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Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

West Baton Rouge Conference Center
Plantation Ballroom
2750 North Westport Drive
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767
Phone: (225) 344-2920
September 24, 2025
9:00 A.M

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I. Call To Order

The quarterly meeting of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency & Prevention Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. on Wednesday September 24, 2025 by; Chairman Vi Eve Martin-Kohrs.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Tiffany Robichaux conducted the roll call and membership quorum was present.

Board members and their representatives in attendance:

Ms. Shawon J. Bernard; Ms. Claire T. Daly; Ms. Marcella A. Elliott; Ms. Billie Giroir; Ms. Leslie Jackson; Mr. Travis Johnson; Ms. Vi Eve Martin- Kohrs, proxy for Ms. Sarah Kohrs; Mr. William "Tim" McDearmont; Ms. Dana Menard; Mr. Joshua Muller; Reverend Marc A. Napoleon; Mr. Curtis Nelson; Dr. Stephen W. Phillipi; Dr. Darrell L. Renfro; Dr. Tiffany Wilkerson-Franklin; and Ms. Gina Womack.

LCLE staff in attendance:

Ms. Martha Addison; Ms. Autumn Blache; Mr. Jonathan Cazelot; Ms. Rutha Chatwood; Ms. Emma Cockrum; Ms. Elke Crooks; Ms. Linda Gautier; Mr. Demetrius Joubert; Ms. Cathy McLeod; Mr. Marshall Menou; Ms. Donna Ritchie; Ms. Tiffany Robichaux; and Ms. Melanie Vick.

District directors and their representatives in attendance:

Mr. David Rigdon and Mr. Brian Shoemaker, North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.; Ms. Amanda Borque and Ms. Maggie Williams, Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; Ms. Dawn Hawkins, Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Calli Peloquin, Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Jody Moreau, Jefferson CJCC and Metropolitan District (METLEC); Ms. Kevinn Poree, New Orleans, City of Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

Guests and their representatives in attendance:

Mr. David Rigdon, 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office; Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, 26th Judicial District Attorney's Office; Mr. Joshua Campbell, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury - Office of Juvenile Justice Services; and Mr. David Rigdon, Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the September 24, 2025 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board agenda as presented. A motion was made by Reverend Napoleon, seconded by Ms. Elliott. There were no objections; the motion passed.

IV. Old Business

A. Consideration of minutes from the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board meeting dated June 4, 2025.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the June 4, 2025 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board meeting minutes as presented. A motion was made by Ms. Menard, seconded by Ms. Jackson. There were no objections; the motion passed.

B. Other Old Business

Mr. Joubert introduced the new RED/JDAI coordinator, Ms. Cathy McLeod.

V. New Business

A. Consideration of JJDP (JF) Allocations

District 2 - North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.

Representative: Mr. David Rigdon

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
7849	2	JF (2022)	5th Judicial District Attorney's Office	<i>Adolescent Intervention Program</i>	\$24,752
District 2 Total Allocation					\$24,752

Chairman Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed JJDP District 2 Allocation as presented. A motion was made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Reverend Napoleon. There were no objections; the motion passed.

District 6 - Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.

Representative: Ms. Calli Peloquin

Prior Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
New	6	JF (2024)	Calcasieu Parish Police Jury - Office of Juvenile Justice Services	<i>Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i>	\$41,304
District 6 Total Allocation					\$41,304

Chairman Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed JJDP District 6 Allocation as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Elliott. There were no objections; the motion passed.

B. Consideration of JJDP (JF) Applications

District 2 - North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.

Representative: Mr. David Rigdon

Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
8815	2	JF (2022)	5th Judicial District Attorney's Office	<i>Adolescent Intervention Program</i>	\$24,752
District 2 Total Application					\$24,752

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed JJDP District 2 Application as presented. A motion was made by Ms. Giroir, seconded by Ms. Menard. There were no objections; the motion passed. It was also noted that the representative for this agency was Mr. David Rigdon.

