



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Board of Directors March 2023 Meeting Agenda
March 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

Members present: Rachele Conant, Mike Doyen, Vern Tepe, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Ally Logan, Lark Cowart, Judge Karayannis (12:30 PM)

Members absent: Sheriff Hain, Eric Majewski, LaTanya Hill

Call to order: 12:15 PM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from February

Result: APPROVED as distributed

3. JJC Chairman's report

Financial:

February: \$1,601.05 (Personnel/benefits, Supplies)

YTD: \$14,289.57

4. Old Business

- Updates on FY 2022 Priorities

Youth/Parents

- West Aurora Lunch and Learn Discussion

VOTE: Does the Board approve partnering with West Aurora High School to host a lunch and learn session with students and providing lunch at a total cost of \$560 for up to 80 attendees?

Result: APPROVED
Mover: Lark Cowart
Seconder: Kristen Lohrstorfer
Ayes: Conant, Cowart, Logan, Tepe, Lohrstorfer, Doyen

DISCUSSION:

Julia met with Myla and Dr. McCall to develop the outline/plan for the discussion. Lunch is \$7/person, estimated at \$560 for 80 people. Provided by



Blackhawk Café – culinary program at West Aurora. No one has registered yet, but with approval can start promoting.

No further discussion.

Discussed compensating Myla for her time. She will be present for 4 lunches and 3 planning meetings, with reviews in between. Proposed compensating her with a gift card for \$200; Julia will send out an email vote to the Board of Directors.

Law Enforcement

It has been a year since the initial discussions around juvenile justice jeopardy. Discussed Departments having trouble with staffing. Can check in with FSA to see if they are still doing the game, consider how useful it has been if so. Put on hold and can revisit if there is interest in the future.

Restorative Practices

Julia will be doing an overview with U-46 Dream Academy on 3/21 in preparation for offering 2 day training at the beginning of the next school year. Julia will work with district to coordinate trainers to meet the training request.

Expungements

Julia continuing to work on simplifying packet.

- Updates on FY 2023 Priorities

Symposium Planning Workgroup

- JJC Symposium Speakers/Sessions Email Vote Reports – **distributed**
Speaker Series will be two days – in light of when approval was given, have pushed back the first speakers. First session will be hosted on 5/23 and the second session will be hosted on 5/24. Both will be at 12 PM. Julia continuing to work on securing professional education credit and will need to send an email vote for any associated costs.

VOTE: Does the Board approve providing Spanish translation for the two sessions in the Speaker’s Series at a total cost of \$200?

Result:	APPROVED
Mover:	Kristen Lohrstorfer
Seconder:	Lark Cowart
Ayes:	Conant, Cowart, Logan, Tepe, Lohrstorfer, Doyen, Karaynnis

DISCUSSION:

This is a translator that is contracted with the Health Dept and assists with translating their meetings. Cost is \$100/hour. There was some interest from parents on the Parent Council to join the sessions, but this would require the translation service.

No further discussion



Restructure Workgroup

Workgroup is monitoring the formation of the newest workgroup, coming together to explore the station adjustment process and develop a universal form that can be used throughout the county. Restructure Workgroup that it would help keep the focus on something tangible by separating into this into its own work group and extending invite to the entire JJC to join.

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities

R/ED Team

Have been trying to determine where to focus efforts, considering decision point data and disparities. At the last meeting, discussed the monitoring of outcomes at the decision points and whether or not we are seeing the intended impact of interventions. After reviewing the referrals and noticing a significant decline in referrals from EPD, proposed reaching out to EPD about their efforts at the arrest decision point to divert cases/respond to cases, prior to making a referral to Court Services. Exploring this may also have implications for the new station adjustment work group as well.

IRJEC

The IRJEC did not have any work group meetings this month and is set to meet as a large committee at the end of March; however, those involved in the initial consultation with one of the selected sites for Technical Assistance met to discuss the next steps in the process.

ADB

On hold while coordinating a meeting with Representative Matt Hanson.

- FY 2024 Grant

DISCUSSION:

Planning to continue priorities below:

- Restructure
- R/ED
- Youth Involvement
- Restorative Practices (Training/Consultation)
- Adolescent Domestic Battery
- Station Adjustment Form

These do not take much additional funding/are not likely to take additional funding outside of the coordinator salary. Looking for additional priorities/ideas where funding could be used to temporarily fulfill a gap or training needs that the funding could be used to supplement cost. As a reminder, the Commission has said that the funding should be used for structural changes. The reason for this is because the funding is not considered sustainable on a year to year basis where a program can safely rely on it. So if it were used for programming, it would be more of a pilot, acknowledging that more funding would be needed to sustain the program. No ideas shared; if anyone has ideas, please share with Julia.

5. New Business

- New Workgroup: Station Adjustment Form Development

This came out of the Restructure Committee as a potential need. Julia sent out a request for interest and have received responses from 5 members – 4 are Board Members (2 law enforcement), and one Council member. Requested responses by end of day 3/8.



Next step – identify a date that the group can come together and consider any missing partners, as well as begin to develop a plan.

- JJC Civil Rights Policy

VOTE: Does the Board approve the proposed policy written to establish a process for Civil Rights complaints?

Result:	APPROVED
Mover:	Lark Cowart
Seconder:	Kristen Lohrstorfer
Ayes:	Conant, Cowart, Logan, Tepe, Lohrstorfer, Doyen
Abstention:	Karayannis

DISCUSSION:

As part of the grant, the JJC is required to demonstrate compliance with Civil Rights policies. This means designating a Civil Rights Coordinator and completing a questionnaire which was shared with the Board. Julia has been working with the SAO Civil Division to fulfill this requirement. In addition to the questionnaire, SAO Civil has recommended that the JJC adopt a policy for filing Civil Rights complaints that can be posted on the JJC website, along with a form. The policy needs to be updated with an email address, but is complete otherwise.

6. Other updates

7. Adjournment – **12:45 PM**

Next JJC Quarterly Meeting: April 13th, 2023 at 11:30 AM, Virtual

Next Board of Directors Meeting: May 11th, 2023 at 12 PM