

# Minnesota Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC)

## Members, Advisors, Staff & Subcommittees

### JJAC MEMBERS

Description: Governor-appointed for a four-year term, full voting ability, eligible to chair and serve on JJAC subcommittees

#### **Chyenne Boyce**

(Youth Member)  
**Minneapolis, MN**  
*Student & Community Leader*

#### **Gary Charwood**

(Chair)  
**Squaw Lake, MN**  
*Cultural Coordinator,  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
Child Welfare Division*

#### **Ruben Cortes**

**Saint Paul, MN**  
*Former Community Service &  
Police Officer*

#### **Sarah Davis**

**Saint Louis Park, MN**  
*Executive Director,  
Legal Rights Center*

#### **James Fleming**

**Minneapolis, MN**  
*Attorney,  
Office of the Public Defender,  
MN Second Judicial District*

#### **Michael Goar**

**Saint Paul, MN**  
*President & Chief Executive  
Officer, Catholic Charities*

#### **Rodney Hanson**

**Willmar, MN**  
*Judge, MN Sixth Judicial  
District*

#### **Nicholas Jenkins**

**Brooklyn Center, MN**  
*Community Leader*

#### **Sheila Kiscaden**

**Rochester, MN**  
*Olmsted County Commissioner*

#### **Scott Knight**

**Chaska, MN**  
*Consultant and former  
Police Chief of Chaska*

#### **Sterling Knox**

**Bemidji, MN**  
*Recidivism Reduction Initiative  
Coordinator, Red Lake Nation*

#### **Anne McKeig**

**Saint Paul, MN**  
*Associate Justice,  
MN Supreme Court*

#### **Denisia (Neese) Parker**

(Youth Member)  
**Minneapolis, MN**  
*Youth Engagement Manager,  
Youthprise*

#### **Trahern Pollard**

**Brooklyn Center, MN**  
*Founder and Chief Executive  
Officer, We Push for Peace*

#### **Beau RaRa**

**Minneapolis, MN**  
*Youth Restorative Justice Initiative  
Lead, Legal Rights Center*

#### **Kathryn (Kate) Richtman**

**Saint Paul, MN**  
*Professor,  
University of St. Thomas  
School of Law*

#### **Aasia-Marie Ross**

(Youth Member)  
**Eagan, MN**  
*Chairwoman, Community of  
Young Consultants, Dakota  
County Juvenile Detention  
Alternatives Initiative*

#### **Erickson Saye**

(Youth Member)  
**Minneapolis, MN**  
*Community Leader*

#### **Amanda Sieling**

**Hanley Falls, MN**  
*Assistant Professor of Justice  
Administration,  
Southwest Minnesota State  
University*

#### **Sara Thomas**

**Saint Paul, MN**  
*Staff Attorney,  
Central Minnesota Legal  
Services*

## JJAC EX-OFFICIOS

Description: Selected by the Chair, ineligible for voting, eligible to chair and serve on JJAC subcommittees

### **Matthew Bauer**

MN Juvenile Detention Association (MN JDA)

### **Katrinna Dexter**

MN Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (MN JDAI)

### **Honorable Michael Mayer**

MN First Judicial District

### **Nicole Kern/Jerald Moore**

MN Association of Community Corrections Act Counties (MACCAC)

### **Beatriz Menanteau/Caroline Palmer**

MN Department of Health (MDH), Safe Harbor & Sexual Violence Prevention

### **Jane Schmid**

MN Corrections Association (MCA)

### **James Schneider**

MN Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO)

### **Carli Stark**

Association of MN Counties (AMC)

### **Shon Thieren/Tammy Wherley**

MN Department of Corrections (DOC), Minnesota Correctional Facility – Red Wing

### **Kay Tracy**

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), Office of Youth Development

## JJAC ADVISORS

Description: Selected by the Chair for their subject-matter expertise, ineligible for voting, eligible to serve on JJAC subcommittees

### **Sue Abderholden & Elliot Butay**

MN National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

### **Julie Atella**

Wilder Foundation

### **Jordan Borer-Nelson**

Damascus Way

### **Joel Brott**

Sherburne County Sherriff's Department

### **Paul Coughlin**

Carlton County Sherriff's Department

### **Melissa Dau**

MDH, Suicide Prevention Unit

### **Lolita Davis-Carter & Larry Eisenstadt**

DEED, Office of Youth Development

### **Thomas Delaney & Rachel Wannarka**

Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

### **Lisa Deputie**

Family Wise Services

### **MN DOC's Inspection & Enforcement Unit:**

Lisa Becking, Monaie Hebert, Troy Okerlund, Jennifer Pfeifer, Lori Schopf, Teresa Smith, & Christopher Thoma

