

**NEVADA JUVENILE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**  
**State Advisory Group Committee Report**

May 6, 2024

**Committee:**

State Advisory Group Committee

**Chair:**

Pauline Salla

**Last Strategic Planning Committee Meeting:**

April 18, 2024

**Voting Members Present:**

Sharon Anderson, Jennifer Fraser, Pauline Salla, Katherine Maher, Holly Welborn, Elizabeth Florez

**Voting Members Absent:**

Ethan Ewert, Paula Smith, Derrica Daniel, Dylan Tedford, Dawn Gearheart (New for May 16, 2024)

**DCFS Staff Present:**

Leslie Bittleston, Cindy Casselman, Jessica Villalobos

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Eboni Washington, Dr. Kristen Russell

**Date of Next Meeting:**

May 16, 2024

**Review and Discussion of:**

- Evidence Based Resource Center vendor update regarding a newly created Quality Assurance Tool for use in determining if a program or practice meets the definition of evidence-based or evidence-informed. This tool was piloted by Washoe County and is expected to be rolled out in May/June.
- JJOC Membership Update regarding the submission of a DCFS sponsored BDR aligning the membership as outlined in NRS 62B.600 with federal requirements.
- Data Presentation
  - Room Confinement – Discussion regarding the presentation of data and the reasons for the use of confinement. This is in process.
  - Use of Force – Discussion regarding the presentation of data. This is in process.
  - Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant – No issues or discussion.
  - YLS Commitment Data indicated that the average commitment score is Moderate (high moderate), rather than High or Very High. Juvenile Justice Programs Office staff reviewed 71 cases that were Moderate or Low and determined that these represent Juvenile Sex Offenders and youths with weapons charges.
  - Status Offender Data – High number of out of state runaways, especially in Clark County, and a high number of youths staying in detention for extended periods of

time. Discussion regarding juvenile detention being a “catch all” for juvenile problems/behaviors.

**Recommendations for the Commission:** None at this time

**NEVADA JUVENILE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**  
**Data Performance Committee Report**

May 6, 2024

**Committee:**

Data Performance Committee

**Chair:**

Brigid Duffy

**Last Strategic Planning Committee Meeting:**

May 1, 2024

**Voting Members Present:**

Sharon Anderson, Jennifer Fraser, Pauline Salla, Katherine Maher

**Voting Members Absent:**

Brigid Duffy

**DCFS Staff Present:**

Leslie Bittleston, Cindy Casselman, Jessica Villalobos

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Eboni Washington, Devin Gamboa

**Date of Next Meeting:**

June 12, 2024

**Review and Discussion of:**

- Overview of multiple data reports/elements and committees responsible.
  - The Data Performance Committee is responsible for:
    - Juvenile justice system performance measures (which includes some of the data elements under the next bullet.
  - The JJOC State Advisory Committee and/or the Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators is responsible for:
    - Risk and needs assessment data
    - Status offender data
    - Use of force data
    - Room confinement data
    - Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant data
    - Juvenile sex offender treatment data
    - Training data including implicit bias and cultural competency.
    - Youth competency hearing data
    - Racial and ethnic disparity data
    - Juvenile justice system data
    - Compliance with JJDPA

- Verification of the use of evidence-based programs and services
  - Federal grant funds data
- Data Scorecard and Performance Summary
  - This document was created with the FY 18 – FY 23 Strategic Plan to gather data for FY 19, FY 20, and FY 21. This data was to be used to make a projection for FY 23, which did not occur.
  - Discussed unclear data submissions. The Committee agreed that data should not be made public if it cannot be verified specifically regarding recidivism. The data will be working on the following:
    - The 2014 Data Dictionary will be updated/revised with newer legislation.
    - Discuss defining specific measurements of recidivism.
  - A missing performance measure is convictions in the adult system. Will discuss options to obtain data regarding adult convictions. Note: A new Committee member and pending applicant of the JJOC is connected with court improvement.

**Recommendations for the Commission:** None at this time

**NEVADA JUVENILE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**  
**Strategic Planning Committee Report**

May 6, 2024

**Committee:**

Strategic Planning Committee

**Chair:**

Elizabeth Florez

**Last Strategic Planning Committee Meeting:**

April 4, 2024

**Voting Members Present:**

Sharon Anderson, Jennifer Fraser, Perla Vega, Liz Florez, Matt Clapham, Mike Waston (Proxy for Brigid Duffy)

**Voting Members Absent:**

Dylan Tedford, Marla McDade Williams, Brigid Duffy (Mike Watson was sent as proxy)

**DCFS Staff Present:**

Leslie Bittleston, Cindy Casselman, Jessica Villalobos, Dr. Carmen Jones

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Mike Whelihan, Pauline Salla, Dr. Kristan Russell

**Date of Next Meeting:**

May 9, 2024

**Review and Discussion of:**

- SB 398 strategic plan FY24-28
- Review of Evidence Based Resource Center report

**Recommendations and Updates for the Commission:**

1. Hire a consultant to organize the FY 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.  
SB 398 (2017) requires the JJOC Strategic Plan be updated (FY 2024-2028), approved by the JJOC and then submitted to the Legislature. While the Strategic Planning Committee worked with DCFS staff to create a report on the current status of goals established from the FY19-23 Strategic Plan, the development of an updated plan requires professional assistance. The State hired a consulting company to construct the original strategic plan. UPDATE: *Chair Liz Florez with assistance of Juvenile Justice Chief Leslie Bittleston will propose to the Strategic Planning Committee draft recommendations for review at the May 9, 2024, meeting.*
2. Dr. Kristin Russell of NCJFCJ and Nevada Center for Juvenile Justice Innovation Center asked for feedback from Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators (NAJJA) on what elements would be most useful on the website. Chair Florez will share examples with NAJJA of other evidence-based resource centers.