



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Quarterly October Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2019 at 11:30 AM

**Kane County Sheriff's Department – Training Room  
37W755 IL Route 38  
Saint Charles, IL 60175**

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***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*

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**Board members present:** Mike Doyen, Sarah Seberger, Josh Axelsen, Deanna Oliver

**Board members late:** Judge Parga (11:40 AM), LaTanya Hill (11:40 AM), Rachele Conant (11:56 AM)

**Board member absent:** Susan Starrett, Sheriff Hain, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Chief Rollins

**Council members present:** Hilario Fernandez, Illiana Nunez, Illiana Bueno, Rita Adamitis, Debi Rauch, Keith Goins, Sherri Green, Danielle Henson, Pam Ely, Crystal Zynda, Forrest, Suzanne Markin, Janeth Barba

**Council members late:** Bridget Sabbia (11:40 AM)

**Guests:** Steve McHugh, Tracy Wisher, Robin Pelfrey

**Call to order: 11:46 AM**

1. Introductions
2. Program Presentations
  - Moms Demand  
**Be smart – prevent shooting by children in 5 steps**
  - Juvenile Justice Center  
**Introduced Forrest – Therapy dog who comes to visit the kids in the detention center**  
**Explained that detention is considered a last resort option for the kids – detain kids for 7 counties, have a total of 26 in detention as of this date.**  
**Also have activities including a garden, Elgin Community College, ceramics**

3. Approval of minutes from September

<b>Result:</b> <b>APPROVED</b> as distributed
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4. JJC Chairman's report
  - **Discussed speakers at the July annual retreat**
    - o **Looking for speakers for de-escalation training and poverty/cultural awareness**
    - o **If there are ideas, please send to Julia or Sarah**
  - **Continue to work on opportunities to get youth perspective on the Council**
    - o **Working with the Regional Office of Education to identify opportunities to meet with youth**
  - **JJC to write an article for the SAO police newsletter focusing on juvenile related issues**
  - **JJC partnering with FSA to bring Juvenile Justice Jeopardy to the community**
    - o **REMINDER: please complete the survey, due Friday, October 11**



- In response to feedback from discussions with school districts, JJC is looking to work with the Regional Office of Education to plan a roundtable discussion for student discipline
- Finance Update: slightly under budget as of now, but anticipate that this will level out as trainings are planned
  - o \$4800 in personnel
  - o \$718 in benefits
  - o \$25 in supply expenses
- Grant updates
  - o DHS has contacted the Health Department regarding the JJC grant; these are not the same individuals from DHS that the JJC usually works with
  - o Sarah contacted them directly to see what they are needing and provide clarity regarding the appropriate contacts from Kane County for this grant
  - o All of our monthly reports have been submitted on time, so waiting to hear back what they are missing

#### 5. Old Business

- Updates on current initiatives
  - o Data - **Report is in the process of being reviewed by the Board of Directors**
  - o Educational opportunities – **Reached out to the Commission to start working on the law enforcement training in response to their offer to provide support, distributed restorative practices materials to all of the districts and provided them with the JJC parent handouts**
  - o Annual Report – **Continue work on, has been drafted and reviewed, just needs to be formatted**
  - o Commission expectations – **Increased involvement this year as technical assistance**
    - **Monthly coordinator calls, coordinator webinars featuring different topics, a site visit (November), a presentation to the Commission (January), and completion of written documents including a “Theory of Change”**
- Restorative Practices updates
  - o **Fall training planned, advertised, and is completely full. Will be hosted on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Health Department is providing lunch through their Children’s Mental Health grant and has helped coordinate the location at FONA International.**
  - o **In response to feedback during the discussions with districts, the subcommittee is planning another roundtable discussion. Will invite Directors of Student Services, as well as staff members at the building level who are responsible for implementation.**
  - o **Considering other options, including future training, that would be helpful in supporting the implementation of Restorative Practices**

#### 6. New Business

- Email Vote Report: CPDU’s for Fall Restorative Practices training - **distributed**
- Student Discipline Roundtable  
**As mentioned, came out of feedback from the meeting with school districts. Josh, Sarah, and Julia met to discuss what this looks like. Planning to incorporate the SRO perspective. Would like to help connect philosophies/approaches when dealing with certain behavior.**



7. Discussion Topic: RED – what can agencies do to address disparities?
  - **Dee will send name of presenter for diversity training – Beyond Diversity**
  - **Discussed some of the data and limitations**
    - **Data shows that disparities exist in the decision points at the justice system level, but also have to consider what is being sent to court through arrests. This has seemed like a missing piece to understanding the disparities and discussing effective interventions.**
    - **This is why the JJC is working on the data report plan to help collect this information**
      - **The Commission can provide data on arrests that are put into LEADS, the state data system for arrests; however, law enforcement agencies are not required to submit all juvenile arrests through LEADS.**
      - **Court Services also only receives arrests that are sent as a referral for diversion or court. This does not include arrests that result in a station adjustment or diversion at the police department level.**
  - **Reference to school discipline article – studies are showing that youth who receive more discipline are more likely to head to prison**  
<https://phys.org/news/2019-10-discipline-kids-prison.html>
  - **Considering other factors – income levels, education levels**
8. Juvenile Trends
  - **Julia shared two new social media trends**
    - **(1) Secret messaging side of Instagram, likely similar to Facebook messenger, but references made to the similarities of the app and Snapchat, where messages “disappear” after a period of time.**  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2019/10/04/instagram-launched-threads-messaging-app-works-like-snapchat/3862689002/>
    - **(2) New “fire challenge” – involves individuals dousing themselves in rubbing alcohol or nail polish remover and setting themselves on fire, with the intention of immediately extinguishing the fire once the alcohol burns off**  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/parenting/2019/10/04/fire-challenge-michigan-boy-treated-burns-social-media-stunt/3862622002/>
  - **No trends shared from members**
9. Legislative Updates  
**See attached**
10. Upcoming Events & Other Updates
  - **Gail Borden, Elgin Community College, and Elgin Police Department are hosting a play about Columbine (Columbinus) and are including a panel discussion following the event, along with community tables for resources**
  - **Gail Borden is also hosting lawyer in the library and has offered office space to FSA**
  - **November 21, Geneva High School is hosting a parent presentation on vaping and marijuana at 7 PM, presented by Matt Quinn from Rosecrance**
  - **Juvenile Justice Center submitted an entry to Scarecrow fest**
  - **Family Service Association of Greater Elgin is in the process of hiring a police social worker and 2 interns for Aurora Police Department; looking to collect data through a partnership with Aurora University**
    - **Offering a “co-response” model – law enforcement and mental health services**



- Offers case management to those who may need linkage to services
- Reducing youth going into CJ/JJC system by linking to services instead
- Suzanne Markin from the Office of Community Reinvestment shared about new youth provider
  - Work with you with severe disabilities
  - Partner with Northwestern medicine to provide internships
  - Offering an open house/Lunch and Learn
  - For older youth – 18 to 24
  - Parents Alliance Employment Program
- Introduction to new presiding judge over juvenile delinquency court, Judge Parga

11. Adjournment – **12:19 PM**

12. Next Meeting: Quarterly Meeting, January 9, 2019 at 11:30 AM, Kane County Sheriff's Department Training Room

Next Board of Directors Meeting: November 14, 2019 at 12 PM, State's Attorney's Office Conference Room