

*Juvenile Justice/Mental Health (JJ/MH) Committee Members
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*Public Defenders and District Attorneys who provided information/presented to the JJ/MH Committee
represented the: 2nd, 8th, 17th and 18th Judicial Districts.*

*Two Representatives from Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo also provided information on the
current processes and standards used for juvenile competency cases referred to them.*