

Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction
Juvenile Justice Subcommittee
March 18, 2026
DJCS-1-Conference Room (10)

Members Present (12):

Barri Faucett
Olivia Laverty
Brenda Thompson
Kimberly Mason
Jamie Styons
Karen Haring

Marty Hatfield proxy for Phyllis Stewart-Brown
Gary "Gig" Robinson Proxy for Fred Wooton
Denny Dodson proxy for Shelby Searls
Stephanie Bond
David Chapman
Wanda Cox

Members Absent (7):

Lindsey Sprouse
Dylan O'Sullivan
Judge Maryclaire Akers
Greg Puckett

Jane Cabbiness
Mona Dues
Chris Casto

DAS/JCS Staff Present (10):

John Stigall
Bryan Arthur
Tina Desmond
Krista Ferrell
April Darnell

Matt Dayhaw
Grace Linz
Chad Smith
Shaun Fordyce
Riki Correal

Welcome and Introductions:

The March 18, 2026, meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Barri Faucett and a roll call and introductions were conducted. There were twelve (12) members either present or represented by proxy, which constitutes a quorum of the Subcommittee membership.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Barri asked all members to review the minutes of the December 19, 2025, meeting. Gig Robinson made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Denny Dodson. All members were in favor; minutes accepted.

Compliance Monitoring Update:

Shaun Fordyce provided an update on compliance monitoring, confirming that there were no violations. John Stigall stated that we are in full compliance with FY25 and we have already started FY26 monitoring to achieve the 85% data collection. John emphasized the importance of our role to educate and build relationships to encourage cooperation, because we cannot legally mandate data submission.

Funding Update:

Matt Dayhaw presented the funding update, noting that the JCS grants typically run on a three-year cycle, but the current JJ grant runs on a four-year cycle. This cycle distinction means three pots of money need to be discussed. FY22 JJ (expiring in September 2026), FY23 JJ (expiring in 2027), and FY24 JJ (expiring in 2028).

FY22 JJ Funds and Deobligation: The FY22 JJ grant currently has \$14,469.03 unobligated funds available for immediate awarding. Staff will investigate the subgrantees due to non-responsiveness or failure to submit required information. Specific procedures require multiple outreach attempts before sending certified letters with a final deadline for response.

Once deobligated funds are available, the subcommittee will need to hold a supplemental virtual meeting to quickly make funding decisions for other subgrantees. Staff will compile a list of subgrantees that have already spent all their money and submitted timely reports, including summary of their progress and key performance indicators. The urgency to re-award the funds by September was stressed, requiring quick action to maximize the time new recipients must spend the money. It was suggested that supplemental money should be given to existing, well-performing grantees for new, short projects to prevent “double dipping” on already funded projects. Staff confirmed they must investigate whether recipients can absorb the funding and spend it by the deadline, potentially dividing the funds into small chunks.

FY23 JJ Funds and Solicitation Options: The FY23 JJ grant has \$73,671 unobligated funds, expiring September 2027. The subcommittee has the option to award supplemental funding to high-performing subgrantees or to put out a solicitation for new applications. It was suggested that combining the 23 JJ money with the 24 JJ money for a formal grant review would allow for longer, more sustainable funding for recipients.

Extension Request for FY22 JJ Funds: The staff intends to investigate the possibility of requesting an extension for the FY22 JJ funds to give recipients more time to spend the money and reduce the risk of having to return the funds. The window to request an extension is typically 30 days before September 30th expiration.

Planning for the FY24 JJ Grant Review: The intention for the FY24 JJ money, along with the FY23 JJ money, is to conduct a formal grant review to fund programs for a solid two years. The staff’s current plan is to finalize the deobligation process for the FY22 JJ money first and then combine the FY23 JJ funds for a formal review.

Grant Review:

The subcommittee discussed scheduling the grant review meeting for the week of June 8th-12th. John Stigall will continue looking to secure a venue for the grant review meeting. Meeting is tentatively set for June 8-12, 2026. Location will be determined. Chad Smith suggested sending out a doodle poll for the chosen week and soliciting attendance conflicts instead of having everyone pick weeks. It was suggested that a July grant review meeting would be too late for awarding supplemental 22 JJ funds, which requires expediency.

CJJ Conference:

Chad Smith introduced the topic of the CJJ (Coalition for Juvenile Justice conference, noting that attendance helps them understand the national scope of the State Advisory Group (SAG) process and that the state has missed several years of sending attendees. Matt Dayhaw reviewed the SAG budget, and it was determined that funds are available to send members to conferences or a retreat. A travel request has been submitted for one staff member, Shaun Fordyce to attend the DC-based conference.

Recruiting Initiatives and Status:

The subcommittee requested that John Stigall follow up on the three engaging young people who attended a previous meeting and one who attended virtually to see if they're still interested in applying. David Chapman will continue speaking to the two individuals they had previously contacted to seek out other interested candidates.

SAG Retreat Budget and Fund Expiration:

A retreat concept was discussed, with an estimated cost of \$35,000 for three days of lodging, catering (continental breakfast and lunch), and conference facilities for approximately 30 people. Chad Smith suggested that the cost could be closer to \$20,000. It was suggested that when the FY22 SAG money expires, the subcommittee would prioritize spending those funds for a conference or retreat.

Gig Robinson made a motion to use SAG funds to send two SAG members and 1 staff member to the CJJ Conference in DC on May 27-30, 2026, using up to \$9,000.00 in SAG funds for travel and training, seconded by Olivia Laverty. All members were in favor; motion carried.

Program Updates:

Updates included that JAG funding was recently released, with hopes that JJ funds will follow soon. Chad Smith shared that they are working on intervention training.

Additional Business:

The subcommittee addressed a previous decision to update the bylaws. Staff acknowledged the oversight and confirmed that the changes would be made, and the revised bylaws will be sent out for review before being placed on the next quarterly meeting agenda for a vote on adoption.

Upcoming Share the Vision Conference: Jamie Styons provided an update on the "Share the Vision" conference, scheduled for April 14th through the 16th at the Marshall Health Arena in Huntington. The event is a revival of an older statewide conference that historically drew large crowds and focused on the continuum of care for prevention of substance use. The goal is to bring together prevention folks with other groups such as those working with 988, substance use treatment areas, and the Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (ABCA).

Community Suicide Prevention Efforts: Chair Barri Faucett shared details about their peer-led upstream prevention program in Calhoun County, which works with middle and high school students. The group recently conducted a successful food drive that raised about \$27,000 and packed 825 backpacks with food for children who would be off school for an extended period. They emphasized that empowering youth through such efforts acts as suicide prevention.

Alcohol Awareness Month and PSA Contest: Gig Robinson reported that next month is Alcohol Awareness Month, and efforts include coordinating with the governor's office and conducting the 13th annual PSA contest for middle and high school students.

Secretary of State's Eighth Grade Sticker Design Program: Kim Mason reported that the Secretary of State's office launched a program for eighth graders to design the "I Voted" sticker, which received over a thousand submissions from both public and home-schooled students. The public voted on four designs, and the winners were recognized at the Supreme Court, with the winning county getting their own roll of stickers. The winning sticker was notable for being completely drawn in pen.

Adjournment:

There being no additional business to discuss, Brenda Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim Mason. Vote unanimous; meeting adjourned.