



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council January Quarterly Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2022 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*

Board of Directors present: Rachele Conant, Lark Cowart, Sheriff Hain, Mike Doyen, Josh Axelsen, Eric Majewski, Debra Conforti, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Judge Karayannis, LaTanya Hill (12:05 PM)

Board of Directors vacancies: County Board

Members present: Adam Grubbs, Anna Czerniak, Ricky Rodgers, Bernie May, Adam Schauer, Ismael Cordova, Kaitlyn Ehler, Martha Infante, Maureen Gasek, Michael Isaacson, Mirna Serrano, Myrna Salcido, Scott Savage, Simon Rodriguez, Suzanne Markin, Zak Rose, Kim Svevo-Cianci, Robin Barraza (11:44 AM)

Call to order: 11:33 AM

1. Introductions

2. Partner Presentations

Suzanne Markin, Program Manager for the Youth Workforce Services Network

Provided an overview of the Youth Workforce Services Network. Focused on helping young adults, ages 16 – 24, both in and out of school, in helping find their permanent career path. Can provide scholarships for youth to receive secondary school training vouchers – college or vocational programs. Also have a network of contracted service providers, spanning a 3 county area. Have also been able to add “youth element providers” to provide adult mentoring and guidance in counseling services.

Martha Infante, SEAVCV Project Manager

A program for students of East Aurora School District who have been exposed to violence. School personnel (social workers, principals, teachers, etc.) can send referrals, as well as other organizations, such as Probation and DCFS. The SEAVCV program seeks to connect students to different services, utilizing case managers to meet with the students, provide mentoring, and try to connect them with counseling. An assessment is also done with both the youth and parent to determine needs and provide linkages.



3. Approval of minutes from December

Result: APPROVED as distributed

4. JJC Chairman's report

Financial

- December expenses: \$1196.66 (Personnel & coordinator cell phone)
- Year to date: \$10,550.69

Continue to work on getting a County Board representative

5. Old Business

- Updates on priorities

Youth Involvement: The statute for the JJC does allow for a youth representative on our Board. As part of the law enforcement training, there were opportunities for youth to participate in a role play; however the adjustment to the training schedule eliminated this part of the training. Interest was received from a member of FSA's Junior Board to participate in the training, but may also be interested in future opportunities with the JJC.

Law Enforcement training: The law enforcement training took place in December; however, there was a miscommunication in the dates for the training. The Board was notified and the trainers were able to do a condensed version of the 2 day training in one day, offering a working lunch as well to officers. There were 16 officers who attended. Overall, the feedback appears to be positive; told that we will receive a report with the rest of the feedback.

- Law Enforcement Training Addition

To reconcile the miscommunication in training dates, Strategies for Youth, the training organization, has offered to provide training and additional licenses for officers who attended the training to also be able to run the Juvenile Justice Jeopardy game. They are typically done in person, but they also offered to transfer it to a virtual format as well. The Board will be receiving further communication about this in an email vote.

Bernie May from FSA shared an update from FSA's standpoint related to games currently being conducted. Due to the behavioral health needs in the community, they have had to put a hold on running the Juvenile Justice Jeopardy games.

- Email Vote Report: Policing the Teen Brain Press Release Request from Strategies for Youth to send out a press release regarding the training. There were not enough votes for this request to pass, so the press release was not put out.

Restorative Practices: The training that was scheduled to be in person with FSA in January is being postponed to March 31st and April 1st due to the increase in cases and wanting to prioritize having the training in person.



- Restorative Practices Training

The JJC has also been in discussions with parents from the Parent Councils in Aurora and Elgin, as well as COFI (Community Organizing and Family Issues) to coordinate a training. The parents are energized to get trained and have agreed to a virtual training, as opposed to in person so that they can do it sooner than later. They have requested to do a 2-day virtual training on Saturday Jan 22nd and Saturday Feb 5. Julia is working with the network of trainers to see if anyone is interested/able to help out with this training.

