



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council October 2022 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2022 at 11:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting

Kane County Regional Office of Education – Training Room
28 N 1st St
Geneva, IL 60134

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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, Josh Axelsen, Vern Tepe, LaTanya Hill, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Mike Doyen (11:56 AM), Judge Karayannis (12:17 PM)

Board of Directors absent: Sheriff Hain, Eric Majewski, Debra Conforti

Members present: Zach Rose, Suzanne Markin, Araceli Ascencio, Becky Sadler, Michael Isaacson, Viki Wonak, Ricky Rodgers, Adam Schauer, Juliana Skogland, Jenny Garcia, Ben Greer, Yesenia Saldana, Myrna Salcido, Simon Rodriguez

Meeting begin: 11:39 AM

Quorum as of: 11:56 AM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from September

Result:	APPROVED as distributed
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3. JJC Chairman's report

Financial

- **September expenditures: \$2,131.61 (Personnel & Benefits)**
- **Year to Date: \$5,420.69**

The JJC Contract was published on September 26th. Currently going through the Resolution process.

4. Old Business
 - Updates on FY 2022 Priorities



Youth/Parents

- **Parent Equity Workshop with West Aurora will take place on October 13th from 6 PM – 8 PM; flyer has been distributed.**

Law Enforcement

No new updates - need to identify 3 additional game leaders

Restorative Practices

Lark Cowart (SAO) and Julia are halfway through completing the 4-day IIRP Training for Pre-Arrest Diversion Program through the SAO. An overview of the Pre-Arrest Diversion Program was provided.

During this discussion, a question about reentry services from the Kane County Jail came up. Rachele explained that the jail does not have a formal reentry program, but referenced the various programs for those who are being held in the jail.

Another question came up about how programs are identified to use for the diversion program. Rachele explained that this is a State's Attorney's Office program, so that would be a question for the SAO.

Expungements

Updates will be made to the packet at the beginning of the calendar year. There will be some minor changes for 2023 and also working on making it more family friendly as well. A reminder shared that it been posted on JJC website.

Mental Health

The workgroup continued discussions around how mental health concerns are currently being addressed among those involved in the court system and exploring areas of opportunity. Another meeting has not been set.

- **Updates on FY 2023 Priorities**

JJC Restructure

Shared about the JJC Restructure Workgroup and purpose: to determine a structure for the JJC that will increase functionality as an entity and make sure that the JJC is in alignment with the statute.

Update: Workgroup continued discussion at 9/19 meeting. As a next step, the activity for this meeting was proposed to continue informing discussions.

JJC Symposium Planning

Shared about the JJC Symposium Planning workgroup and purpose: to plan a multi-disciplinary educational event for Spring 2023

Update: Workgroup meeting rescheduled to October 20th to continue planning.

A question came up about the symposium applying to other counties in Illinois. Will only apply to those working with Kane County Youth.

- **Racial and Ethnic Disparities**

JJC RED Team

Next meeting scheduled for 10/21. At last meeting on 8/17, discussed the 2019 data and determined additional data that would be helpful in determining next steps (Law



Enforcement Survey, Ordinance Violations, and the number of referrals to the SAO that did not result in petitions). Will review additional data at next meeting.

IRJEC (Statewide Committee)

Finalized state plan and submitted to OJJDP. At the last meeting, worked on refining the criteria used to prioritize which jurisdictions to try and work with in reducing racial and ethnic disparities. Also determining workgroups needed to carry out the plan.

Another question came up about the recidivism rate for Kane County juvenile cases. LaTanya explained the challenges with tracking recidivism rates for juveniles – requires an IRB approval and not all juvenile arrests are put into the statewide arrest data system. Also shared about the education services provided to those who are being held in the JJC. Julia also shared about the 5 decision points.

ADB Workgroup

Have not had meetings recently; Julia continuing to work on reconvening the workgroup. Prior to the break, there was work being done to do some legislative fixes to the statute, but other priorities have slowed this process.

- **CPRD Data Presentation Debrief**
CPRD recently did a presentation on detention data from 2020 and 2021, as well as adult transfer data. The presentation was recorded and can be shared if anyone is interested in reviewing.

5. New Business

- **Email Vote: Restorative Practices books**
Vote passed; report included with materials
- **JJC Restructure Planning Activity**
Done as a large group discussion; see attached for results of discussion

6. Legislative Updates- Julia will email out

7. Other updates

8. Adjournment – 12:36 PM

Next Quarterly JJC Meeting:

January 12, 2023 at 11:30 AM, Virtual

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

November 10, 2022 at 12 PM, Virtual



JJC Restructure Planning Activity Discussion

(1) What role does the Juvenile Justice Council serve in our community?

- Focal point for community services/government agencies to be able to coordinate services for those who are justice involved and help streamline services
- Connect community entities to provide opportunities to prevent individuals from recidivism
- Identify gaps in available services and consider how to address those gaps, as well as identify overlaps where the JJC may be able to helping to coordinate and increase communication to reduce competition between services being provided
- JJC can serve role with partners in being resource hub; reference to the IRIS system from the Health Department

(2) Please identify JJC actions/projects/initiatives that have assisted your agency in addressing juvenile delinquency or offered any additional benefits to your agency.

- Presentation to the JOA regarding diversion options/considerations for doing diversion
- Training programs – Restorative Practices & Wake Up Call, issues to youth/at-risk youth
- Educate service providers about what type of services have been proven to work/EBP/what type of services justice population is in needed. Help educate law enforcement/providers about efforts to divert
- Assisted in trying to champion services for youth in the delinquency system specifically
- RP training helped WCC education program/student services – more aware/responsive to justice involved youth.

(3) Please identify/suggest new or existing programs aimed at addressing juvenile delinquency that you believe the JJC should consider supporting or would be enhanced by JJC involvement, and the type of support that would be helpful.

- WCC would like to align with more educational opportunities (HS Equivalency program) – improve communication between probation and WCC
- CASA & KC Bar Foundation – geared toward at risk & special needs kids to get access to extra curricular activities that may be more cost prohibitive. Could use assistance with pipeline for where this opportunity would be most beneficial.
- Rite of Passage program (AAMOU) – mentoring program – consider entities like them to be involved in RED discussions
- Peer Jury w/ City of Aurora – will work with N Aurora and APD – jury of peers who volunteer & first time/low offenders. Those participating have a choice – diversion option. JJC could help identify institutions/organizations that may want to put together their own peer jury program. Also looking at doing a referral process via Social Worker to additional services.
- BGC opening up a new clubhouse in South Elgin. BGC of Aurora – looking to build a clubhouse in East Aurora. Partnering with diversion/prosocial programs
- Promote prevention as opposed to intervention

Another question came up about programs in Kane County that work with the entire family, in addition to the youth. LaTanya shared about the available programs – limited from the preventative aspect, but there is Multi-Systemic Therapy that is paid through Court Services and offered later in the court process, to help families put in structure within the home, as well as connecting with the community.



(4) How can your agency help the JJC fulfill activities outlined in the Juvenile Justice Council statute?

- As an education provider/training/financial assistance to gain access to career training and align individuals with career opportunities
 - o WIOA Program has been able to connect with stakeholders in the justice system to get individuals involved in services
 - o NYAP provides Mental Health & Tx Advocacy services for youth involved WIOA; also do some substance use services. NYAP offers adult mentoring.
- Build capacity with organizations like AAMOU
- City of Aurora can assist in getting info out to the community
- Law enforcement can meet with providers to be more preventative