



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council August 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 11, 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: Brenda Willett, Debra Conforti, Vern Tepe, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Eric Majewski, Lark Cowart, Josh Axelsen, Judge Karayannis (12:18 PM)

Members absent: Sheriff Hain, Lisa Aust, Mike Doyen

Call to order: 12:14 PM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from June

Result: APPROVED as distributed

3. JJC Chairman's report

Financial

May: \$1,948.68 - Personnel

June: \$1,123.09 – Personnel

FY 2022 year end total: \$22,940.43

July: \$1,778.09 – Personnel

4. Old Business

- Updates on priorities

Youth/Parents

- **Continuing to pursue the podcast opportunity with IMSA students**
- **Parent Equity Workshop with West Aurora will take place on October 13th from 6 PM – 8 PM; Julia will distribute flyer, Rachele planning to attend.**

Law Enforcement

Continuing to identify 3 additional game leaders



Restorative Practices

Completed 2 rounds of the 2-day training over the summer with West Aurora school district

Working with the Pre-Arrest Diversion Program through the SAO to assist with training

Expungements

Updates being made to the packet to reflect new legislation. Need to make more family friendly as well.

Mental Health

Workgroup met this week to begin mapping out the current initiatives. The workgroup discussed focusing on what within the scope of the JJC and considering alternative approaches that could be taken.

- **Racial and Ethnic Disparities**

JJC RED Team

Meeting scheduled for 8/17. Drafted another survey for law enforcement to explore what diversion options are available and being used, as well as the factors being considered for arrest.

IRJEC (Statewide Committee)

Currently working on updating the annual plan to be submitted to OJJDP. Next meeting is August 24th. Next steps include refining the criteria used to prioritize which jurisdictions to try and work with in reducing racial and ethnic disparities.

ADB Workgroup

Currently on hold until September.

- **CPRD Data Presentation**
Continue to table – no preferences shared as to when it is scheduled.

5. New Business

- **Nominations for JJC Chair & Vice Chair**

- **Nominations from the floor**

Chair: Public Defender's Office

Vice Chair: Regional Office of Education

- **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

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- **FY 2023 Kane County JJC**

Summary from one-on-ones provided; there was a general consensus to realign around a common goal and work toward more tangible outcomes by narrowing focus to something within reach, as well as making the JJC more functional for the stakeholders who are involved. There was some discussion around the structural changes needed to do this; the formation of a workgroup was proposed to the Board to develop a recommendation that aligns with the spirit of the statute and the IJJC.

Volunteers for Restructure Workgroup: Lark Cowart, Judge Karayannis/Judge Parga, Kristen Lohrstorfer



**Will also need a planning group for the symposium in the Spring.
Volunteers: Josh Axelsen, Lark Cowart**

Julia will send out email to request any additional interest after the meeting and begin coordinating initial meetings.

6. Other updates
7. Adjournment – **12:26 PM**
Next Board of Directors Meeting: September 8, 2022, Virtual