



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council October Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2021 at 11:30 AM

**Kane County Sheriff's Department – Training Room  
37W755 IL Route 38  
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 (in person): Rachele Conant, Mike Doyen, Josh Axelsen, Judge Parga**

**Board Members Present (virtually): LaTanya Hill, Debra Conforti, Lark Cowart**

**Board Members absent: Eric Majewski, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Sheriff Hain**

**Board Member vacancies: County Board**

**Members Present (in person): Marques Clark, Adam Schauer, Suzanne Markin, Martha Infante, Becky Sadler, Lorena Nunez, George Gutierrez, Erin Saylor, Zachery Rose**

**Members Present (virtually): Myrna Salcido, Aidee Mirales, Bernadette May, Carli Nehls, Marti Neahring, Mike Davis, Robin Barazza, Simon Rodriguez, Myrna Serano, Ricky Rodgers**

1. Introductions

2. Partner Presentations

**Adam Schauer and Marques Clark from Waubensee Community College – provided an overview of programming**

**Marti Neahring, West Aurora School District – provided an overview of what is being done in the school district in response to the pandemic**

**Carli Nehl and Myrna Salcido from Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness – provided an overview of programming**

**Lorena Nunez from Greater Family Health – Formally known as Greater Elgin Family Care Center, provided an overview of programming**

3. Approval of minutes from September

<b>Result:</b>	<b>APPROVED as distributed</b>
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4. JJC Chairman's report

- **Financial - The SAO has had a transition in finance officers, will report at the November meeting.**
- **JJC has received signature from County Board for contract and submitted to DHS**
- **Still working on getting a County Board representative**

5. Old Business

- Updates on priorities
  - **Youth – provided a review of the discussions that have been happening regarding a youth member on the Board of Directors. Trying to sort out confidentiality and received some guidance from the Commission – leave up to the youth to decide whether or not to divulge their involvement. This does not necessarily align with discussions at a local level, as the statute indicates that youth must have had involvement with the juvenile justice system and would be more beneficial in providing insight. Continuing to work on identifying youth or young adults to work with the JJC who have had some past involvement with the juvenile justice system and are aware of the disclosure.**
  - **Restorative Practices – JJC provided funding for individuals to complete a Training of Trainers; as part of some of the trainers are planning their trainings. If members are interested in having training at their organization either virtually or in person, contact Julia to get something coordinated.**

**Julia has a meeting scheduled with representatives from the Parent Council through the Kane County System of Care to discuss interest expressed by the parents to learn more about RP.**

- **Law Enforcement Training – Taking place on December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. There are 30 spots, with 7 registered so far. Also confirmed that it will fulfill some training requirements for SRO's regarding police/juvenile interactions.**
- Family Court Guides  
**VOTE: Does the Board of Directors approve the final drafts for the two Family Court Guides?**

<b>Result:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
Mover:	LaTanya Hill
Secunder:	Judge Parga
Ayes:	Conant, Parga, Hill, Conforti, Axelsen, Doyen

**Overview of the purpose of the guides provided; guides were distributed prior to the meeting. One is for Juvenile Delinquency and one is for Abuse/Neglect.**

**DISCUSSION:**

- **A question was asked about the materials being translated; will be translated once the final drafts are approved.**
- **Expungement packet – The forms are now being standardized as required by the state; updates to the packet were made in accordance with this requirement. The packet is currently w/ the Circuit Clerk waiting approval and will be uploaded on the website when complete. Email communication will go out to the JJC when this is complete as well.**



- **Racial and Ethnic Disparities**  
**RED Team meets regularly on a quarterly basis and last met in September. Reviewed RED plan to determine any adjustments. As an outcome to the meeting, will begin mapping the data to be more targeted in outreach efforts to discuss data. Also seeking more updated datasets because the current plan is based on 2018 data and interventions were put into place around that time, so trends may have shifted.**

**Julia also shared about participation on the statewide RED committee through the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission.**

**Introduced the ADB workgroup to the JJC – formed due to the prevalence of adolescent domestic battery offenses across the decision points. The workgroup has met 3 times to explore the issue of ADB in Kane County and determine potential interventions to reduce the number of youth being detained and ensure families are provided access to appropriate resources to address the issue. Provided explanations to questions about who is included, the interventions provided and the overall purpose. Up to this point, the workgroup has been mapping out how these cases are currently being handled and proposing protocol/policy changes to intervene that would be responsive to barriers. Concerns were expressed about the level of mental health involved in these cases and the lack of services available.**

- **RED Conference**  
**Taking place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> virtually. Have 5 confirmed interest, but additional funding available. If interested, please reach out to Julia by end of day Thursday.**
- **Wake Up Call**  
**Will be hosted in collaboration with West Aurora on January 25, 2022. For those unfamiliar, it is a workshop for parents to help them recognize signs of drug and alcohol use.**
- **Overview of JJC Materials**  
**Julia provided an overview of the materials. Will share following the meeting.**
- **JJC Survey Review**  
**Survey administered to assess the current structure of the JJC and its processes. Provided a brief summary of the results and opportunities to refine – one of them being members not being aware of the goals. Julia and Rachele working to put together some proposed changes to present to the Board for consideration.**

#### 6. New Business

- **Bullying Materials**  
**We have a stockpile of printed materials for Bullying that were going to be used for National Night Out. If anyone would be interested in those materials, contact Julia.**
- **SEAC Speaker Request**  
**An opportunity to partner with Dr. McCall and the Student Equity Advisory Council at West Aurora. The students have expressed some interest in speaking with some professionals working in the juvenile justice field to discuss matters of equity in policing**



**and in the system as a whole. Also interested in hearing what is being done to explore inequities and address them as a system. There may be opportunity to have a panel with a couple of perspectives included. SAO would be willing to help.**

7. Legislative Updates – **Will be distributed electronically**

8. Other updates

**LaTanya shared about supplemental training for mandated reporting that offers additional tips. It is supplemental to the DCFS training, not in lieu of. Training is offered to any youth serving organization. If any organizations want to be on the marketing list for when this is occurring, email LaTanya.**

9. Adjournment

Next JJC Quarterly Meeting: January 13, 2022 at 11:30 AM, Virtual

Next Board of Directors Meeting: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12 PM, Virtual