Family Court Guides: Julia working on getting them translated. Once complete, Julia will incorporate and send out a vote to approve having them printed.

Expungements: The final version of the expungement packet is being reviewed. Once it is done, it will be uploaded to the website

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities

The JJC RED Team met last week. Discussed updates regarding the annual data collection that has been done in the past and submitted to the Commission. Through the IJJC's RED Committee, they are moving to collecting data from statewide systems as opposed to going directly to jurisdictions. The data that was submitted by Kane County last year will be given back to the JJC hopefully in the spring, by the next RED meeting in March. The plan is to look at this data once it is returned since it is the most up to date and go from there. Also discussed some of the issues with arrest data collection, per the responses from the request for data with the law enforcement training. The RED Team will continue to discuss this in subsequent meetings as well and discuss strategies to explore considerations related to RED at the different decision points throughout the juvenile justice system. The RED Team also planned for the SEAC meeting as well.

The ADB Workgroup met in December. There are three responses that are being considered to initially work on impacting this issue – (1) The state is going to be rolling out a standardized screening instrument for detention, which may impact the ability to use detention in response to these cases, (2) legislative changes to the IDVA statute, and (3) considering a diversion program, such as Step Up, and utilizing the Adolescent Domestic Battery Typology Tool to assess for the type of violence. Julia has met with King Co, WA where Step Up originated, to gather information and is in the process of setting up a meeting with DuPage County, where the program is also currently running, to learn how the referral process works from a Probation perspective. The workgroup will then meet with DuPage to continue the discussion.

The statewide RED Committee has changed names to Illinois Racial Justice and Equity Committee. Move away from the RED acronym and also be more representative of the work being done. Julia has also stepped up into a co-chair role for this committee.

- SEAC Speaker Request

The JJC has been working with the Student Equity Advisory Council at West Aurora; they have made a request to the Board to have a discussion around matters of juvenile justice. The first day will focus on the juvenile justice system processes in Kane County, while the second day will focus on the issues pertaining to RED in Kane County and what is being done to address them. The meeting dates for this request have been



pushed back to February to prioritize an in person meeting.

- **JJC Restructure**
A restructure proposal has been submitted and approved by the Board of Directors. The proposal includes an interagency agreement to be completed annually with members to formalize relationships and help us better serve the membership. This agreement is currently being drafted, but once complete, an invitation to complete the agreement will be sent out to all of the JJC members.
- **JJC Site Visits**
The annual JJC site visit will be done virtually for a 2 hour window, where everyone will meet together. The discussion will center around the program and policy implementation, how you are addressing Racial & Ethnic Disparities, and identifying “challenging issue.” Our site visit has been scheduled for Monday, January 24th from 10 AM to 12 PM. It would be helpful to have some representation from community providers in addition to those serving on the Board of Directors; those who are willing to attend can contact Julia for the Zoom link.
- **Wake Up Call**
Prioritizing an in person event, postponing to March 3rd as the tentative date, waiting to confirm with the location.

6. New Business

- **FY 2023 Grant Planning**
The grant application will be coming out in the next couple of months. Julia has been responsible for putting together the grant application; anyone interested in learning more about the process or helping, please reach out to Julia.

7. Legislative Updates

Distributed

8. Other updates

Anna shared about a training being done in collaboration with Court Services. On February 4th from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Executive Director Lisa Aust will be doing a presentation for mental health professions who are working with clients in the criminal justice system. Anna will share the flyer to be distributed.

Ismael – Greater Elgin Family Care Center available for vaccines and testing. Also offering at-home testing kits to come and pick up – do not have to be a patient with Greater Elgin Family Care Center

Kim Svevo-Cianci shared about a coached training workshop coming up - Best Start: All About Youth Program for youth from 11 years up – school, after school, community. The workshop will be a half day on January 28th and on February 4th. Will share flyers with Julia and Rachele.

9. Adjournment – **12:14 PM**

Next JJC Quarterly Meeting: April 14, 2022 at 11:30 AM, Virtual

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