



Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Governance Structure Constitution and Bylaws

For the purpose of this document, juvenile court is defined as any Michigan trial court with jurisdiction over juvenile matters.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the Organization shall be Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20, herein referred to as the “Organization.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

Section 1

To increase awareness of juvenile justice through the establishment of a statewide action agenda for juvenile justice improvement in Michigan. To support a juvenile justice system that effectively administers justice and restores wholeness to all those who enter the juvenile courts and receive services from stakeholder organizations.

Mission

To promote juvenile justice by supporting the effective administration of justice, and advocating for sufficient funding, and quality data to maintain an informed, transparent system.

Vision

Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 is a leader by promoting and supporting the transparent administration of:

- › Fair and equitable justice
- › Individualized, effective interventions to address the needs of youth and families; and
- › Accountability that builds safe, resilient youth, families, and communities through cultural humility.

Core Values

High Performing
Relevant
Transparent
Dedicated
Professional
Visionary
Mindful
Holistic
Evidence-Based
Outcome-Focused
Compassionate
Restorative
Respectful



ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Section 1

- › The executive body of the Organization shall be known as the Executive Team.

Section 2

- › The Executive Team shall consist of fifteen (15) members elected by the Organization, including: five officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Immediate Past President) and ten trustees. Eight of the fifteen members of the Executive Team must be employed with or retired from a Michigan juvenile court. Upon a vacancy of the President’s position, the Vice President shall automatically move into the President’s position on the Executive Team.

Section 3

- › The Organization structure shall include Strategic Focus Action Teams with team leaders appointed by the President. At least one team leader from each Strategic Focus Action Team shall serve on the Executive Team.

ARTICLE IV – QUORUM

Section 1

- › A quorum of the Executive Team necessary to conduct business shall be a simple majority.

ARTICLE V – DISSOLUTION

Section 1

- › If the Executive Team determines the Organization should be dissolved, the Executive Team shall identify in writing the specific reasons for dissolution.

Section 2

- › The Executive Team shall develop a written plan including: 1) Date/time for the dissolution; 2) Specific reason(s) for the dissolution; and 3) A plan to distribute any funds currently in the treasury of the Organization.

ARTICLE VI – RATIFICATION

Section 1

- › Ratification of the Constitution shall be by 2/3 vote of Executive Team members present.

ARTICLE VII– AMENDMENTS

Section 1

- › Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Team’s President and Vice President at least one week prior to the next Executive Team (ET) meeting. Exceptions can be made for good cause.
- › Section 2
- › Proposed amendments shall be provided to all Executive Team members for consideration at least 30 days prior to any vote.
- › Amendments shall be ratified by a 2/3 vote of ET members present at the meeting.



BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

Section 1

- › Meetings of the Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Executive Team shall be held no less than quarterly for purposes which may include but are not limited to: professional development, strategic planning, strategic focus area team updates, election of officers and trustees, and governance issues.

Section 2

- › The date and site for each meeting shall be determined by the President.

Section 3

- › Notice of the time and location of each meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to the members at least 14 days in advance of the meeting unless extenuating circumstances require shorter notice.

ARTICLE II – VOTING AT MEETINGS

Section 1

- › Each Executive Team member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote.

Section 2

- › Most affirmative votes shall consist of a simple majority of the voting Executive Team members in attendance. Votes for constitutional ratification, constitutional amendments and dissolution require a 2/3 vote of members in attendance.

Section 3

- › Proxy votes and absentee ballots shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - President

- › The President shall preside at meetings of Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Executive Team.
- › The President shall be a member ex-officio of all Strategic Focus Action Teams and is empowered to fill any occurring vacancies for the unexpired term. All authority otherwise vested shall be handled by the President and he/she shall perform the duties incidental to the Office.

Section 2 – Vice President

- › In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall assist the President in conducting Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 business, as assigned. In the event of a resignation, death or incapacity of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the office, duties, and responsibilities of the President. The Vice-President shall also serve as chair of the Executive Team, as appropriately designated.

Section 3 - Treasurer

- › The Treasurer shall act as the chief financial officer of the Organization. The Treasurer shall collect all monies and disperse such funds in the name of and to the credit of the Organization. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all money received, shall review and audit all bills and if correct, make payment therefore in a manner consistent with the direction of the Executive Team. The Treasurer shall keep a record of bills certified by the Treasurer, the amount, and to whom payable. The Treasurer shall submit a report at each Executive Team meeting.



Section 4 - Secretary

- › The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, shall maintain custody of all Organizational records, and perform all duties incidental to the office.

Section 5 – Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President serves as historian of Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20, chairs the Nominations Team, serves as liaison to affiliated Organizations, and performs other duties as designated by the President.

Section 6

- › The President or her/his designee may assign other duties to the Officers.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE TEAM

Section 1

The Executive Team shall consist of the Officers of the Organization and Trustees, who are elected in accordance with Articles I and II. Section 2

- › Executive Team meetings shall be called by the President or by any three members of the Executive Team as required for proper conduct of Organization business.

Section 3

- › The Executive Team shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the Organization. All appropriations of funds of the Organization must be made or approved by the Executive Team. The Executive Team has the power and authority to invest or reinvest funds of the Organization provided such investments are made for the purpose of securing income or complying with the laws of the State of Michigan. The Executive Team shall have such other powers and duties as shall be prescribed by law, the Bylaws or appropriate action of the Organization.

ARTICLE V – STRATEGIC FOCUS ACTION TEAMS (SFAT)

Section 1

- › The Executive Team shall determine the standing and special Strategic Focus Action Teams, and shall define the powers and duties of such SFATs. The Chairperson(s) of all SFATs shall be appointed or reappointed and shall continue at the pleasure of the President

Section 2

- › The Four Strategic Focus Action Teams are the standing teams and include:
 - 1) Advance the Unique Purpose of the Juvenile Court
 - 2) Advocate for Enhanced Juvenile Court Performance
 - 3) Advocate for Reliable, Adequate, and Sustainable Funding
 - 4) Support a Strong, Well-trained, Informed Juvenile Justice Workforce

Section 3

- › All Chairpersons shall coordinate and facilitate SFAT meetings for the purpose of accomplishing the priority project(s) as identified in the current Strategic Plan.

Section 4

- › All Chairpersons shall provide regular updates of their respective SFAT to the Executive Team, including but not limited to 1) Progress of priority project(s), and 2) Barriers to project achievement(s).

Section 5

- › All Chairpersons shall submit to the Executive Team documents produced by their respective SFAT for review, comment and approval for dissemination outside the SFAT.



Section 6

- › Special SFATs may be appointed as required, to achieve the Organization's purpose and objectives.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1

- › Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Team a week prior to a regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 2

- › Proposed amendments shall be provided to all Executive Team members for consideration at least 30 days prior to any vote.

Section 3

- › Amendments shall be ratified by a 2/3 majority of the Executive Team members present.