



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Board of Directors February 2023 Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2023 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, Mike Doyen, Eric Majewski, Lark Cowart, Ally Logan (ROE), Vern Tepe (12:06 PM), Judge Karayannis (12:10 PM)

**Members absent:** Lisa Aust, Sheriff Hain, Kristen Lohrstorfer

**Guest:** Zaida Rodriguez

**Introductions: 12:03 PM**

**Meeting start: 12:06 PM**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from January

<b>Result:</b> <b>APPROVED</b> as distributed
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3. JJC Chairman's report

**Financial Update**

- **January: \$1,041.25 (Personnel and benefits)**
- **YTD: \$ \$11,292.63**

**Funding update: Kane County JJC is behind in spending as compared to other grantees. Discussed strategies that the Commission is looking into in order to account for the 20% funding cut as a result of being deemed noncompliant.**

4. Old Business

- Updates on FY 2022 Priorities

**Youth/Parents**

- **Julia was reconnected with Myla Roundy. She suggested we use existing opportunities within the schools to connect with youth - West Aurora has offered some "lunch and learn" opportunities. Julia met with West Aurora and provided details - lunch is brought in by who is hosting the lunch and learn for 4 lunch periods. Each lunch would be capped at 25 students and be filled on first come, first serve basis. The purpose would be to connect with youth from West Aurora to talk about what the JJC is and how they may get involved; will also work with Myla to develop an agenda. The lunch and learn would take place ideally at the end of**



March/early April. Eric offered to join but suggested having the West Aurora liaison officer there as well. Julia and Rachele to work with Myla to put together an agenda.

- Still waiting for the Commission to make connection with youth who is on the statewide Youth Advisory Board. Communication has been sent.
- Julia put together a flyer to solicit youth who may be interested in participating with the JJC that will be shared with those youth who participated in the county Youth Voices Forum discussing mental health. Also received interest from IDJJ in connecting with youth who are Kane County residents.
- Julia also planning to attend a Parent Council meeting in April to share about the JJC
  - o Parent Equity Workshop Update  
The format of the second part was adjusted in light of feedback from the first session. It was requested that the information be brought to educators and there was a low turnout from parents. Instead of another evening parent workshop, 2 professional development sessions were offered for educators.

#### **Law Enforcement**

Still no interest in juvenile justice jeopardy.

#### **Restorative Practices**

No new updates.

#### **Expungements**

Continuing to work on revising the packet

- Updates on FY 2023 Priorities

#### **JJC Restructure**

Workgroup will reconvene on February 22, 2023. At the last meeting, proposed developing a plan to develop a county wide protocol for station adjustments to promote alignment. This would also inform the needed structure going forward. No opposition from the Board to pursue this.

- o JJC Symposium Speakers/Sessions Vote

Does the Board of Directors approve the proposed Speaker Series and spending up to \$13,500 to cover the cost of speaker fees and interpretation?

#### **Discussion:**

- Concerns expressed about cost and commitment to 2 part session without knowing how well attended it would be
- If the Board approves, Julia can work on professional development credits – CEU's, CPDU's, CLE's, & Law Enforcement credit
- Clarified content/intent of presentation and discussed the costs of some previous speakers
- Question about promoting speaker series and how many individuals would attend
- Would like more information about the costs

<b>Result:</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
Mover:	Judge Karayannis
Second:	Lark Cowart



- Racial and Ethnic Disparities

**JJC RED Team**

Team met in January. Julia confirming the two data points where Kane County had disparities that fell in the top 5 of those jurisdictions compared. Lisa and LaTanya looking at recent referral data to determine if there are trends that may inform more concrete steps. Eric will bring topic to JOA to discuss referrals to Court Services. Next meeting scheduled for February 22, 2023.

**IRJEC (Statewide Committee)**

Whole committee met on January 25<sup>th</sup> and will not reconvene until March. Have started the TTA process with Lake and Madison counties – this is informing the structure that will be used with other jurisdictions when TTA is able to be expanded.

**ADB Workgroup**

Workgroup met on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Julia is working to coordinate a meeting between the workgroup and Representative Matt Hanson. Next meeting TBD.

- FY 2024 Grant

Julia will begin working on the FY 2024 grant application. No priorities shared at the meeting.

5. New Business

6. Other updates

7. Adjournment – 12:35 PM

**Next JJC Quarterly Meeting:** April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:30 AM, Virtual

**Next Board of Directors Meeting:** March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12 PM