



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council February Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2021 at 12 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*

Call to order: 12:01 PM

Members present: Josh Axelsen, Kristen Lohrstorfer (left at 12:39 PM), LaTanya Hill, Nick Fedra, Christine Bayer, Judge Parga, Judge Karayannis (left at 12:46 PM), Commander Frieders

Members late: Mike Doyen (12:05 PM)

Members absent: Sheriff Hain

Member vacancies: County Board

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from December & January

December:

Result:	APPROVED as distributed
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January:

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3. JJC Chairman's report

Financial

- **Total expenditures for January: \$854.19**
- **Total remaining: \$42013.63**

4. Old Business

- Updates on priorities
 - Youth Focus Groups

Julia met with Director of Equity and Inclusion from D129 who has convened a group of youth to speak to district about issues on equity. Discussed collaborative effort with the JJC; preference is to have more of a targeted approach to give youth an opportunity to prepare and have a purpose/focus in gaining their input regarding how racial/ethnic background impacts their lives.

DISCUSSION:

- **Need to make sure group is representative of youth from varying levels.**
- **Offers an opportunity for youth to learn appropriate ways to advocate for causes they are behind.**



- **End goal is for the JJC to have a youth representative.**
- **Julia to continue pursuing and bring back for a vote w/ more specifics.**
- De-Escalation Videos
 - Julia continuing to work with Pam Ely to gather input from youth. Pam is currently meeting with youth in the detention center to get perspectives about how families handle conflict and what would be helpful. Julia will meet with Pam to go over responses.**
 - DISCUSSION:**
 - **Not specific to youth who are held for domestic battery because they are not held in detention very long.**
 - **Idea - can we put together a roll call video to share the youth perspective of interactions with law enforcement? Would need to keep it generalized.**
- Law Enforcement Training
 - 1. **Revisited Strategies for Youth conversation. SAO Civil did not have an issue with private funding source. Tabled to next meeting for additional discussion.**
 - 2. **Discussed new article topic for Legal Ease through SAO. Julia proposed an article differentiating between behaviors of Adolescent Domestic Battery & Intimate Partner Violence. Law Enforcement partners confirmed would be helpful to offer additional understanding about domestic battery. As individuals come up with potential topics – can send an email.**
- Parent Engagement
 - No new updates; the Children’s Mental Health grant continues to offer parent café’s as a means to engage parents. Julia shared that the Children’s Mental Health grant is also forming a parent council and recruiting parents who have experience or have been impacted by children’s mental health.**
- Restorative Practices
 - The subcommittee met and there is interest in offering a Training of Trainers. Board has previously approved having this in person, but can now be done virtually.**
 - DISCUSSION:**
 - **Good to get going with the training**
 - **Helpful to have more trainers out in the community and ability to offer refresher courses, refresher courses are not required but topic of discussion**
 - **IIRP has lifted requirements for trainers allowing more flexibility.**
 - **Have discussed MOA/MOU – need some type of commitment around the number of trainings being offered, track the data/request a report at the end of the year with data.**
 - Vote to come at next meeting, Julia will draft an MOU to be shared.**
- Racial and Ethnic Disparities
 - **Survey Update – We have 39 responses so far from 20 different departments. Julia will compile a report to discuss with RED Team and potentially bring back to the Board.**
 - **Followed up on data presentation in collaboration with the Commission/CPRD. Provided update on change in staff.**
 - DISCUSSION:**
 - **Extend invites to law enforcement and representatives from stakeholder offices and support for recording it.**



- **Helpful to compare with other counties in relation to disparities and detention centers.**
 - Individual Meetings
Julia has started meetings and will continue through the end of the fiscal year. Making notes of the themes that come up during the conversation. Helpful to have perspectives and reminders.
 - Current expenditures
Continue discussion – we still have the majority of our funding. Can spend on training, personnel, and supplies.
DISCUSSION:
 - **Question about previously printed handouts and distribution.**
 - **IDEA: put pamphlets/handouts/cards into a resource folder. No current materials that can be used as orientation to court/jj system in Kane County. Court Services had started gathering resources/information. Would be helpful to have consistent information shared. Have in English and Spanish for first appearances.****Julia will reach out to form subcommittee – Judge Parga, Judge Karayannis, and LaTanya Hill.**
 - Book Club
Revisiting discussion from this past fall. Table discussion for March.
5. New Business
- County Board Representative
We have a vacancy for the County Board representative. Rachele is sending a letter to the County Board Chairwoman to request a designee.
 - Site Visit
Received a request toward the end of January and coordinate site visit meetings for first weeks of February. Requested to meet with 4 stakeholders; extended invite to individuals who were in the best position to respond to the questions that were anticipated. They continue to want to lift up the good work we are doing.
6. Other updates
- All educators in Kane County have the ability to obtain the vaccine as of this week. Truancy is a concern with remote learning/hybrid – looking for ways to support families. If anyone wants to provide feedback about how the county offers services to students with truancy concerns.**
7. Adjournment – **12:56 PM**
Next Board of Directors Meeting: March 11th from 12 PM to 1 PM, Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office Conference Room and Virtual via Zoom