole host of on-demand online training. So, many of these trainings actually took place live or in webinar format and were converted and uploaded to YouTube so that you can watch them at your convenience. You'll find a list of evidence-based programs with pages that include useful resources. You can search through our archive of previous newsletters that have been disseminated as well if you happen to have missed those in your inbox. And then there's also a list of other links and resources. So, it's got a whole bunch of really great information that could be really useful to you. Additionally, you'll see an updated page in 2024 as we are adding a podcast. So, we're using this podcast as a way to bring you and those in Nevada emerging research findings on evidence-based practices and programs in a short and digestible format. We already have quite a few guests lined up and we're going to start recording those across the next few months, we hope. And we will be sending an announcement when the first episode is released, but we do very much hope that you'll subscribe and listen and help us, you know, share this podcast and our resources out with those in your various counties.

And so, before I jump off here, I do want to place a small call of action out to those on the call asking that you help bring our center to the attention of those, you know, working in your jurisdiction. Our impact is limited to those that know we exist. So, if you're not on the listserv already, I believe that many of you are, but just in case you're not, please reach out to me, I'll get you added to that. If you want those in your office or those in your counties added to get those newsletters and announcements for training, you can send us their information and we'll be sure that they get those updates. And of course, if sharing others' contact information is impossible, we do hope that you'll at least pass along our announcements when you get them, so that we can increase participation in our trainings and continue to get folks in Nevada more exposure to evidence-based practices and related trainings, and just so they know what we do and how we can be of use to them. And of course, we also take feedback and we do really appreciate it. So, if there are specific topics that you'd like to see webinars on or training that your staff needs or needs help getting connected with and so on, please do reach out and share those ideas. We are here to serve you. And so that e-mail address on the very last page does get shared with me, but if you want to reach out to me directly, that's fine too. My e-mail address is [krussell@ncjfcj.org](mailto:krussell@ncjfcj.org). So, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. But for now, I believe that's everything I have to share with you today and I just want to thank you all for your time.



**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you, Kristen. We appreciate your time.

**Kristen Russell:** Thank you.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Well, with that, I believe, we will move on to Agenda Item 7, which will be Chief Bittleston giving us a brief overview of the state and federal requirements here and general introduction of the rest of the state staff who's here today.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you, Chair Tedford. Leslie Bittleston for the record. I would like to welcome everybody here today on behalf of DCFS staff. We welcome all the returning members and the newly appointed members. We are proud to have you with us. And the reason you were all appointed is because you bring knowledge and information to the juvenile justice system here in Nevada. As an appointed member, your input and oversight is valuable and don't hesitate to speak up with any of your ideas or thoughts. Moving on to Slide Number 3, I would like to introduce the state staff that staff this commission. First of all, I am Leslie Bittleston, the Chief of the Juvenile Justice Programs Office within the Division of Child and Family Services. I report directly to the Deputy Administrator of Juvenile Services, who is also Commissioner Anderson in Las Vegas. I would like to point out the other staff within this office. We have a criminal investigator position that is currently vacant. That position does all of the investigation for the Prison Rape Elimination Act and other things. We also have a part-time clinical program planner, Lori Corse (ph), she is in Las Vegas. I don't see her down there. We also have a quality assurance specialist, John Lum. He is responsible for doing annual reviews of out-of-state placements for folks in juvenile justice and child welfare and our three state facilities and youth parole. We have two program officers, one is Cindi Casselman. Cindi Casselman is in charge or oversees the Prison Rape Elimination Act for our juvenile facilities within DCFS. And Ethan Ewert who is brand new youth member. Ethan has been with us for six months, but he is leaving us for greener pastures, but he will remain on our commission. We are happy to have him. And lastly, our -- last but not least, our administrative assistant, Kayla Williamson, who you have probably received e-mails from, she keeps us all together. So, that is the state staff.

Moving on to Slide Number 4, the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission was established in 2017 and is outlined in NRS 62B.600. There are two functions of the JJOC, oversight with state requirements as we will go over in a few minutes outlined in NRS 62 and 63 and federal oversight of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. Moving on to Slide Number 5, State Oversight. This is a list of several of the NRSs that this body does address throughout the course of our work. NRS 62A is general provisions of the juvenile justice system and definitions; 62B is administration and does include some compliance and oversight; 62C is initial custody and detention placement petition and informal supervision; 62D, juvenile court proceedings; 62E is juvenile dispositions for both status and delinquent offenses; 62F talks about juvenile sex offenses; 62G is the administration of probation in county departments; 62H is all about data collection, analysis and reporting; 62I is the interstate compact for juveniles and NRS 63 is the general provisions of the state facilities that are under DCFS administration.

