



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council February 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022 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*

Members present: Rachele Conant, Josh Axelsen, Eric Majewski, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Mike Doyen, Lark Cowart (1 left at 12:46 PM), Lisa Aust (12:15 PM), Debra Conforti (12:16 PM)

Members absent: Sheriff Hain, Judge Parga

Vacancies: County Board

Call to order: 12:11 PM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from January

Result: APPROVED as distributed

3. JJC Chairman's report
Financial
 - **January - \$1190.03 (Coordinator salary & benefits)**
 - **YTD: \$11,740.72**

Discussed strategies to get a County Board representative; letters have gone unanswered. Rachele and Lark will discuss further.

4. Old Business
 - Updates on priorities
 - Youth
 - **Provided updates related to youth engagement/opportunities with youth:**
 - a. **Julia and Rachele meeting with the Student Coalition for Racial Justice at IMSA about a request for volunteer/collaboration opportunities.**
 - b. **There is an FSA Jr Board member who has expressed interest in working with the JJC.**
 - c. **Opportunities with Student Equity Advisory Council**
- Discussion around youth involvement. Suggested a roundtable discussion, gift cards to help get youth to attend. Julia and Rachele will**



get some more information from the students at IMSA and bring back to the Board.

Parent involvement

Julia connected with a parent who had previous involvement with the system. Discussed next steps for parent involvement on the JJC: Small interview panel to ensure that parents are aligned with JJC efforts and Restorative Practices. Next step is for Julia to see if there is additional interest from other parents.

o Law Enforcement Training Addition

- **VOTE: Does the Board of Directors approve moving forward in collaborating with Strategies for Youth to provide training for some officers to become game leaders for the Juvenile Justice Jeopardy game?**

Result:	APPROVED
Mover:	Lisa Aust
Seconder:	Eric Majewski
Ayes:	Conant, Conforti, Axelsen, Doyen, Aust, Majewski, Lohrstorfer

DISCUSSION:

Materials were sent to the Board of Directors. This is the only option/alternative we have been offered to reconcile the miscommunication. Discussed use of the game. Officers would be able to do the game at schools they are assigned. Cannot veer from the game that is provided.

o Restorative Practices

- **2 day RP Training w/ Parents was completed on Saturday 2/5. Julia coordinating a follow up meeting to debrief and explore next steps. Discussed issue related to translating materials – wanted to assist with comprehension, as some of the parents are ESL learners. Translated materials were not available through the IIRP; the Health Dept/Children’s Mental Health grant had them translated. In communicating with the IIRP about the translation, this would be considered modifying the curriculum, which would mean that the training would not qualify as an official IIRP training, which is needed a pre-requisite to attend a training of trainers. The parents were provided with the information and decided to forgo using the translated materials, instead sharing them with the IIRP for review.**
- **Julia was asked to present an overview of RP to the WIDE (Workgroup for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity) and discuss what the JJC has been doing to share this framework throughout the community in light of some recent discussions related to school culture, exclusionary discipline practices, etc.**



- **Family Court Guides: Julia waiting for translation to get them ready for a quote to be printed.**
- **Expungements: The packet is still being reviewed.**
- **Racial and Ethnic Disparities
The JJC RED Team will meet in March.**

Provided an update on the statewide committee – IRJEC. There are two workgroups, one to look at the data, including data received by jurisdictions around the state, and one to look at best practices in addressing RED. Requested any best practices that can be shared to be emailed to Julia. Lastly, the JJC’s are going to present at the next meeting as an entity for jurisdictions to use to begin exploring/addressing data.

Discussed training opportunities. Julia will share DEI trainings coming up through ICOY and look into additional training opportunities related to poverty, cultural humility, etc. Can either sponsor a training or do scholarships to send individuals to a training. Would be ideal to do a training for all juvenile justice stakeholders. Discussed new law enforcement training mandates.

ADB Workgroup – Julia is working on coordinating a meeting for the group to reconvene after doing some information gathering with other jurisdictions implementing Step Up program.

- **SEAC Speaker Request
The dates have been confirmed – Feb 23rd (virtual) to review the juvenile justice system and March 8th and 9th in person to discuss racial and ethnic disparities. Email vote sent for the flyers since they have the JJC logos. Provided further explanation related to the planning of this opportunity; Julia can check in following the Part I discussion to make any necessary adjustments to ensure continuity.**
- **JJC Restructure
Julia submitted a draft of the interagency agreement for review. Will ask Civil to review and present to the Board for review.**
- **JJC Site Visit Debrief
Discussed experience – appreciative to have perspectives represented to share concerns that are impacting the work of our JJC, with respect to data access and interpretation of statutes.**
- **Wake Up Call
Set for March 3rd at 6:30 PM at Herget Middle School. Julia will send out materials to the JJC. Dr. McCall also received a request from The Voice to promote the event.**
- **FY 2023 Grant Planning
Requested any needs that are being seen currently and data to incorporate into the JJC plan for the upcoming grant.**



5. New Business

- CPRD Data Presentation
Julia will work on coordinating.

6. Other updates

7. Adjournment – **12:49 PM**

Next Board of Directors Meeting: March 10, 2022 at 12 PM, Virtual