



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council May 2022 Board of Directors Meeting MinutesS  
May 12, 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*

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**Members present:** Rachele Conant, LaTanya Hill, Vern Tepe, Eric Majewski, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Debra Conforti, Mike Doyen, Josh Axelsen (12:06 PM), Lark Cowart (12:07 PM), Judge Parga (12:14 PM)

**Call to order: 12:02 PM**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from April

<b>Result:</b> <b>APPROVED</b> as distributed
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3. JJC Chairman's report  
**Financial – did not receive report, will provide at June meeting**

**Site visit report – provided at the last JJC meeting. Will be included as an agenda item at the next meeting, please send any reactions/feedback to Julia in preparation.**

**Results of the Family Court Guide Email Vote will be provided at June Meeting.**

**The Wake Up Call event at East Aurora is tonight for East Aurora Parents only. They have 55 registered to attend; Rachele attending on behalf of the JJC to do an introduction.**

4. Old Business
  - Updates on priorities  
**Youth/Parents:**  
**Julia continuing to work with partners who have involvement with youth and parents to determine what a collaborative effort might look like. Two structured ideas for the Board to consider – (1) bringing data to the established parent and youth groups to get their reactions/ideas and (2) requesting a presentation from youth and/or parents related to cultural humility and/or what they think stakeholders should be aware of when working with those who are justice system involved. Will keep on the agenda for further discussion.**



**Discussed opportunity to work with students at IMSA, the Student Coalition for Racial Justice. Provided a reminder of the opportunity to provide perspective on experience working with individuals involved in the juvenile justice system. Discussed some of the barriers to participating. Julia will send out podcasts to Board for review and further interest; Julia will also reach out to students about their schedule/school timeline.**

**Law Enforcement Training:**

- **Juvenile Justice Jeopardy Game Leader Designation**  
**Kristen sent out an email to JOA. One individual from East Dundee has expressed interest. Julia working to follow up with them. Discussed other individuals who can be designated. Kristen will talk with officers who do Peer Jury.**

**Restorative Practices**

**Provided an update on the one day condensed training for West Aurora – an alternative was provided due to a conflict for one of the trainers. Will look to do a one day training when school reconvenes. Also working with West Aurora to do a 2-day in preparation for them to bring in their own TOT; coordinating with trainers in the RP Trainer group. Also discussed the status of the MOU agreement with all of the trainers now that it has been almost a year since they were signed. Julia to work with Josh on strategies to engage trainers.**

**Racial and Ethnic Disparities**

**JJC RED Team – Next meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Will focus on what factors contribute to decisions at arrest and what factors contribute to decisions at the Diversion level. Will also explore the issue of OV's being used for truancy. Julia updated the RED Plan for the new grant and incorporated new data; will review updated RED Plan and the data brief from the IJJC at the next RED Team meeting as well. IRJEC (Statewide Committee) – The two workgroups met jointly this month to take an in depth look at the data across jurisdictions. Also discussing what resources are available on the committee that can be offered as technical assistance. Discussed the REIA (Racial Equity Impact Assessment) that was presented to the committee as well as to the JJC Coordinators. Julia meeting with the Executive Director of the IJJC to explore how this could work for the JJC.**

**ADB Workgroup – Met in March to discuss continuing the plan to make some proposed changes to the statute and gather information about the utility of the Adolescent Domestic Battery Typology Tool to determine if it may be something to use at the arrest point to help inform decision making. Julia will be checking in on the status of the next meeting.**

- **JJC Restructure**  
**Reviewed purpose of the proposed changes. Draft of the Interagency agreement has been distributed. Julia and Rachele met with State's Attorney Civil to review document. Discussed additional options to consider after reviewing the statute and intent of the Councils as an entity. Will continue the discussion into next month's meeting once the Board has had time review and process the agreement.**



- **FY 2023 Grant Planning – Continuation grant**  
Email was sent about the NOFO being opened up mid April. Grant is due on Monday. Julia has completed an initial draft that is under review within the SAO. Provided a summary of what has been included, including 3 additional proposed priorities (OV/Truancy issue, a Mental Health Workgroup, and planning for an annual conference). Julia provided clarification on the budget that was shared with the Board.
- **CPRD Data Presentation**  
Julia met w/ CPRD to begin discussing an updated presentation. In addition to looking at the detention decision point, could also look at transfer to adult court data as well. Discussed the purpose of the presentation and how the data points are identified. Julia asking what counts toward transfers to adult court and what data is accessible. Will look to dates in the fall for the presentation.
- **Proposed Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism series**  
A proposal has been distributed. This would be a form of Cultural Competency Training done by a local expert, Traci Ellis. Could look into offering continuing education credit. Could be done virtually. Timeline would be up for discussion. Audience – anyone working with youth and families in the community, especially those who are at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system and/or are currently involved. Julia will get a biography/credentials and revisit at next month’s meeting.

5. New Business

- **JJC Support of Partner Requests**  
**Will discuss further at next month’s meeting.**
  - Email Vote Report: CCBYS Letter of Support – **passed, vote report distributed**
- **West Aurora Collaboration: Parent Equity Workshop – rejected, vote report distributed**
  - Email Vote Report: Parent Equity Workshop  
**VOTE: Does the Board of Directors approve partnering with West Aurora to host a 2-part Parent Equity Workshop in FY 2023?**

<b>Result:</b>	<b>REJECTED</b>
Mover:	Mike Doyen
Seconder:	Kristen Lohrstorfer
Nays:	Conant, Conforti, Axelsen, Doyen, Hill, Majewski, Lohrstorfer, Parga, Tepe

**Provided additional context and referenced details provided via email to the Board of Directors.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Discussed the cost of the training itself, concerns about parent attendance and who else will be contributing financially.**



- Mental Health Workgroup  
**Judge Parga sent out an email from a taskforce that looked into addressing mental health of juveniles at the diversion level. Proposing that we form a workgroup to really spell out the issue and dig into it further. Discussed how this group would interact with other initiatives in the community. Julia to send out an email to gauge interest.**
- FY 2023 Proposed Budget  
**VOTE: Does the Board of Directors approve the proposed FY 2023 Budget?**

<b>Result:</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>
Mover:	Debra Conforti
Seconder:	Josh Axelsen

**Budget was sent out. Discussed funding allotted toward Parent Equity Training.**

**AMENDED VOTE: Approve the proposed FY 2023 Budget with the line item for the Parent Equity Training removed.**

<b>Result:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
Mover:	Mike Doyen
Seconder:	Vern Tepe
Nays:	Conant, Conforti, Axelsen, Doyen, Hill, Majewski, Lohrstorfer, Parga, Tepe

- Website Updates – **not discussed**
    - Post JJC plan and RED Plan
  - FY 2023 Meeting Date Planning – shared for consideration  
**Will discuss further next month, but need to start thinking about new fiscal year and meeting dates.**
6. Other updates
7. Adjournment – **1:08 PM**  
Next Quarterly JJC Quarterly Meeting: TBD  
Next Board of Directors Meeting: June 9, 2022 at 12 PM, Virtual