



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council October Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:30 AM

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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:** Rachele Conant, Mike Doyen, Patrick McCarthy, Deanna Oliver, LaTanya Hill, Susan Starrett, Judge Parga, Mike Frieders, Eric Majewski, Kristen Lohrstorfer

**Board members absent:** Sheriff Hain

**Council Members present:** Anna Czerniak, Martha Infante, Lorena Nunez, Dylan Stacy, Mike Isaacson, Meg, Maureen Gasek, Carly Nehls, Cheryl Niemo, Hilario Fernandez, Carl King, Kim Svevo-Cianci

**Call to order: 11:33 AM**

1. Introductions
2. ACE Interface Training Overview
  - **Anna Czerniak from the Kane County Health Department provided brief overview**
  - **Free presentation that can be done for anyone interested in learning more about ACEs**
  - **Collaboration between KCHD and U-46 Alignment Collaborative for Education**
  - **Broken up into different sections**
    - **What are ACE and what the study is**
    - **ACE on developing brain**
    - **Health and Wellbeing impact of ACEs**
    - **What we can be doing as a community**
  - **Duration – 1 hour up to 3 days, dependent on organizations**
  - **Raising awareness helps change how people think about the causes of aces and who can help prevent them**
  - **Several trainers available throughout the county**
  - **Julia can share contact information**

3. Approval of minutes from September

<b>Result:</b> <b>APPROVED</b> as distributed
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4. JJC Chairman's report
  - **Financial**
    - **\$1149.66 spent in the month of September on Personnel and Benefits**
    - **Total of \$46333.86 remaining (has to be spent by June 30, 2021)**



- **Change in Chair & Vice Chair**
  - **Election in August. State's Attorney's Office had served maximum number of terms, per the bylaws.**
  - **The Board of Directors elected Rachele Conant from the Public Defender's Office as the new chair and Josh Axelsen, representing Patricia Dal Santo from the Regional Office of Education as the vice chair.**

5. Old Business

- Updates on priorities
  - Youth Focus Groups

**Permission slip has been drafted for school district U-46 and submitted for review. Will submit to the Board of Directors for approval/use once feedback is received. Once finalized, will proceed with identifying a date and inviting youth to participate. As the U-46 one gets finalized, Julia can start reaching out to other districts that have expressed interest to move forward with planning. If any other districts are interested in participating, please reach out to Julia.**
  - Escalation Videos

**Continuing to collaborate with Family Violence Coordinating Council and the Children's Mental Health grant. Working on potential speakers for the video. Julia putting together content to help decide on speakers. Plan to have representation from multiple racial/ethnic groups and include a Spanish version. If anyone is interested in additional information, has ideas for content or speakers, and/or wants to be involved, please reach out to Julia.**
  - Law Enforcement Support

**Julia shared email from Strategies for Youth on the Policing the Teen Brain. Any other feedback from the Board?**

    1. **Commander Majewski looked into it – requires a lot of time and is a very in depth training. Could be beneficial for SRO/School Liaison Officers. Shared that it may be worth revisiting in the spring. Would need to involve multiple departments to make it worthwhile.**

**Also, as discussed at the September Board of Directors meeting, Julia shared a drafted article focusing on defiant youth attitudes. Then presented to Chris Nelson to confirm that it is something that can be put in the newsletter. Board be on the lookout to review the content. Will then submit back to Chris for final review.**
  - Parent Engagement

**Julia, Court Services, and Anna from the Health Department met to discuss focus groups with Probation Officers. Working on confirming a date. Plan is to gather perspectives about parental needs from officers and eventually invite parents of youth on probation to participate.**



○ Restorative Practices

**Julia sent an update on available training within the last week; no response so far. There are opportunities to do training virtually, but the subcommittee held off on planning due to so many unknowns with the remote learning plans. At the last subcommittee meeting, there was also discussion about what Restorative Practices can look like with the remote learning plans as well. Any ideas to regain momentum with this are welcome. Reach out to Julia with any suggestions.**

● Racial and Ethnic Disparities

**LaTanya shared a summary of the discussion – time for us to provide data to the Commission, discussed increased access to data, still do not have access to arrest data because not all juvenile arrests are put into the statewide data system. Also looking into getting more recent data for warrants because reports show elevated detention rates for minorities due to warrants.**

● Expungement Packet updated

**VOTE: Does the Board of Directors approve the updates to the JJC Expungement Packet?**

**Packet distributed. Rachele updated the packet. This is just to approve the changes. The third option/petition was removed.**

<b>Result:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Ayes:</b>	Conant, Lohrstorfer, Oliver, Doyen, McCarthy, Frieders/Majewski, Hill, Parga, Starrett

**NO DISCUSSION**

● Individual Meetings

○ **Julia is going to be reaching out to schedule these individual meetings with the Board. The Commission is providing a training on October 22nd that will help prepare Julia for conducting these meetings.**

● JJC Book Club

○ **The Board suggested exploring some continuing education credit. Julia confirmed that it would be possible to get CEU credit for LPC/LCPC and LSW/LCSW's. Josh was looking into CPDU's and Rachele was looking into CLE's.**

● Juvenile Justice Jeopardy

**VOTE: Does the Board of Directors approve sharing information through the JJC network about any needed support for Juvenile Justice Jeopardy?**

**This is a vote to reconcile the action taken during the Chairman's report at the August meeting. The Board approved continuing to provide support to the Juvenile Justice Jeopardy program/game.**

<b>Result:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>Ayes:</b>	Conant, Lohrstorfer, Oliver, Doyen, McCarthy, Frieders/Majewski, Hill, Parga, Starrett

**NO DISCUSSION**



Cheryl Niemo (coordinator for Juvenile Justice Jeopardy) shared that they have been able to secure funding and rolled out a couple of trainings for game leaders. They have initiated the implementation phase, hosting 3 events for youth. The youth indicated that they learned a lot, some myths were debunked. The professionals involved also had positive feedback. There is a need for additional conversations and forums based on the feedback so far. Also need individuals to collaborate with to hold events.

6. New Business

- Changes to IDJJ – Possible for JJC’s to have input in the planning
  - Some may have heard about the changes coming for IDJJ – Pritzker made an announcement a while back. If there is confusion – Julia can send information. A question was asked on last month’s JJC Coordinator call about being able to have input/offer perspective as they explore what this reform will entail. Although nothing officially has been confirmed, it seems that this may be an option. Julia will keep the JJC apprised of any updates and/or opportunities as they come.
- IJJC Annual Data request – Due November 15
  - Received the annual data request this week. The Commission has changed what is needed this year, hoping to make this less cumbersome on the different JJC’s and/or partners. They will rely on other databases to provide data on different decision points, but requested that each jurisdiction provide data on Diversions. Julia sent the request to Court Services.
  - LaTanya confirmed that she would be able to get the data easily and by the due date

7. Juvenile Trends

**Court Services: Families are struggling financially b/c of loss of jobs. They are dropping off what they can and making referrals to food pantries.**

8. Legislative Updates

**Distributed prior to the meeting.**

9. Other updates - **None**

10. Adjournment – **12:08 PM**

Next JJC Quarterly Meeting: January 14, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM, Kane County Sheriff’s Department Training Room and Virtual via Zoom

Next Board of Directors Meeting: November 12th, 2020 from 12 PM to 1 PM, Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office Conference Room and Virtual via Zoom