Dr. Phillipi inquired whether the renewal was for the second or third year. Mr. Rigdon stated this was a third year renewal. Dr. Phillipi mentions that funding is allocated for drug screens and electronic monitoring. The board is requesting additional details on how these elements directly support program outcomes, particularly given that counseling services were not included in the funding request. Mr. Rigdon reported that local judges have implemented a standing order requiring that any juvenile arrested for serious offenses—including murder, attempted murder, rape, and similar crimes—but not placed into custody, must be referred for evaluation and services. Due to the absence of a local juvenile detention facility, these services are currently outsourced. Under this standing order, juveniles who are not incarcerated are referred to Nelsa, an agency contracted through the District Attorney's Office, for drug screening and evaluation. Nelsa is certified in multiple areas, including anger management, parenting, batterers intervention, and other juvenile-specific training programs. The agency has also developed a specialized curriculum known as JAR – Juveniles at Risk, which serves as a structured intervention class. Based on Nelsa's recommendations and reports provided to the District Attorney's Office, eligible youths are enrolled in the JAR program. Enrollment numbers are consistently high, demonstrating the strong need for early intervention. The program's primary objective is to address minor offenses early in order to prevent escalation into more serious crimes. The counseling component of the program includes group sessions as well as individual counseling as needed, with an emphasis on substance abuse counseling. Classes typically run for 8 to 12 weeks, though they may be extended depending on individual progress and needs.

Dr. Phillipi asked if the program outcomes are currently being met and inquired about the allocation of funding related to electronic monitoring and drug screening. He specifically questioned how much of the existing funding is allocated to youth programming and counseling compared to supplies, personnel, and other operational expenses, and whether it would be possible to redirect more funding toward the counseling component of the program. He also asked if any dedicated funding currently exists for that purpose. Mr. Rigdon confirmed that program outcomes are being met as anticipated. He stated that there is no specific funding currently designated for the counseling program. Mr. Rigdon explained that the initial step for each participant involves an assessment and drug screening, which effectively begins their enrollment in the program. He added that it is logically more efficient to begin tracking participants from the outset, rather than several weeks into the process.

Dr. Phillipi commented that he hopes the agency will continue applying for funding opportunities, particularly in the rural parishes. He added that, in the future, the committee may consider providing financial support to cover the assessment and counseling components of the program.

District 6 - Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.

Representative: Ms. Calli Peloquin

Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Funds Requested
8775	6	JF (2024)	Calcasieu Parish Police Jury - Office of Juvenile Justice Services	<i>Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i>	\$41,304
District 6 Total Application					\$41,304

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed JJDP District 6 Application as presented. A motion was made by Dr. Wilkerson- Franklin, seconded by Ms. Elliott. There were no objections; the motion passed. It is also noted that the representative for this agency was Mr. Joshua Campbell.

Mr. Muller asked how the new equipment will contribute to reducing recidivism among youth participants.

Mr. Campbell explained that the goal is to increase community outreach and engagement, emphasizing that the team wants to go to the community rather than requiring the community to come to them. This includes working directly with youth in school systems, visiting them in their homes, and engaging after school hours when they are most accessible. He noted that court cases are often delayed, and having the proper equipment will allow staff to operate more efficiently and in real time. For example, if a document is missing, staff would be able to create it immediately on-site, obtain the judge's signature, and proceed without delay. Mr. Campbell mentions that the overall goal is to enhance and expand existing operations, improving both efficiency and responsiveness in serving at-risk youth.

Dr. Phillipi asked whether the team will be able to demonstrate, through available data and materials, a link between program efforts and measurable outcomes, such as a decrease in recidivism rates, changes in referral patterns, or reductions in time spent within the system—specifically within a 60-day period.

Mr. Campbell responded that probation caseloads have been reduced by approximately 8% this year, and he expressed confidence that this trend can continue. He explained that the ability to meet with youth early, conduct screenings, and intervene at the first signs of minor behavior—such as initial substance use (e.g., vaping)—allows staff to address issues before they escalate or lead to deeper system involvement. Mr. Campbell added that the next step is to create a shared database with local law enforcement agencies, enabling voluntary referrals for youth prior to formal charges being filed. This proactive approach aims to keep juveniles out of detention, off probation, and engaged in community-based interventions instead.

