



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council January Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2020 at 11:30 AM

**Kane County State's Attorney's Office – Conference Room  
37W777 IL Route 38, Suite 300  
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:** Undersheriff Pat Gengler, LaTanya Hill, Rachele Conant, Josh Axelsen, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Sarah Seberger

**Board Members late:** Judge Karayannis (12:00 PM), Sheriff Hain (12:02 PM)

**Board Members absent:** Susan Starrett, Chief Rollins, Mike Doyen

**Council Members present:** Stephanie Cuevas, Gabrielle Pfister, Mike Davis, Sam Miemczewski, Anna Czerniak, Kassia Eide, Aidee Mireles, Hilario Fernandez, Chris Geocaris, Janeth Barba, Laura Kowalski

**Council Members late:** Sherry Green (11:50 AM), Keith Goins (11:50 AM)

**Call to order: 11:30 AM**

1. Introductions
2. Program Presentations
  - Stephanie Cuevas, Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness – CCBYS
    - **Program to help offer stabilization to families with youth between the ages of 11-17**
      - **Focused on youth at risk for juvenile or child welfare system involvement**
    - **Offer groups at the high school**
  - Janeth Barba, Family Service Association of Greater Elgin – SASS
    - **Complimentary to CCBYS – offer crisis intervention for youth experiencing a mental health crisis**
      - **Serve youth and adults with Medicaid**
      - **Can help bypass the emergency room at times – have received feedback that emergency rooms are often overwhelmed with patients with behavioral health needs**
      - **Offer on scene assessments as an alternative to the emergency room**

3. Approval of minutes from December

<b>Result:</b> <b>APPROVED</b> as distributed
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4. JJC Chairman's report
  - **Issue from DHS has been resolved, submitted the report that was missing**
  - **Budget updates:**
    - **\$13,029.01 has been spent as of the end of December 2019**
5. Old Business
  - De-Escalation Workshop



**Continue to plan workshop, connected with a professor from UIC and have made some adjustment to the proposed format in order to be most effective.**

- Youth focus groups  
**Questions have been drafted and are currently under review.**
  - School Discipline Roundtable Discussion  
**Planning for March 4<sup>th</sup>; will invite school personnel involved in the discipline process. Discussion will reinforce Restorative Practice work and will include some information about maintain school safety.**
  - Law Enforcement Training  
**Still planning – if anyone has ideas or suggestions for different topics, please send them to Sarah or Julia**
  - Handle with Care program  
**West Aurora started this program in January. Involves the school district partnering with police departments to send an alert to the school after being out at a home where children are present. The alert notifies schools of the student’s name and requests “Handle with Care”. U-46 is considering this as well.**
  - Restorative Practices
    - **Completed another training in October 2019 with approximately 40 participants**
    - **Hosted another Roundtable discussion – not as well attending, but 5 of 9 school districts present**
    - **Board of Directors has approved a Training of Trainers event and the purchase of more cards**
  - 2020 Student Award & Professional Award Materials  
**Materials have been updated. Distributed to attendees.**
  - Funding Request – Juvenile Justice Jeopardy  
**Followed up with questions to FSA, received response this week. Board of Directors sent the responses to the questions from the December meeting for review.**
6. New Business
- FY 2021 Grant Priorities  
**Preparing for next grant application; please send any ideas or priorities to Julia or Sarah.**
7. Juvenile Trends
- **Medicaid issues – families have been experiencing delays in receiving their renewals with the new year**
  - **Kids are presenting in crisis – seeing an increase in younger children**
    - **Likely attributed to trauma exposure**
    - **SASS has seen an increase of 16%**
  - **Difficulty finding space for youth with aggression in their history (especially those in detention)**
    - **Hospitals are rejecting due to concerns**
  - **Concerns with involuntary committals – hospitals will release within 2 to 3 hours**



- **Possibly due to different thresholds in order to keep an adult versus a youth or reports are different once the individual gets to the hospital**
8. Discussion: Efforts to address trauma
- **Health Department shared about ACES interface training**
    - **Several partners in Elgin are trained**
    - **Can offer trainings on ACES study**
    - **Can do anywhere from an hour to a day long training**
  - **Tricity Family Services has planned a 1 day workshop for compassion with the Geneva Coalition for Youth**
    - **Also partnering with the ROE to do a workshop for Institute Day**
  - **Gail Borden Library has put together Resiliency Kits**
    - **For example, one focused on grief – includes books and resources to help manage**
  - **CCBYS can run a group curriculum – SPARCS**
    - **Discusses symptoms of stress and effective strategies to manage**
  - **Additional ideas?**
    - **Resources for parents to know the signs – parents are unsure how to respond**
      - **Handouts, workshops, etc.**
    - **Electronic form would be helpful for those parents who are unable to attend events where this information is shared.**
9. Legislative Updates  
**Distributed, see attached**
10. Other Updates/Upcoming Events
- **FSA has launched police social worker for Aurora**
    - **Introduced an intern for the program as well**
  - **February 7<sup>th</sup> – Protecting Our Children Symposium – helps identify signs of abuse, human trafficking**
  - **Sheriff shared that they have added a Detective to the CAC staff, FSA has been in the Department for a year – trying to identify how to use them more**
  - **Sarah announced that this will be her last meeting as she will be leaving the SAO**
11. Adjournment – **12:20 PM**
12. Next JJC Quarterly Meeting: April 9, 2020 at 11:30 AM, Sheriff's Department Training Room  
Next Board of Directors Meeting: February 13, 2020 at 12 PM, State's Attorney's Office Conference Room