



Kane County Juvenile Justice July Annual Retreat Minutes
July 9th, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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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

Board members present: Kaitlin Kerstetter, Rachele Conant, Kristen Lohstorfer, Mike Doyen, Judge Karayannis, Judge Parga, Mike Frieders, Eric Majewski

Board members absent: Sheriff's Department, Court Services, County Board

Council members present: Michael Isaacson, Martha Infante, Bridget Sabbia, Matt Quinn, Julie Gerding, Jilene Allen, Anna Czerniak, Hilario Fernandez, Meg Kruse

Council members late: Dr. Jaime Thomas, Janeth Barba, Doug Rakshow

Call to order: 12:03 PM

1. Introductions

Broadcasting live on JJC Youtube to be in compliance with Open Meetings Act. Link to YouTube can be found on JJC's website.

2. Approval of minutes from June

Result:	APPROVED as distributed
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3. JJC Chairman's report

Financial updates

- **Closing out FY 2020 – will have to return funds due to postponed initiatives**
- **Awarded grant for fiscal year 2021; continuation grant**
- **Contract update – still waiting on contract for new fiscal year, but have confirmed that it will begin on July 1, 2020**

4. Items of Business

- **Bylaws Revision – postponed to do email vote**

Proposed change will allow votes to be addressed via video; currently only votes in person can pass

- Amendment of the bylaws to revise the wording of Article IV, Item L

VOTE: Does the Board approve amendment of the bylaws as follows:

A quorum shall be necessary to conduct a vote which shall be held at the time and place of planned and organized meetings; votes may be cast in person or via video conference during the meeting. A quorum is the simple majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors.



- **FY 2021 Grant Budget – postponed to email vote**
Budget has been distributed
VOTE: Does the Board of Directors approve the budget for fiscal year 2021?
 - **Nominations of Chair & Vice Chair –**
New fiscal year is an election year. SAO has held chair spot for 3 consecutive sessions and can no longer hold the position, per the bylaws. Public Defender’s Office is currently the vice chair.
Nominations will be taken, vote in August
Duties of Chair: working with coordinator and backing up coordinator, working with finance, run the meeting, move and build on ideas, approve agenda
Duties of Vice Chair: supports chair, can be involved as much or as little as they would want
 - **Meeting schedule for FY 2021**
Distributed, offering an online option as well for each meeting. Zoom meeting details will be sent out with agenda prior to meeting. Meetings will also be livestreamed, link on the main page of website
5. **Review of Initiatives from FY 2019**
- **JJC Annual Report input – Will start compiling from previous fiscal year; let Julia know if there is anything specific that we should highlight in the annual report.**
 - **SWOT Analysis –**
 - **Strengths: support for restorative practices with the schools**
 - **Weaknesses: negative impact from COVID, police training not getting planned, incomplete youth focus groups, missing data on station adjustments & arrests**
 - **Opportunities: continued discussion with school districts to help increase understanding of each system’s role and problem solve barriers**
 - **Continued Initiatives & IJJC Recommendations – Discussed along with trends**
6. **COVID-19 Impact Discussion – JJC purchased a Zoom subscription in order to host meetings virtually**
7. **FY 2021 planning**
- **Juvenile Trends**
 - **Quiet at the beginning of shutdown, now serving kids with high needs – likely due to the loss of structure from school day**
 - **MHJJ program is filled to capacity**
 - **FY 2021 Grant Priorities**
De-Escalation parent workshop
 - **Shared idea about making a video to teach skills virtually. Discussed using social media (JJC does not have a social media account, but other agencies could share).**
 - **Go to where parents are – schools, other agencies, churches**



Youth Involvement

- Collaborating with ROE and school districts – have 3 interested so far. Would likely be conducted via Zoom during the school day. Julia writing a more formalized proposal with anticipated timelines, identified audience, commitment level, and purpose of collecting the information.
- Goal is to gather perspective from youth

Law Enforcement Training

- Interactions with youth about race issues and build relationships with law enforcement, understanding of issues impacting youth
 - Would be best to do a couple of hours of training
 - There are already some statewide programs
 - Officers do not know what ACES are
 - Partner with CIT or do CIT-juvenile or Youth Mental Health First Aid
 - Some law enforcement agencies have limited access to Zoom – may need to be prerecorded
- Discussed supporting more informal conversations – identify an officer to be trained in certain topics and then continue the conversations within their department.
 - Barriers – consistent information, has to include state requirement
 - Could consider doing a quarterly/bi-annual training on a specific topic (adolescent brain development, trauma, cultural competency, mental health, etc.)

Restorative Practices

- Training of trainers – Can do a virtual option. Have interest, but need commitments in order to move forward.
- Virtual Restorative Practices training – International Institute of Restorative Practices has offered to do an online version of the 2-day training (for a fee). This is the same training that Julia facilitated last fall and summer and would fulfill the prerequisite requirement for the training of trainers. Something to consider to continue with training as there are individuals interested in the TOT that have not fulfilled the prerequisite.
- MOU has been sent out previously to the Board

Reducing Ethnic Disparities

- Working on getting better stats on station adjustments
- Offering expungement information – need to update expungement packet

8. Legislative Updates – Shared in documents, very few likely due to COVID

9. Other updates

- Kaitlin will be leaving the SAO, do not have new designee to the JJC yet
- Reviewed data from IJJC Site Visit Report – Site visit completed in November 2019, received report in April 2020



- **Coordinator - increased training for coordinator on interventions to Reduce Ethnic Disparities & increased awareness of intricacies of justice system**
- **Ensure activities are based in collected data**
 - **23% of Latino youth referred to court were for disorderly conduct –breach of peace**
 - **High number of Domestic Battery offenses throughout the system**
 - **High number of retail thefts at Diversion level**
 - **15% of Black youth are on probation for aggravated battery of school employees**
- **Consider how services to are provided to youth in Kane County that have the highest need and risk levels.**
- **Janeth shared about partnership with AID and Mercy – training on Motivational Interviewing, compassion fatigue**
 - **4 hour training**
 - **Could be offered in schools**

10. Adjournment – **1:10 PM**

Next Board of Directors Meeting: August 13, 2020 from 12 PM to 1 PM, Kane County State's Attorney's Office Conference Room

Next Quarterly JJC Meeting: October 8, 2020 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM, Kane County Sheriff's Department Training Room