



## **Working Group on Youth Interventions**

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 10 AM – 12 PM

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Members Present**

Jeffrey Lunde, Co-Chair  
Allen Godfrey, Co-Chair  
Suwana Kirkland  
Paula Stocke  
Jim Schneider  
Terry Fawcett  
Joseph Glasrud  
Heather Goodwin  
Kathy Hedin  
Sarah Ellsworth  
Elliot Butay

Dylan Warkentin  
Dawanna Witt  
Melissa Huberty  
Terry Thomas  
Lynne Penke Valdes  
Nicole Kern  
Catherine Johnson  
Ashley Solsrud-Beckman  
Diane Neal  
Jasmine Mattison

#### **Members Excused**

Nikki Niles  
Molly Bruner  
Wendy Morton  
Millie Hernandez  
Shana King

Co-Chair Godfrey called the meeting of the Working Group on Youth Interventions to order at 9:59 A.M. in room 120 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

#### **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Jim Schneider moved to adopt the October 4, 2023 meeting minutes. The Motion Prevailed.

#### **Discussion of Survey and Data Updates**

Jackie-Braun Lewis, Head of Analytics for Hennepin County, presented the updated survey which has incorporated feedback from the Task Force. She then went through a data update and asked clarifying questions of members including how to measure distance to placement.

Members discussed including race data as public information as a recommendation in the final report.

Co-Chair Godfrey moved a motion to write a letter on behalf of the Task Force in support of including race data as public information from the courts. With 21 ayes and 5 members absent, the motion prevailed.

### **Testimonials**

Oral testimony provided by Laylah Smith about her experience as a former participant in the juvenile judicial system.

Written testimony by Christine Deal, from Otter Tail County Human Services. Testimony was read by member Penke Valdes.

Oral testimony provided by Matt Bauer, the Superintendent of the Dakota County Detention Facility. He is also a member of the MNJDA - the Minnesota Juvenile Detention Association.

Oral testimony provided by Leslie Chaplin, the former Administrator for the Woodland Hills Residential Treatment Facility that was located in Duluth until it closed in 2021.

### **Working Group Debrief**

Members shared their key takeaways from the testimonies that were given.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 P.M.