Moving on to the next slide, Federal Oversight. The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act, they don't have it listed here, but I'll give you a brief history of the act. The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act was established in 1974. It is a federal law that includes four core protections for the protection of juveniles in the criminal justice system. Prior to this act, juveniles were treated much the same as adult offenders, so this act provided some protections around how we treat juveniles in the criminal justice system. So, the four core protections of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act is deinstitutionalization of status offenders, for those of you who don't know, a status offender is an offense for a juvenile but not for an adult; jail removal, removing those juveniles from adult facilities, sight and sound separation, which is ensuring that if juveniles and adults are in the same facility that we are keeping them sight and sound separated. And lastly, racial and ethnic

disparities, for those of you, like Ms. Welborn, very versed in the national literature around juvenile justice, we know that there are a lot of racial and ethnic disparities within the system and contact points within the system. And as part of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act, there are grant funds that are allocated for this work. These grant funds are the Title II Formula Grant. They are federal funds that the state receives annually. And in order to receive these funds, the state must ensure compliance with those four core requirements that I just talked about.

Moving on to Slide Number 7, this is an overview, not all inclusive but an overview of what this body has oversight for in the state. The conditions and limitations of the use of corrective room restriction 62B.215, the usage of force or restraints in secure settings, training requirements for detention and facility staff, juvenile justice system data that's outlined, bless you, in 62H.200-225, juvenile sex offender data outlined in 62H.300-320, the competency of youth, so those are court determinations that determine a youth is competent or not competent. The Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant, there is no NRS for that, but this is a block grant of general state funds that are allocated annually in my office, and my office does provide oversight of these funds. These funds are split among Nevada's 17 counties based on a formula using a school enrollment in those counties. Statewide performance measures and evidence-based standards of 62B.640. This is the work of one of our subcommittees, that we will talk about in a little bit. Quality insurance is 62B.620 and having a validated statewide risk and needs assessment is NRS 62B.625. That's a lot of information. I will pause here. If there's any questions, before we move on?

Okay, great. The Juvenile Justice Programs Office, I'm on Slide 9, does oversee a variety of federal grant funds. I mentioned the Title II Formula Grant just a few minutes ago as part of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. That grant is awarded annually. This office also oversees the Title I Education Grant awarded annually within the state facilities and the Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant that I just went over a second ago. This office does have three other grants. These are one-time grant awards. They are not annual. These are competitive grants that this office was awarded. PREA which is the Prison Rape Elimination Act, so we have a PREA FY 19 Grant, a PREA FY 21 Grant and we also were awarded 1.5 million for the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention grant. All of -- most of these grants have sub-grantees that administer programs within their communities with these grant funds. Moving on to Slide Number 11, this is more information about the Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant. It is State General Funds \$2.3 million does fall into the budget of the Juvenile Justice Programs office. The 15 rural counties receive a \$5,000 base prior to splitting up the remaining funds based on school age enrollment or school enrollment. The historical premise of these funds was to focus on community services in order to reduce commitments to the three state correctional facilities. And per NRS 62B.630, 100% of these funds must be used on evidence-based programs and practices that Kristen Russell just talked about a few minutes ago.

Moving on to slide 12, the JJOC evaluates the Juvenile Justice System based on data and information presented by the staff of the Juvenile Justice Programs Office within DCFS and uses that data to assess the needs of the juvenile justice system, and lastly, makes recommendations for improvement. Recommendations may include funding requests and/or legislative changes or additions or revisions. A component of the evaluation process is the participation of JJOC members within various committees. All members must participate in at least one committee and all JJOC meetings and subcommittee meetings are subject to Nevada Open Meeting Law and must follow the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order. Moving on to Slide 13, these are the three subcommittees as they stand today; the Strategic Planning Committee, the State Advisory Unanimous and Racial and Ethnic Disparity Committee, and the Data Committee, which I will talk about in greater detail in a few minutes. Moving on to page 14, this is in summary, the JJOC is a Nevada Commission pursuant to NRS 62B.600, and we talked about what it is responsible for. The staff within the Juvenile Justice Programs office will be presenting data as required and requested by the JJOC, and the JJOC is required to meet quarterly. That is the end of my

