



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Quarterly October Meeting Minutes  
October 1, 2024 at 12:15 PM

**Kane County Juvenile Justice Center Training Room**  
37W655 IL Route 38  
Saint Charles, IL 60175

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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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**Board Members present:** Rachele Conant, Judge Karayannis, Josh Axelsen, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Dana Fortunato, Vern Tepe, Judge Parga (12:19 PM)

**Members present (in person):** Julie Ippolito, Martha Infante, Maria Leon (12:19), Courtney Duran (12:24 PM)

**Members present (virtual):** Viki Wonak, Adam Schauer, Kaylan Windham, Simon Rodriguez, Zak Rose, Yesenia Saldana, Aubree Schuett (12:20 PM), Ricky Rodgers (12:23 PM), Maria Garza (12:30 PM), Javier Reyes (12:31 PM)

**Board Members absent:** Eric Majewski, Lisa Aust, Sheriff Hain, Mike Doyen

**Call to order: 12:17 PM**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from September

<b>Result:</b> <b>APPROVED</b> as distributed
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3. JJC Chairman's report  
**Currently working with DHS to finalize the fiscal year budget so a contract can be issued and resume financial reports.**

4. Old Business

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities

**R/ED**

**The Board had a discussion at the September meeting around Racial and Ethnic Disparities and is exploring how to continue having these conversations. Vern reached out to the Health Dept to consider additional data to inform these discussions. A**



meeting will be set up to discuss further. If there are areas that members would like to discuss and/or share any data that is being collected, please contact Julia.

#### **IRJEC**

Update provided on the staff transition at the IJJC and how this impacts the work of the IRJEC, as well as next steps.

#### **ADB**

Confirmed that legislation has been proposed, but that this legislation is being opposed by the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence; currently exploring some strategies around how to gain support.

- Collaboration with CSG

An update was provided to the JJC about the collaboration with CSG. After listening sessions and reviewing data, CSG provided recommendations for improvements around:

- Diversion (Station Adjustments & Court Services)
- Court Processing
- Data/Sustainability

Will need a structure for getting this work done. This will be determined by the November meeting with action plans getting developed.

- JJC Sustainability Updates

Beginning to have conversations around the future of the JJC, in light of the uncertainty around funding this past fiscal year.

#### 5. New Business

- Family Engagement Proposal

Provided a summary of the additional funding that the IJJC had requested the JJC consider adding to the budget for the fiscal year to focus on family engagement. With the Board's approval, information was gathered for different organizations that specialize in family engagement and could assist. The proposal outlines these options.

#### **Discussion:**

- It makes sense to build on something that already exists in the community
- Maria mentioned the parents who are trained to facilitate parent cafes and could have discussions focused on juvenile justice matters
- Julia and Rachele can coordinate additional discussion with the Health Dept around family engagement initiatives and collaborating
- There was a question about exit surveys as an option to begin gathering feedback; this was something that was being considered previously. Julia can check in with LaTanya about this

#### 6. Trends/Legislative Updates – No legislative updates

#### 7. Other updates

- Rachele provided an update on the Juvenile Justice Summit from September; recognized that many members of the Board of Directors were there to present. There are intentions of this being hosted again in the future.



- **Josh shared that the Health Dept released the Youth Voices Forum report; this can be a good source of information to learn from youth about their perspectives on mental health. Julia will share with the JJC.**

8. **Adjournment – 12:44 PM**

**Next JJC Board of Directors Meeting:** November 18, 2024 at 12:15 PM, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room

**Next JJC Quarterly Meeting:** January 7, 2024 at 12:15 PM, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room