

## Justice-Involved Youth Subcommittee Meeting Notes

**March 20, 2025**

**Attendees:** Jerra Nash, Dennis Schilling, Mark Crawford Jr., Reed Palo, Ashley Neuendorf, Jenny Nuss, Brian Foster, Keith Weiland, Marla Loecke, and Vickie Pralle

**Board Staff:** Taylor Williams and Erika Lippmann

**Not in Attendance:** Terrance Campbell and Laura Hidlebaugh

**Meeting Notes:** This was the first Justice-Involved Youth Subcommittee meeting. Subcommittee members went around and introduced themselves, talked about what their job was, who they worked for, and what they did within their roles. We then transitioned into talking about

Objective I: Facilitate Access to Education and Workforce Development

- o Develop partnerships with educational institutions, workforce development programs, and vocational training providers to ensure that justice-involved youth have access to educational resources, certifications, and career training. This may include establishing pathways for high school completion, GED programs, or skill-based certifications to improve employability.

Subcommittee members engaged in productive discussion about potential programming for justice-involved youth, with a focus on how services could be better integrated through strategic partnerships.

**Brian Foster** shared insights from his work with AEA and the youth he serves, highlighting the growing need for accessible services and the support gaps he's witnessing firsthand.

**Keith Weiland** offered a powerful personal story and expressed his eagerness to contribute however he can to support this population.

**Dennis Schilling** spoke about Power Engineering & Manufacturing's interest in creating employment opportunities for justice-involved individuals and emphasized his personal commitment to helping youth succeed.

**Mark Crawford Jr.** provided an overview of programming available through North Iowa Regional Services, their ongoing collaboration with Title I, and the specific needs of youth currently in detention.

**Marla Loecke** shared her background and long-standing passion for working with justice-involved individuals, contributing valuable input to the discussion.

**Vickie Pralle** also emphasized her deep interest in supporting this population and explored potential opportunities for service coordination and partnership among subcommittee members.

**Ashley Neuendorf**, who discussed the youth currently under their supervision and the types of partnerships they are seeking to enhance support for those individuals.