presentation. I do have my contact e-mail on the last slide. If you have any questions, you would like to reach out, I am happy to meet with each of you individually if you have questions about the JJOC. Thank you.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you, Chief Bittleston. After that we'll move on to Agenda Item 8, which here again, I will ask Chief Bittleston to briefly summarize the applicable data for everybody before we begin discussion on this item. Specifically, most of this data will be found on Slide 7 of the report that she just gave.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you. Leslie Bittleston for the record. And there also is an attachment number 8, which is titled DCFS Juvenile Justice Report. It is about a page and a half long. This is an overview of the type of data that the program's office collects either on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. This information is being presented as there are new members of this commission and may not be familiar with the type of data that the office can provide during these meetings. The first dataset is the use of force data. This is really the use of restraints within county detention facilities and state correctional type facilities. My office receives this information monthly. The next one is room confinement. Some folks like to refer it as isolation or lots of various different ways to describe it, but room confinement is listed as NRS 62B.215 and this is also with the seven state -- or excuse me, the seven juvenile detention facilities and the three state facilities. This information is obtained monthly by my office as well. Facility caseload data and youth parole data, the three state correctional facilities and youth parole does live within the division of child and family services; therefore, we do gather and provide and have available facility and youth parole data on a monthly basis.

Moving on to the next one, the risk and needs assessment. My office does gather information monthly on the risk level of those youth that are committed by a committing county within the state to DCFS for correctional care. The Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant, we do collect performance measures for the use of these funds and this data is obtained quarterly. Federal grants, any federal grant that this office has, information and performance measures is obtained quarterly. Moving on to a lot of the crime data, points in time contact data that really makes up the rest of these reports. That data is obtained annually. And when I mention points of time, I'm talking about specific points in time within the juvenile justice system such as an arrest; arrest is one point in time; a detention placement is another point in time. So, that is referred to as either points in time data or federal crime data or state crime data. All of that is obtained on an annual basis. Racial and ethnic disparity data is that same data broken down by racial and ethnic Unanimous. Compliance data is around the four core requirements of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. And then there's various other reports around the use of evidence-based programs, quality assurance, juvenile sex offenders, competency and training. So, all of those is data that is obtained annually within my office. Chair Tedford, that is my overview of the type of data that this office can provide.

**Pauline Salla:** This is Commissioner Salla. I do have just one point, if I may? On the training report under summary, it looks like that's the same summary as room confinement, so we may want to update that since our training report is legislatively identified.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you. It looks like a mistake on our part, my apologies. But the training report is required per NRS 62B.250 for all folks that work in a detention or state correctional facility.

**Pauline Salla:** Thank you.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you, Chief Bittleston. Are there any other questions or comments from the Members? Seeing and hearing none, I would entertain a motion on how the commission should receive this sort of data going forward. Specifically, I'd entertain a motion that we should receive use of force, room confinement and both facility and caseload data quarterly with the remaining data being viewed annually. Is there anyone who would

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make that motion?

**Pauline Salla:** This is Commissioner Salla. If that's a motion, I'll second it. I don't know if we need a formal --

**Dylan K. Tedford:** I'm more entertaining it, but just trying to provide the words for it, so that if we want to add additional data at various points, we can do that by amendment.

**Pauline Salla:** This is Commissioner Salla. I'll try to summarize all of that. So, I move that the JJOC receive use of force, room confinement. And I'm going to clarify because facility caseload and youth parole caseload is state specific quarterly, I'm going to -- yeah, those are quarterly. The remaining elements and data reports, which are several, annually since most of us as jurisdictions report it annually. And I'll caveat that any commission member has the right to request presentation of data on something other during a meeting to be placed on the next agenda. Was that too convoluted?

**Dylan K. Tedford:** No. Thank you.

**Liz Florez:** This is Commissioner Florez. I'll second that motion.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Well, then let's vote to approve that. All those in favor, please either unmute yourselves or comment by saying aye.

