



Agenda
Douglas County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
August 11, 2026
11:00am-12:00pm
Douglas County Commission Room
1100 Massachusetts Street

Welcome and Call to Order

Jessica Glendening,
Chair, Chief Defender, BIDS

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| 1. Review and Approval of June 2026 Minutes | CJCC Members |
| 2. Review Framework and Status of CJCC Key Performance Indicators | Katy Fitzgerald,
<i>Criminal Justice Coordinator</i> |
| 3. Review CJCC 2025-2027 Strategic Plan | Katy Fitzgerald |
| 4. Future Agenda Items | CJCC Members |
| 5. Open Discussion/Agency Updates | CJCC Members |
| 6. Public Comment | Members of the Public |

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2026; 11:00am-12:00pm
Douglas County Commission Room
1100 Massachusetts Street
Contact: cjcc@dgcoks.gov

CJCC Mission: The Douglas County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is an advisory board that provides an open, transparent, and collaborative forum for justice system partners, stakeholders, and community members to come together to share information, problem solve, and make evidence-informed recommendations to improve the criminal legal system.

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HANDOUTS

- April 2026 Minutes
- Little Government Relations 2026 Legislative Session Overview Slides
- 2025 Annual Report

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 11:04 am, by Jessica Glendening, Chair, Chief Defender, BIDS

Welcome

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the April 2026 Minutes

Discussion: April 2026 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) meeting minutes presented. No corrections were identified. Motion to approve was made by Kirsten Watkins, seconded by Rich Lockhart. April minutes were approved as presented unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: New Member Introductions

Discussion: This meeting was the first for the newly seated Lawrence Municipal Court Judge, Beth Hafoka. All seats of the CJCC are now filled.

Agenda Item 3: 2026 Legislative Session Overview

Discussion: Stuart Little and Mallory Lutz of Little Government Relations presented an overview of the 2026 legislative session. Slides were shared with members and posted to the website after the meeting. Highlights included:

- HERO Pilot, which provides reimbursement for first responders who have or are experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The pilot program provides reimbursement for a maximum of 12 sessions for specific diagnoses and up to 4 additional sessions with documentation.
- Senate Bill 244, which requires use of the bathroom of the sex assigned at birth in public buildings, is expected to be in litigation.
- A bill passed that requires individuals to remain at least 25 feet from first responders on an active call is also expected to end up in litigation.
- HB 2653 requires that the Department of Corrections (KDOC) provide individuals releasing from prison with a state issued identification card and employment documentation. Discussion on this bill included questions related to what that looks like in practice, how KDOC will be held accountable for providing these services, whether this legislation applies to local jails, and whether there are opportunities for these services to be provided to individuals released prior to July 1 who would not have received them.
 - o As of now, the legislation is effective July 1, 2026. It is expected that these services will be part of the KDOC release planning. These are not services currently included in release planning, so this process is new for KDOC. The legislation only applies to prison facilities and not local jails.
 - o There is no intention for KDOC to provide these services retroactively. However, many council members shared about the various local providers in our community that are available to provide these resources, including the Sheriff's Office

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reentry services, Homeless Response Team from the City of Lawrence, and case management services from other human service providers.

- SB 374- District Attorney Dakota Loomis asked Stuart and Mallory to provide additional information on this bill which gives Municipal Courts the option to order competency evaluations.

Agenda Item 4: Review and Feedback of Revised 2025 Annual Report Draft

Discussion: Katy Fitzgerald presented a revised version of the annual report, which incorporated feedback from the April meeting. Many revisions focused on providing additional background information related to supporting the current direction of the council, reviewing language to ensure that it is accessible for the general public, minimizing the use of acronyms, and incorporating definitions to maximize understanding of material. No additional edits were identified by council members.

Motion made by Lori Alvarado to accept the annual report as presented and provide the report to the Board of County Commissioner, seconded by Tim Shoulderblade. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Data Measures Check-In

Discussion: Katy reminded the council that the current strategic plan priority related to systemwide performance measures has been slowed significantly and that it is recommended that the council develop a revised plan for how this work will get back on track. Katy shared the example of performance measures developed by the Yavapai County CJCC which represents the standard and core measures that could be expected by each discipline and suggested that this framework be used as a starting point for each relevant agency. The Executive Committee would like to spend the August meeting reviewing and developing a revised timeline for this priority area.

Action Item/Next Step: Katy will send council members the Yavapai example and asks that each agency, as appropriate, review this list of measures for their agency to answer which of the measures they have available, are there measures that their agency has that are not included on the Yavapai list, and to clarify the steps that would be necessary for them to gather their measures on an ongoing basis. Katy also asked that if agencies do not have some of these measures, to be prepared to share what the challenges are to those measures so that the council has a better understanding of what is achievable in this priority. Katy will send reminders of these asks prior to the August meeting and is available to meet with council members and their staff to prepare for the August meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Future Agenda Items

Discussion: None.

Agenda Item 7: Open Discussion/Agency Updates

Discussion: Lori shared several updates on behalf of DCCCA:

- As of July 1, Kratom will be illegal. DCCCA and the Public Health Department have been meeting to discuss what enforcement of that will look like. It is likely that enforcement is similar to tobacco enforcement. DCCCA has developed educational materials about the change in laws related to Kratom. She will send these to Katy who will give them to council members if members are interested in distributing the materials within their agencies.

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- As of October 1, DCCCA may not be able to continue distribution of fentanyl test strips. They have a current supply that are available to community partner agencies. If agencies need these test strips, they can access them by reaching out to DCCCA communications.
- Lori offered a thank you to council members who participated in the recent ribbon cutting of the transitional housing units.

Chief Lockhart shared that the City of Lawrence announced a new city manager who is expected to begin his position within the next 60 days.

Commissioner Sellers shared that she has been working on planning for the summer conference of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) of the National League of Cities (NLC). She shared that Katy has been assisting her with connections to other public safety/CJCC contacts for workshops and panels.

Agenda Item 8: Public Comment

Discussion: Kirsten Kuhn shared public comment requesting that the council return to streaming meetings via Zoom.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:14 pm.

Member Attendance:

Name	Present/Absent
Sheriff Armbrister	Present by delegate, Major Roome
Chief Lockhart	Present
Judge Simpson	Present
Judge Hafoka	Present
DA Loomis	Present
Jessica Glendening	Present
Pam Weigand	Present
Susan Benkelman	Present
Kirsten Watkins	Present
Lori Alvarado	Present
Erica Anderson	Present
Amber Sellers	Present
Doris Ricks	Present
Tim Shoulderblade	Present
Chaconie Baker	Present