

Answers to questions from the TF from the Monday, March 14 meeting:

Questions for the State of Kansas – KDOC

- **Is there funding available for facility enhancements?**

There is an option to grant funds for facility enhancements or “softening” of detention beds. The details would have to be reviewed but generally speaking, funds are available.

- **What is the State budget (last year and current) for mental health and juvenile justice?**

I am not certain what specifically this question is addressing as I cannot speak to the state budget for mental health. I think what is actually being asked is about what I spoke to last week so that is how I am going to respond. The Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee has approved \$750,000 each year for FY22 and FY23. This is through the Reinvestment Fund or Evidence based Fund. There are statutory requirements to the use of these funds but it is specific to juvenile justice and families.

It may also be helpful to look at our Annual Report (link below) starting on page 59 -61 which outline the various grants for juvenile services. Several agencies fund some forms of mental health services through these various grant opportunities.

<https://www.doc.ks.gov/publications/Reports/fy2021-annual-report>

Questions for Sedgwick County

- **Update on Director of Corrections position**

Applications close 3/21/22. Applications and resumes will be evaluated and a process to interview and further evaluate will be forthcoming.

- **Update on Governor’s investigation – From the Office of the Secretary of DCF**

Thanks for your inquiry into the referenced Lofton investigation. At this point I can tell you that this effort remains in progress.

- **What is the County budget (last year and current) for mental health and juvenile justice?**

A very high level summary

2022:

COMCARE (Mental Health): \$51,277,033

Corrections (Juvenile Services): \$5,099,914

Corrections (Juvenile Facilities): \$9,230,287
 Crime Prevention: \$582,383
 TOTAL: \$66,189,617

2021:

COMCARE (Mental Health): \$48,420,174
 Corrections (Juvenile Services): \$4,362,934
 Corrections (Juvenile Facilities): \$8,828,238
 Crime Prevention: \$582,383
 TOTAL: \$62,193,729

- Can JIAC provide a racial breakdown for juvenile intakes? Or, refer to report of where to find that information.

Ethnicity	Race	Total
Hispanic	American Indian/Alaskan Native	2
	Asian	1
	Black	48
	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
	White	258
Hispanic Total		310
Non Hispanic	American Indian/Alaskan Native	11
	Asian	7
	Black	532
	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
	White	399
Non Hispanic Total		950
Grand Total		1260

Count of Count	Total
Race	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	13
Asian	8
Black	580
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2
White	657
Grand Total	1260

- Can JIAC provide the number of foster children who are taken to the facility each year?

2021 = 247 intakes

- **If one of the governmental bodies does not accept recommendations from the Taskforce, what opportunity will the Taskforce have to ask questions and/or discuss the why?**

Each governing body, the Board of County Commissioners and the Wichita City Council, will decide how they wish to follow-up with questions related to Taskforce recommendations, once recommendation have been provide for them to read and consider.

- **How does the County envision being held accountable for the recommendations put forth by the Taskforce? Will there be a dashboard, update on the website, presentation to Commissioners?**

Recommendations will be posted to the Taskforce web page, Actions initiated and progress/status will be tracked on the Taskforce page as well.

Information Shared in Zoom Chat Monday, 3/14/2022:

Other Program Models

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/4508/CAHOOTS>

<https://mhcd.org/star-program/>

<https://mhcd.org/co-responder/>

Stand Your Ground Article

<https://apnews.com/article/kansas-wichita-topeka-legislature-gun-politics-6f61a926a56353a4b22ffecf90c46be3>