

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

LAW, SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026
1:30 PM

Chair: Jeff Lunde, District 1
ViceChair: Heather Edelson, District 6
Members: Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Debbie Goettel, District 5
Kevin Anderson, District 7

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [LSJ-COMMITTEEMINUTES-02-Dec-2025](#)

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [26-0019](#)

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2.B. [26-0020](#)

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Board Action Request

TMP-26-0061

Item Description:

December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Chair, called the meeting of the Law, Safety and Justice Committee for Tuesday, December 2, 2025 to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Heather Edelson, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Jeff Lunde and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

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APPROVE

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. **25-0490**

Nine Agmts with local government agencies to provide work crews from the Sentencing to Service Program, various contract dates, total recv \$1,027,481.76

CONSENT

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

2.B. 25-0491

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00006706 with Wren Collective to provide complex legal communication services, ext end date 12/31/26 and incr NTE by \$60,000 for a new total NTE of \$210,000

NON-CONSENT

After discussion, Commissioner Irene Fernando asked for a roll call vote on the item. The votes were as follows:

Commissioner Irene Fernando - Yay
Commissioner Marion Greene - Yay
Commissioner Angela Conley - Yay
Commissioner Debbie Goettel - Yay
Commissioner Heather Edelson - Yay
Commissioner Kevin Anderson - Nay
Commissioner Jeff Lunde - Nay

Accordingly, the item passed 5 Yeas, 2 Nays (Anderson, Lunde).

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

Nay: Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

2.C. 25-0492

Amd 5 to Agmt PR00002848 with CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center for assessments of child sexual abuse victims and expert witness testimony, ext end date 06/30/26 and incr NTE by \$133,055 for new total NTE of \$1,346,319

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

2.D. 25-0493

Amds to six Agmts with local agencies to provide victim advocacy, legal representation, and intervention and prevention services for cases handled by the Domestic Abuse Service Center in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, ext end dates to 12/31/26 and incr combined NTE to \$2,326,274

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

2.E. 25-0494

Amends to two Agmts with local agencies to provide adult diversion services to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, ext end dates to 06/30/26 and incr combined NTE to \$2,411,307

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Addendum

2.F. 25-0503

Amendments and Agreements with eight (8) Adult Representation Services (ARS) legal representation contracts for 2026

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

2.G. 25-0504

Amend 1 to Agmts A140783 and A140791 with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, Allina Health Systems, Hennepin Healthcare System, City of Edina, City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County establishing the relationship between and among the Parties for the procurement of components to support shared emergency communications services

CONSENT

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

There being no further business, the Law, Safety and Justice Committee for Tuesday, December 2, 2025 was declared adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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26-0019

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005845 with Children's Law Center of Minnesota to provide legal representation to Hennepin County legacy youths - children whose parents' rights have been terminated due to abandonment, abuse or neglect, ages 10-21, upon appointment by the Fourth Judicial District - Juvenile Court, amending the term to March 1, 2024 through February 29, 2028, and the not to exceed amount to \$701,868 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on October 12, 2023. Children's Law Center of Minnesota (CLC), was the lone proposer, selected for a new contract. The initial term for this contract was March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2026, with a not to exceed amount of \$344,844. Hennepin County has a long-standing contract history with CLC. Since March 1, 2017, Children's Law Center of Minnesota has provided direct legal representation to Hennepin County legacy children and youth, ages 10-21 years. Working with approximately 200 dedicated volunteer lawyers, CLC attorneys provide legacy youth a voice in court when significant decisions about their future are being made. They monitor progress toward adoption for these young people and advocate for critical services and necessary resources for their clients to become engaged, independent, and self-sufficient adults.

The amendment extends the term of the contract by two years with a new end date of February 29, 2028, with an increase in the not to exceed amount to \$701,868. During the proposed contracting period of March 1, 2024 through February 29, 2028, CLC will continue working with their dedicated volunteer attorneys to provide high-quality legal representation to legacy youth ages 10-21, appearing in the Fourth Judicial District - Juvenile Court.

Disparity Elimination Impact: This board action request aligns with Hennepin County's disparity elimination efforts by providing improved access to justice and supporting services that address and strengthen the well-being of legacy youth.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00004614 with CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center to conduct interviews of children and vulnerable adults involved in or witnessed abuse or maltreatment, extending the contract through December 31, 2026 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$15,140 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$40,647 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disperse the funds as directed.

Background:

CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center (Cornerhouse) was founded in 1989 to address the needs of children who are victims of sexual abuse and adults in vulnerable situations, referred to Hennepin County Child Protection and the Minneapolis Police Department. The program:

- Provides prompt, objective, culturally sensitive, and age-appropriate forensic interviews and medical examinations conducted by experienced professionals.
- Centralizes and limits the number of interviews to minimize trauma for individuals and creates a child-friendly environment for families.
- Coordinates investigations among agencies mandated to respond to child sexual abuse and offers expert witness consultation and testimony for cases prosecuted by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO).

These services were renewed in a separate agreement referenced in Board Resolution 25-0492 between HCAO and Cornerhouse for Agreement PR00002848.

CornerHouse has been jointly sponsored by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin Healthcare, the Minneapolis Police Department and the Minneapolis Children's Medical Center. An interagency case team comprised of the investigating police officers, prosecutors, examining pediatricians and interviewers review the completed interviews and coordinate the investigation and follow-up activities.

This resolution relates to a separate agreement the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) has with Cornerhouse. Effective January 1, 2023, the HCSO entered into Agreement PR00004614 with CornerHouse. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Cornerhouse provides HCSO services including forensic interviews of children, adolescents under eighteen, and adults in vulnerable circumstances who report or witness abuse or maltreatment, including, without limitation, neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, exploitation, and endangerment.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval