

Juvenile Justice Oversight Council Meeting

3:00 pm August 5, 2026

Virtually

Present

- Judge Knoff
- Rep. Stevens
- Ryan Brunner
- Rep. Whitman
- Dr. Meyer
- Rene Velasquez
- Brenna Koedam
- Senator Red Dawn Foster
- Secretary Algin Young
- Eric Anderson
- Andrew McCain
- Kassidi Smith
- Jeff Tronvold
- Kristi Bunkers
- Allison Morrisette
- Sadie Stevens
- Charles Frieburg

At 3:00pm, Judge Knoff called the meeting to order.

Juvenile Diversion Presentation

Ms. Kassidi Smith and Mr. Andrew McCain, Juvenile Diversion Case Manager, provided an update on juvenile diversion programming, including referrals, case management, community partnerships, transportation, truancy intervention, and opportunities for expansion.

Ms. Smith reported that grant funding for the dedicated diversion case manager position had been renewed. The program continues to serve high school youth and is working with Minnehaha County to expand diversion opportunities for middle school youth.

Mr. Ryan Brunner asked about county reimbursement. Ms. Kristi Bunkers explained that counties are eligible for diversion reimbursement and may also access federal formula funds. In FY2025, counties received \$750 per successful diversion completion, resulting in approximately \$1.47 million in payments.

Open Meeting Requirements

Mr. Jeff Tronvold provided an overview of South Dakota open meeting requirements and guidance from the South Dakota Attorney General's Office.

Unified Judicial System Update

UJS continues working with the National Center for State Courts to strengthen juvenile services, circuit-level operations, and staff training. UJS also received grant funding for work involving the emerging adult population.

Ms. Allison Morrisette provided updates on JDAI work with tribal communities, ICWA site visits, and juvenile-focused Court Services Officer training.

There were no questions.

Department of Social Services Update

DSS provided an update on juvenile justice reinvestment initiatives and efforts to expand access to evidence-based treatment services. Approximately 100 youth have been served, with efforts underway to expand capacity to approximately 200 youth.

Quarterly sustainability workgroups continue to address referrals, treatment-provider coordination, and family engagement and retention.

There were no questions.

Department of Corrections Update

Mr. Eric Anderson provided a DOC update on juvenile commitments and community-based services. Judge Knoff asked about commitments involving family or household members. Senator Red Dawn Foster raised questions regarding transportation barriers, solitary confinement, culturally responsive services, and youth involved in both foster care and the juvenile justice system. Mr. Anderson addressed current DOC practices and noted that additional DOC/DSS crossover data may be available.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Wittman and Ms. Brenna Koedam. The meeting was adjourned.