**Unanimous:** Aye.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** And any of those opposed, please unmute or indicate by saying nay. Are there any abstentions? Great. The motion carries. So, then we will proceed to Agenda Item 9. And here again, I would ask Chief Bittleston to provide a brief summary on the status of our three subcommittees. For clarity, just in advance, each member is required to sit on at least one subcommittee. If you'd like to volunteer for a subcommittee, please do; but if not, I will appoint you to one and I'd like to be sure that you're all happy with your role and the places that you're working, so please volunteer if you do have a preference. You can reach out to me by e-mail or you can reach out to Leslie or we might circulate a doodle poll, but we will have a firm idea of that shortly, or you can indicate on the record here if you have a firm preference either way. Thank you.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Okay. Leslie Bittleston for the record. Attachment number 9 in your packet is an outline of the three subcommittees that we currently have in place. We have had additional subcommittees, ad hoc committees, which may happen in the course of our work, but for our presentation today, we have three standing subcommittees. The first subcommittee is the Data Performance Committee. The Data Performance Committee is chaired by Commissioner Duffy, who is returning for her second round of Chair within this committee. This committee is responsible for the development and review of juvenile justice performance measures in accordance with NRS 62B.640 and NRS 62H.200. This committee will be working on the creation of performance measures for the next three years and looking at surveys for both youth and/or victims. Chair Duffy, would you like to say anything on behalf of your committee?

**Brigid Duffy:** This is Brigid for the record. I would like to say we are a very exciting, fun committee of currently one, with the most boring title, the data subcommittee. So, I have lost all of my previous members over the last years, except Pauline, I'm hoping you'll come back because the rural voice is very-very important as we learned going through when we're looking at different performance measures and data, with only the two biggest counties, it was some -- there was a lot of stuff lost. So, I'm hoping Pauline will come back or there'll be somebody else from a rural jurisdiction that would like to join in, and we're looking forward to kind of discussing where this

commission wants to take us. We still have some unfinished business, thanks to the minutes from 2021 that reminded me where we left off around issues involving juvenile competency. So, definitely looking forward to picking up and I'll probably schedule my first meeting, I assume, in December, but probably early on, Leslie, because I don't want to lose people for the holidays. And you can find all the prior work that we did online if you want to figure out really why we are so fun, but you can see all the prior meeting materials to see where we were.

**Pauline Salla:** And this is Commissioner Salla. I would love to be on that committee again because Commissioner Duffy is right, that is a fun committee and, and it really does mirror a lot of the information that we do in the state advisory Unanimous, so I think that it's a good partnership. So, I would like to remain on that one.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you, Commissioner Duffy. And Commissioner Salla, I wrote your name down. Moving on to the second committee, the State Advisory Unanimous Planning Committee. This committee is responsible for the oversight of grant funds and the compliance with the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. This committee may also review data elements related to room confinement, use of force, and the Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant. This committee on the go forward will be working on the federally required three-year plan and identifying the areas that they would want to focus on over the next three years. And just to remind you of the four core requirements, the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, jail removal, sight and sound separation, and racial and ethnic disparities all fall under this committee. Chair Salla, would you like to say something about the committee?

**Pauline Salla:** Thank you. For the record, Commissioner Salla. We too are a fun committee. We deal a lot with federal requirements, and we all know how fun that is. But we also are actively involved with our legislative session and monitoring and providing support for any, like, new legislation that has the potential to touch our juvenile justice system, and we also work on our PREA compliance also. So, I too am a committee of one. So, we would like to reUnanimous and have our first meeting, so please everyone get excited about joining the SAG.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you, Commissioner Salla. The last committee is the Strategic Planning Committee. It is chaired by Commissioner Elizabeth Florez. This committee has been meeting regularly over about the last year and a half, so there are current members of this committee. This committee is responsible for the development and oversight of the JJOC strategic plan as required by NRS 62B.615 and various legislative initiatives. This committee will be recommending the use of stipends for potential youth members at a future meeting and will also be working on the next five-year strategic plan. Commissioner Florez, would you like to talk about your committee?

**Liz Florez:** Thank you, Ms. Bittleston. This is Liz Florez, Commissioner Florez for the record. And Leslie stated it well about where we are currently with the status of our committee. We have been active and we have found ourselves in the place where in order to move forward with the next strategic plan, we recognize that we are going to need support and so we'll hopefully be able to agendize for the next meeting a conversation about hiring a vendor to provide support for the creation of that next strategic plan. The previous strategic plan, I believe, the state had worked with -- I can't remember the name of on strategy, who was able to coalesce all the thoughts of the commissioners and bring forward a document that then became our working document. And so, that will be a future item. And yes, I have -- we have had a healthy committee, and I hope this doesn't mean that people will leave this committee because there are -- while we have a quorum today and we have new commissioners, I'm excited to meet some of them in person. There are still -- there's a lot of work to be done divided amongst all of us. So, I hope that we can continue to work together in some capacity on the Strategic Planning Committee. Thank you.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you, Commissioner Florez. Chair Tedford, that wraps up my presentation.

