



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council July Annual Retreat Meeting Agenda
July 12th, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Kane County Regional Office of Education
28 N First St
Geneva, IL 60134

***Voting Members:** State's Attorney (chair), Chief Judge's Office, Juvenile Delinquency Court Judge, Public Defender, County Board, Sheriff's Department, Court Services, Regional Office of Education, Kane County Chiefs of Police, Juvenile Officer's Association, Kane County Bar Association*

Board members present: Judge Abrahamson, LaTanya Hill, Rachele Conant, Sarah Seberger

Board members absent: Susan Starrett, Sheriff Kramer, Josh Axelsen, Deanna Oliver, Chief Wieteska, Kristen Lohrstorfer, & Mike Doyen

Council members present: Margo Schmitt, Danielle Henson, Suzanne Markin, Jasmine Sifuentez, Taj Ibrahim, Colleen MacRunnels, Kim Christie, Hortencia Fuentes, Janeth Barba, Michael Isaacson, Matt Quinn, Lark Cowart, Maurice Martin, Sherry Green, Keith Goins, Kim Svevo-Cianci, Marianne Fidishin

1. Introductions – 10 min
2. Approval of Minutes – 5 min
 - **Approved**
3. Logo presentation/vote – 15 min
 - **Maurice Martin presented the different logo options to the Council**
 - **Discussion: possible to use multiple versions, time that Maurice dedicated to the project (147 hours)**
 - **Council presented with ballots to vote for their favorite & share any additional input/ideas**
4. Items of business – 15 min
 - JJC Chair Report
 - **Needs Assessment has moved into phase 2**
 1. **Family Service Association of Greater Elgin initiated pilot, now moving to East Aurora**
 - **Health Department awarded the Illinois Children's Mental Health Initiative Grant**
 - **Thanks to everyone who assisted with the student award**
 1. **Review Committee: Judge Abrahamson, Suzanne Markin, Marianne Fidishin, Rose Diaz, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Josh Axelsen, Sarah Seberger, & Julia Schick**
 2. **Susan Starrett helped coordinate with the County Board so that this student could be recognized**
 3. **Julia shared brief overview of student's story: youth shared about her journey to reveal her authentic self while managing her mental health challenges and subsequent academic struggles. She was able to overcome these, get her first job,**



and is on track to graduate on time, with interest in pursuing a career as a language translator.

- MHFA Final Expenditure Vote Report
 - **Report distributed**
 - **56 law enforcement officers trained & received training credit**
 - National Night Out Planning
 - **Changing up strategy this year – using as an opportunity to share information**
 - **Any ideas/thoughts – share with Julia or Sarah**
5. Review of year- 15 min
- **Julia shared presentation**
6. Assessing collaboration/connections – 20 min
- **Group broke out into smaller groups to discuss collaboration using system maps**

DISCUSSION:

- **Currently a reactive system, rather than proactive**
 - **IDEA: Increase understanding about community and available resources/issues**
 - **Youth have to reach the juvenile justice system before they are sometimes connected with resources for support**
- **Primary care physicians seem to be in a position for early identification of kids that are likely to be at risk**
- **High cost of housing a youth in IDJJ vs keeping youth in the community with available supports**
- **Challenge current paradigm: many kids in care, increase foster homes**
 - **Sports analogy: we do not increase number of ambulances & ice available for sports injuries; instead, we improve the helmets to *prevent* injuries from occurring**
 - **How can we prevent youth from having to go into foster homes?**
 1. **Prevention/early intervention *before* getting to the point where youth have to leave home**
- **Concerns around the setup of the system being reactionary versus preventative**
- **Need a common language**

Break – 10 min

7. Strengths, areas of opportunity, stop-starts – 30 min
- **See below**
8. Action plan development – 30 min
- **Group broke out into smaller groups to discuss and plan around the following:**
 - **Supporting Law Enforcement**
 - **Youth Committee**
 - **Enhancing Restorative Practices**
 - **Trauma Awareness**



9. Share out & feedback – 30 min

- **Sharing of plans & discussion**
- **Julia to update and put into an online format so that they can be regularly updated**

10. Other updates / Distribution of Meeting Dates / Evaluations

- **Meeting dates distributed; need to adjust February meeting date, Julia will redistribute**
- **Margo Schmitt from East Aurora distributed pamphlets about new Supporting East Aurora Victims of Community Violence (SEAVCV) program**
- **Kim Svevo shared information about upcoming facilitator workshops in DeKalb**

11. Adjournment

Next Quarterly JJC Meeting: **October 11th at 11:30 AM** (Kane County Sheriff's Dept)

Next Board of Directors Meeting: **August 14th at 12 PM** (Kane County Sheriff's Dept)



Strengths: What does the JJC do well?

- Collaboration
- Brings people together to brainstorm
- educating
- Providing information
- Opportunities for youth through information sharing
- Cultural shift among partners
- Engaging all levels of organizations
- advocating
- Sense of unity/agreement that provides encouragement & motivation
 - Safe space to share
- Shared values
- Commitment
- Varied perspectives and approaches to work toward common mission
- Connection
- Identifying gaps and working to rectify them
- Community modeling
- Transparent discussions
- Public program facilitation and distributing/marketing other public program opportunities

Areas of Opportunity: What could make the JJC improve?

- Continuing to work/grow toward goals
- Increase focus on goal areas & see it through before picking up new ones
- Look for who is doing what and keeping track
- System maps specific to a community with names of resources and contacts for resources
- Continue to assess stakeholder representations
 - Gap: Child Welfare system representation
- Social media presence
- Other revenue opportunities
- Inventory of trainings

Stop/Starts: What should the JJC stop doing? What should the JJC start doing?

- Start connecting youth with program opportunities
- Start a directory for JJC
 - With contact information & photos
- Continue presentation at beginning of JJC meetings
- Data committee to start tracking major trends that may be impacting systems
- Continue legislative updates
- Start making action plans available for ongoing input from membership via online format