### **John Eshun**

Minnesota Department of Health

### **Scott Hable**

Renville County Sherriff's Department

### **Roger Heinen**

Washington County Sherriff's Department

### **Bill Hutton**

Minnesota Sherriffs' Association

### **Safia Kahn**

Minnesota Department of Corrections

### **Faith Kidder**

MDH, Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) Team

### **Amanda Larson**

Sherburne County Health & Human Services

### **Julie Matonich**

Children of Incarcerated Caregivers

### **Michele Rudnik**

Dodge Fillmore Olmsted Community Corrections

### **Rebecca Schlafer**

University of Minnesota, Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health

### **John Soghigian**

Caregiver

### **Stephanie Upton**

Carlton County Sherriff's Department

## JJAC STAFF SUPPORT

Description: Employees of MN Dept. of Public Safety-Office of Justice Programs; responsible for serving JJAC and its subcommittees

**Callie Hargett** - Director, Youth Justice Office and Staff Liaison to JJAC

**Tricia Hummel** - Assistant Director, Office of Justice Programs

**Allison Scott** - Financial Compliance Monitor

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## JJAC SUBCOMMITTEES

Description: Subcommittee Chairs/Co-Chairs selected by JJAC Chair, most of JJAC's work takes place on the subcommittee level, meetings occur at a frequency determined by the subcommittee Chair/Vice-Chair

### ETHNIC AND RACIAL DISPARITIES (ERD) SUBCOMMITTEE

**Chair:** Jerald Moore

**Members:**

Katrinna Dexter  
Scott Knight  
Beau RaRa  
Jane Schmid  
Amanda Sieling  
Sara Thomas

**Subcommittee**

**Mission Statement:**

*"To eliminate or greatly reduce Ethnic and Racial Disparities in Minnesota's juvenile justice system."*

**Subcommittee Vision**

**Statement:**

*"To greatly prevent and reduce out of home placements per capita and per populations of color through consistent statewide data, up-to-date information, culturally responsive services, creative approaches, and education."*

### YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

**Chair:** Erickson Saye

**Members:**

Melissa Dau            Neese Parker  
Nicholas Jenkins    Beau RaRa  
Caroline Palmer

**Subcommittee Mission Statement:**

*"To center youth voice and ensure youth are our moral compass in all that we do."*

**Subcommittee Vision Statement:**

*"To center youth voice in our work to dismantle the systemic racism in juvenile justice. We aim to do so by including youth in our membership, our decision-making process, and as leaders whenever possible."*

### COMPLIANCE MONITORING SUBCOMMITTEE

**Chair:** Michael Mayer

**Members:**

Lisa Becking            Beau RaRa  
Sarah Davis            Jane Schmid  
Lolita Davis-Carter    Monaie Hebert

**Subcommittee Mission Statement:**

*"To assist JJAC in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) compliance monitoring process, the system of internal controls, the federal audit process, and the process for providing technical assistance as needed to facilities, providers, and other stakeholders."*

### CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs:** Sheila Kiscaden &  
Bill Hutton

**Members:**

Julie Atella            Roger Heinen  
Lisa Becking            Amanda Larson  
Jordan Borer-        Safia Kahn  
Nelson                Julie Matonich  
Joel Brott            Trahern Pollard  
Gary Charwood    Kathryn Richtman  
Paul Coughlin        Michele Rudnik  
Melissa Dau            Rebecca Shlafer  
Lisa Deputie        John Soghigian  
John Eshun            Stephanie Upton  
Scott Hable

**Subcommittee Mission**

**Statement:**

*"The Children of Incarcerated Parents Subcommittee exists to support resiliency, foster healing and mitigate ACES among families facing parental/caregiver incarceration."*

### POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs:** Kathryn Richtman &  
James Schneider

**Members:**

Sarah Davis            Beau RaRa  
Jim Fleming            Amanda Sieling  
Nicholas Jenkins    Sara Thomas  
Nicole Kern

**Subcommittee Mission**

**Statement:**

*"To identify and pursue policies that promote ethnic, racial, and gender equity; support other JJAC subcommittees by promoting agreed upon public policies that advance the priorities of the subcommittees and JJAC as a whole; and identify and promote funding priorities that support JJAC's public policy platform."*

### MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs:** Matthew Bauer & Michael Goar

**Members:**

Elliot Butay            Caroline Palmer            James Schneider  
Melissa Dau            Trahern Pollard            Amanda Sieling  
Rodney Hanson        Kathryn Richtman        Shon Thieren/Tammy Wherley

**Subcommittee Mission Statement:**

*"To work collaboratively with community partners to continually assess and improve the mental health system of care, ensuring it is inclusive and effective for all youth in the juvenile justice system, including the many ethnic and racial populations overrepresented in our system."*