

Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Governance Structure Constitution and By-Laws

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 association shall be Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20, herein referred to as the “Association.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

Section 1

- › To be the premier association for juvenile justice professionals in Michigan.
- › To provide a forum for the development of a common voice to advocate for relevant juvenile justice issues, collaborate on strategic planning for juvenile justice in Michigan, and facilitate the implementation of the strategic plan.

Core Tenet of the Juvenile Court

Court-involved youth shall be treated in an appropriate manner within the least restrictive environment that offers effective treatment and ensures public safety.

Vision of the Future – Michigan’s Juvenile Justice System

Through unified voice and collaboration, Michigan’s juvenile justice system is a leader in the administration of fair and equal justice; individualized, comprehensive and effective treatment that responds to juvenile delinquent behaviors; and accountability that builds safe, resilient communities.

Core Values

Prevention
Youth and Family Centered
Integrated and Holistic Services
Evidence Based
Outcome Focused
Compassionate
Restorative
Respectful
Proactive
High Performance

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Classes of Membership

- › *Regular Member* – Any person who works in juvenile justice, including but not limited to: court staff, public and private agency staff, law enforcement, academics, and has a commitment to the preservation



and improvement of juvenile justice in Michigan. Regular members may vote, hold office and serve on Strategic Focus Action Teams

- › *Associate Member* - Any consultant, vendor or other person who is interested in the improvement of the juvenile justice system. Associate members may not vote or hold office but may serve on Strategic Focus Action Teams.
- › *Honorary Member* – Any person in the field of juvenile justice whom the organization wishes to recognize for outstanding achievements. Honorary members may not vote or hold office but may serve on Strategic Focus Action Teams.
- › *Guest Member* – Any consultant or subject matter expert invited by the Executive Team to participate in a specific project. Guest members may only participate for the duration of the project and may not vote or hold office.
- › *Retired Member* – Upon retirement from the juvenile justice system, any regular member in good standing is eligible. Retired members may vote, hold office and serve on Strategic Focus Action Teams.
- › *Student Member* – Any student enrolled full-time or part-time in a degree program with an interest in juvenile justice may become a Student member. Student membership may continue as long as proof of enrollment is provided annually. Student members may not vote or hold office but may serve on Strategic Focus Action Teams.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Section 1

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

Section 2

- › The Executive Team shall consist of fifteen (15) members elected by the Association, 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.

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 V – QUORUM

Section 1

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

ARTICLE VI – DISSOLUTION

Section 1

- › If the Executive Team determines the Association should be dissolved, the Executive Team shall call a special meeting of the full membership for the express purpose of presenting specific reasons for dissolution.

Section 2

- › The Executive Team shall distribute to the membership 30 days prior to the special meeting the following: 1) Date, time and place of meeting; 2) Specific reason(s) for the dissolution; and 3) A plan to distribute any funds currently in the treasury of the Association.



Section 3

- › Ratification shall be by 2/3 vote of the voting members present.

ARTICLE VII – RATIFICATION

Section 1

- › This Constitution shall be ratified by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present.

ARTICLE VIII– AMENDMENTS

Section 1

- › Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Team at least 60 days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting. Exceptions can be made for good cause. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Team to distribute copies of the proposed amendments to the membership 30 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2

- › Amendments shall be ratified by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at the annual meeting.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

Section 1

- › Meetings of Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 membership at large shall be held no less than once annually for purposes which may include but are not limited to: professional development, strategic planning, strategic focus area team updates and governance issues.

Section 2

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

Section 3

- › Notice of the time and location of each meeting shall be sent to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE II – VOTING AT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1

- › The right to vote shall be limited to Regular and Retired members in good standing. Each eligible member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members at any general meeting of the membership.

Section 2

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

Section 3

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

ARTICLE III – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

- › Elected officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Immediate Past President. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, for a term commencing January 1st of the following year.

Section 2

- › The Executive Team will be elected at the Annual Meeting from a slate of nominees presented by the Nomination Team. The Nomination Team is appointed by the president.
- › The Executive Team, by majority vote, shall determine when a vacant position will be filled. Any vacancy on the Executive Team may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Executive Team members at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Persons so appointed shall serve until the next annual meeting.

Section 3

- › Staggering of initial terms will be determined by the Executive Team.
- › Terms of office shall be for a period of three years commencing on the first day the next year following the Annual Meeting. No member shall be elected to more than six consecutive years in the same office.

Section 4

- › Election of officers shall be determined by majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.



Section 5

- › In the spirit of maintaining the original purpose of the Association, the office of President and Vice-President shall be held only by a Regular or Retired member who is or has been employed in a management capacity in a Michigan juvenile court. Preference may be given to candidates who have served on the Executive Team for a minimum of two years and attended at least 60% of Executive Team meetings.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - President

- › The President shall preside at meetings of Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 and meetings of the Executive Team.
- › The President shall be a member ex-officio of all 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 for the unexpired term. In addition, the Vice-President shall also serve as chair of the Team, as appropriately designated.

Section 3 - Treasurer

- › The Treasurer shall act as the chief financial officer of the Association. The Treasurer shall collect all monies and disperse such funds in the name of and to the credit of the Association. 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 order 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 meeting and shall submit a written financial report at the Annual Meeting.

Section 4 - Secretary

- › The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, shall maintain custody of all Association 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 Executive Team.

Section 6

- › The Executive Team, from time to time, may assign other duties to the Officers.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE TEAM

Section 1

- › The Executive Team shall consist of the Officers of the Association and Trustees, who are elected by members at an Annual Meeting and serve terms in like manner as provided in Article III.

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 Association business.

Section 3

- › The Executive Team shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the Association. All appropriations of funds of the Association must be made or approved by the Executive Team. The Executive Team has the power and authority to invest or reinvest funds of the Association 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 By-Laws or appropriate action of the Association.

ARTICLE VI – STRATEGIC FOCUS ACTION TEAMS (SFAT)

Section 1

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

Section 2

- › The Five Strategic Focus Action Teams are the standing teams and include: 1) The Unique Purpose of the Juvenile Courts, 2) Effective Outcomes of Juveniles, Families and Communities, 3) Juvenile Court Operational Performance, 4) Adequate and Sustainable Funding, and 5) Strong 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 from time to time as required, to achieve the Association's purpose and objectives.

ARTICLE VII – APPLICATION AND DUES

Section 1

- › All membership dues shall be paid in the amounts outlined below unless otherwise determined by the Executive Team.
 - Regular Member - \$25
 - Associate Member - \$25
 - Honorary Member – Free
 - Guest Member - Free
 - Retired Member - \$25
 - Student Member - \$15

Section 2

- › The Association membership year is January 1 through December 31. Upon completion of the membership application, dues shall be payable on October 1st of each calendar year and shall be declared delinquent if not paid by February 1st, resulting in loss of membership.



ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1

- › Any proposed amendment to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Team at least 60 days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Team to distribute copies of the proposed amendments to the membership 30 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2

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