



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council November Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 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*

Members present: Mike Doyen, LaTanya Hill, Judge Parga, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Rachele Conant, Josh Axelsen, Patrick McCarthy

Members absent: Susan Starrett, Sheriff Hain, Commander Majewski/Commander Frieders

Call to order: 12:04 PM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from October

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

Financial

- **\$1597.97 in personnel**
- **\$44735.89 remaining**
- **Outstanding invoice from the previous grant for CPDU's last fall – was never sent to Julia. Just received it at the SAO. Need to sort out how it will be paid since it should be from last year's grant. Amount was \$25.**
- **Offer from the Commission/Sean Freeman from University of Illinois to come and do a data presentation to the Board of Directors on Kane County's data.**
 - o **Court Services & Judge Parga expressed interest in watching presentation**
 - o **Julia to reach out to start coordinating schedules**

4. Old Business

- Updates on priorities
 - o Youth Focus Groups

VOTE: Does the Board approve the drafted permission slip and revised questions for the youth focus group with U-46?

Result:	APPROVED
Mover:	Mike Doyen
Seconder:	Judge Parga
Ayes:	Conant, Lohrstorfer, Axelsen, Doyen, McCarthy, Hill, Parga



Received request from U-46 to have permission slip for youth participating in the focus group. This will likely come up for other districts. U-46 gave a permission slip for a field trip as a template; Julia drafted a permission slip for the youth focus group and submitted to U-46 for review. Also minor revisions were also made to the questions – seemed to be based on interpretation of how questions were written.

NO DISCUSSION

- De-Escalation Videos

Julia still working on video content.

- Law Enforcement Training

Newsletter article approved through email vote and published through the Legal Ease Newsletter from the SAO.

Additional information from Strategies for Youth police training – part of their request to pursue the training with Kane County included utilizing funding they had secured through Toyota. SFY is looking in to see if funding can be extended into the new year; Julia requesting input from Board about any ethical/legal considerations with regard to the source of funding.

- **Rachele to consult with SAO Civil Division to explore any potential issues.**

- Parent Engagement

Anna Czerniak conducted the focus group with probation officers earlier this week. Julia had a conflict – unable to attend, but viewed recording. Anna is compiling a summary based on the feedback. Discussion prompted some ideas to help support families; Julia debriefing with Anna next week to discuss next steps.

- Restorative Practices

No responses to efforts to check in. Julia will continue to follow up; scheduled a meeting for 12/3 in hopes to regroup and gain some traction.

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities

VOTE: Does the Board approve the law enforcement survey and distribution?

Result:	APPROVED
Mover:	LaTanya Hill
Secunder:	Kristen Lohrstorfer
Ayes:	Conant, Lohrstorfer, Axelsen, Doyen, McCarthy, Hill, Parga

This survey came out of review of the data. Want to better understand arrest decision point to get more information about the cases coming into Court Services. Draft of the survey shared for review and approval.

Need to discuss a distribution plan of the survey to get representative results. Can put into an electronic format. Do we send it out w/ a letter signed by an elected official? Do we filter it through law enforcement partners?



DISCUSSION:

- Suggestion to do electronic, draft an email
 - Would likely want a cover letter from the Board of Directors
 - Who will it be addressed to?
 - Kristen has database of Juvenile Officers within the county. Can also call departments to make sure the survey does not get lost.

 - Individual Meetings

Julia attended training by the Commission. Need to strategize how these will be conducted. We have about 90 members on the distribution list, but only about 30 of those are “active”. Do we take the meetings out to the 90 or do we focus on the 30 that are active members? Training itself was just on doing those individual meetings, when Julia was strategizing if we are doing individual meetings intentionally, does it make sense to discuss the structure of the JJC at this point?

Break it down by sector

Meet with the 30

Purpose is to focus on engagement & commitments

Table until December.

 - JJC Book Club
 - Checking in on progress, do we want to select a book? Julia has a list of books.
 - Clarification that this is a professional development opportunity.
 - Lots going on right now, put a pin in it until January
 - Start with a pilot
 - Need to keep it small to have tough conversations
 - Also need consider how we ensure everyone has access to the book.

 - ACES Interface training
 - Discussed feedback from mini presentation at the quarterly meeting and next steps. Anna mentioned that it could be a “brain game” to make it more engaging.
 - Julia will send an email vote to the Board, extend the January quarterly meeting to 2 hours accommodate
5. New Business
- IJJC Annual Data request complete
Received data request and submitted.

 - IJJC Quarterly Report
Format was revised, but using the same performance measures as last year. Submitted report.
 - Update to the Board – as part of the report, have to document any conditions included in the JJC contract. There are two conditions that must be met based on last year’s programmatic risk assessment – have to have a site visit by December 2020 and have to participate in monthly calls.

 - Email Vote: Newsletter article - **Approved**
Sent out draft of newsletter article for approval. As mentioned, the article was included in the most recent Legal Ease.



- Email Vote: Support for YWCA grant - **Approved**
Sent explanation with the email vote

 - Universal Needs Assessment
Discussion around an assessment required by agencies accessing Medicaid services that is more comprehensive, but duplicative of the Universal Needs Assessment. Also discussed the IRIS System that will assist with the referral process. Family Service Association is no longer piloting either. Board agrees to let go of the Universal Needs Assessment

 - Current expenditures
Discussion around current expenditures - we have about \$40K that we need to spend by June. This is not unique for the JJC, but would like to be proactive instead of waiting until the last few months of the fiscal year. Funding is allocated in parts of the budget, but can be adjusted. Let Julia know if there is anything we can spend our funding on.
6. Other updates
 7. Adjournment – 12:51 PM
 8. Next Board of Directors Meeting: December 10th, 2020 from 12 PM to 1 PM, Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office Conference Room and Virtual via Zoom