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**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you, Chief Bittleston. I appreciate it. With that, we will move on to Agenda Item 10, which is issues for possible action and discussing and deciding upon our next steps here. So, first, I think it's important to note that -- I think it's important that we meet quarterly, which would land our next meeting in sometime from mid to late January. Each meeting, each subcommittee will have the responsibility to provide at least one agenda item for discussion, and initially that could just be a summary, an overview, but really shortly we would hope that that will involve into substantive recommendations for the commission as a whole that we can move on so that we can move forward with the actual business here. But at this time, I'd entertain discussion from commission members to determine what items should be considered at the next meeting if we haven't discussed them yet and those that aren't necessarily just beneath the purview of the subcommittees.

**Pauline Salla:** This is Commissioner Salla for the record. I really appreciate the task of bringing one item on each agenda. I think that's going to be helpful to keep us moving forward. I can't say that for our next meeting because, you know, there's two committees that I don't think have been meeting regularly that we could provide an update from us gathering new members and identifying what we would like to do on our next agenda or to at least bring forth to the commission of an update of what we have completed and not completed. So, at this time, I guess for the federal compliance and some of the state compliance, I would just ask that maybe we could be placed on the agenda to provide an update from all of our reports that we just agreed to present quarterly since it's been a year and a half since we've received that data.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Sure. Certainly, given the timeline here, I wasn't looking for a super substantive report this first time, just really an update on how any initial meeting has gone in the interim between now and our next meeting, but if there's any more discussion about that, please.

**Pauline Salla:** No, thank you. That helped clarify for me.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Okay. Thank you. For those subcommittees and the chairs of those subcommittees, is it an unreasonable burden to meet in the interim between now and probably late second or third week of January meeting?

**Brigid Duffy:** This is Brigid for the record. I do plan to meet in early December if I can get, you know, more than a party of one, and I do think it would be helpful for me as the chair to bring to the full commission some ideas we have about the -- you know, our data needs and then get some feedback from the commission of what we should be focused on. So, that would be my intention and I could absolutely meet that January timeframe.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Okay. Thank you. I appreciate.

**Pauline Salla:** This is Commissioner Salla. I think we could make that timeframe too if I have committee members.

**Liz Florez:** This is Commissioner Florez. Since our Unanimous has been meeting fairly regularly, I would have items available for a report. I actually thought they'd be due today and Ms. Bittleston told me today wasn't the day, so that gave me more time. So, I'll be ready by January. Thank you.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Okay, great. Thank you. I appreciate that. So, I think at this point, for the members, we should really endeavor in the next week or so here to get any sort of preferences submitted to Leslie and myself, so that we can put together kind of a solid list of where people may be apportioned to based on their preferences, and hopefully everything works out, but we'll certainly communicate with all of you before we make any definitive

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assignments, but just getting those names in would make it a lot easier so that we can get things agendaized and moving forward for the next meetings. If that sounds all right with everyone, at this time, I would also request that Chief Bittleston could you conduct a doodle poll to find the best time for us all to meet during that late January period as a full commission?

**Leslie Bittleston:** Leslie Bittleston for the record. We will have staff do that.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Okay. Thank you. Is there any more discussion on that agenda item? Seeing and hearing none, we will move on to Item 11, which is public comment. Again, no action can be taken upon a matter raised until the matter has been specifically added to the agenda for a later meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes. We are now open for public comment. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the record before providing comment. Thank you.

**Motulalo Otuafi:** This is Chief Otuafi with Churchill County Juvenile Probation. Can you hear me?

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Yes, sir. We can.

**Motulalo Otuafi:** I did want to say, Chairperson Dylan Tedford was one of my wide receivers when he was here in Fallon. And as a coach, I just wanted to let him know how proud I am of him and he's doing such a great job and way to represent the Green Wave. Thank you.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you, Coach. That means a lot. I appreciate it. Is there any public comment in Carson City?

**Leslie Bittleston:** I don't see any public comment in Carson City.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Thank you, Chief. Is there any public comment in the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas?

**Brigid Duffy:** No public comment in Las Vegas.

**Dylan K. Tedford:** Great. Thank you. With that, we will move on to Item 12, which is adjournment. Seeing and hearing of no additional business before the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission, I declare this meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. on October 23rd, 2023. I look forward to reconvening with you all soon. Thank you for your time.

**Leslie Bittleston:** Thank you.