

**NORTHERN HILLS JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE  
(JDAI) COMMITTEE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

**I. PARTIES**

This document constitutes an agreement between the South Dakota Fourth Judicial Circuit,  
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**II. PURPOSE**

This agreement establishes the Northern Hills JDAI Committee and is entered into by the above-named agencies to establish a cooperative relationship by applying the eight core strategies (enumerated in paragraph V) of the JDAI in order to:

- Eliminate the inappropriate or unnecessary use of secure detention of juvenile offenders;
- Minimize re-arrest of juvenile offenders and failure to appear rates pending adjudication;
- Ensure appropriate conditions of confinement in secure facilities for juvenile offenders;
- When necessary, redirect public resources and policies to sustain successful reforms.

**III. AUTHORITY**

The Northern Hills JDAI Committee shall have the authority to facilitate the coordination of inter-agency solutions to achieve the purpose described above. The JDAI Committee may make appropriate resource or policy recommendations to the governing bodies of the agencies represented on the JDAI Committee.

**IV. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION/TERMINATION**

This MOU will become effective when signed by all parties. The period of the agreement is three years from the original date of signature.

Amendments to this MOU must be submitted in writing at least 30 days in advance and approved by all agencies represented herein. In the event additional parties are added to the Northern Hills JDAI Steering Committee, the new party may be added upon approval by all agencies represented herein.

Positions and signature change- an MOU will need to be updated. The MOU is precipitated on funding from Council for Juvenile Services.

Intent to terminate participation in this MOU must be submitted in writing at least 90 days in advance of termination to all participating agencies.

## **V. THE JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE MODEL**

The parties agree that the Northern Hills JDAI Steering Committee will follow the JDAI model as developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The model's core strategies are as follows:

- Collaboration among juvenile justice agencies, community organizations, and other government agencies;
- The use of data in making policy and case-level decisions;
- Objective instruments to guide detention decisions;
- Operation of a continuum of non-secure detention alternatives;
- Case processing efficiencies to reduce time between arrest and case disposition;
- Improvement of conditions of confinement;
- Safe reductions of special populations (i.e. violations of probation, warrants, and cases awaiting placement); and,
- Racial/ethnic fairness in policy and case-level decision-making.

## **VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

All parties agree to work cooperatively to address the purpose of JDAI as identified above. Members of the Northern Hills JDAI Steering Committee agree to attend meetings on a regular basis, make their decisions based on the purposes and processes of the JDAI model, and carry out what is in the best interest of youth that is consistent with public safety. The parties agree to provide access to data that will support the JDAI process, consistent with state and federal confidentiality restrictions.

## **VII. COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

Meetings will occur at least quarterly and will be led by at least one or both of the JDAI Co-chairpersons (need to be identified) Co-chairpersons have the authority to conduct the meetings to facilitate discussion and decision-making. The committee will appoint a secretary to keep minutes, which will be agreed upon by the committee. In matters that require a vote, each agency represented on the JDAI Committee shall have one vote. Co-chairpersons have the authority to establish any subcommittees necessary to support the accomplishment of local JDAI implementation.

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The Honorable  
Presiding Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit

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Chairman, Northern Hills Commissioners

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Superintendent  
Hughes School District

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Mayor  
City of Hughes

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Sheriff  
Northern Hills Sheriff's Office

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State's Attorney  
Northern Hills State's Attorney's Office

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Chief of Police  
Hughes Police Department

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Sixth Judicial Circuit Court Services

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Department of Social Services

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