Dr. Phillipi asked whether, during youth assessments, the team has access to the necessary services within Calcasieu Parish to effectively connect juveniles with appropriate resources and support programs.

Mr. Campbell responded that the parish does have a wide range of available services to assist youth; however, he noted that referrals are often made without full visibility or coordination, meaning the team is referring somewhat blindly at times. He emphasized the need for improved communication and collaboration among service providers to ensure youth are matched with the most suitable programs for their individual needs.

Ms. Jackson asked who is will be using the laptops.

Mr. Campbell responded that all officers are will be using the laptops, and that family members will also have access. The goal is to provide families with up-to-date technology and allow them to sign documents on the spot, improving efficiency and engagement.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs inquired whether this is a one-time equipment request.

Mr. Campbell confirmed that it is a one-time request at this time.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs noted that there is a small amount of delinquency prevention funding available in the state. She emphasized a preference for allocating funds toward direct services rather than supplies and equipment. The focus should be on more hands-on engagement with children.

C. Consideration of JJDP (JF) Increase

District 8 - Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (State Level)

Representative: Mr. Demetrius Joubert

Grant Number	District Number	Program	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Original Award	Increase Award Requested	Revised Award Requested
6293	8	JF (2020)	Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	<i>Compliance Monitor</i>	\$68,912	\$13,126	\$82,038
District 8 Total Increase							\$13,126

Ms. Martin-Kohrs called for a motion to approve the above listed JJDP District 8 Increase as presented. A motion was made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Reverend Napoleon. There were no objections; the motion passed.

VI. Reports

A. Federal Issues/Updates

Mr. Joubert mentioned that there was not much of an update. There has been no word on the 2025 Compliance Report that was submitted in the Spring.

B. Juvenile Justice Federal Programs

Mr. Joubert mentioned they're making updates to the JJDP Act. There's currently no word on where they are at, hoping for an update sometime next month.

C. Governor's Conference and RED Committee Reports

Ms. McLeod mentioned there is nothing to report at this time on RED. Mr. Clemons provided an update on the Governor's Conference. The casino has sent a report to Mr. Joubert regarding available dates, with May 18–22, 2026 under consideration. The conference dates are not yet finalized, and fall dates are also being considered as an alternative to the proposed May 18–22, 2026 timeframe. Sponsors have already been confirmed, and plans to include a meet & greet as well as several optional events following the conference. Additionally, a special event is being planned to honor a distinguished board member.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs requested the financial report from the bank accounts to be able to determine how much money the board has. Mr. Clemons notes he will get with the CPA to get this report for the board.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs explained that there are two sources of funds: federal government funds (JJDP) and money saved from the conference. The board reviews these funds annually to track starting balances and expenditures. These funds are separate from the grant and are used for preliminary expenses, such as entering into contracts with the hotel and other initial arrangements.

Mr. Joubert noted that an audit was conducted on both sources of funds. He will summarize the findings and share the report with the board.

VII. Other New Business

Dr. Phillipi expressed gratitude for the service of the outgoing Chairman, Ms. Vi Eve Martin-Kohrs and inquired about the parameters regarding state employees serving as board members.

Ms. Martin-Kohrs announced that she is stepping down as chair, as she has become a full-time state employee and cannot serve as both a government employee and chair. She expressed that it has been an honor to serve and stated she would like to remain on the board, if possible. She also noted that anyone interested in the chair position should speak with Mr. Joubert.

VIII. Next Meeting - December 3, 2025 Location: West Baton Rouge Conference Center

IX. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, Ms. Martin Kohrs called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Dr. Renfro, seconded by Reverend Napoleon. There were no objections; the motion passed. The meeting of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

Submitted by Brandy Payne