

# Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 3, 2024 at 12:15 PM

# Kane County State's Attorney's Office Conference Room

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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, Dana Fortunato, Eric Majewski, Lisa Aust, Josh Axelsen, Judge

Parga, Vern Tepe (12:23 PM), Mike Doyen (12:26 PM) **Members absent:** Sheriff Hain, Kristen Lohrstorfer

Call to order: 12:17 PM

1. Introductions

2. Approval of minutes from August

**Result:** APPROVED as distributed

3. JJC Chairman's report

Budget update will be provided next month

- 4. Old Business
  - Updates on FY Priorities

**Station Adjustments** 

Setting up meetings with local departments to explore their station adjustment process, beginning with Aurora and South Elgin. A letter has also been drafted to send out to departments encouraging the use of station adjustments.

• Racial and Ethnic Disparities

**RED Team** 

Discussion around JJC's role with R/ED, acknowledging that there are factors that occur prior to justice system involvement and contribute to disparities. This may be indicative of limited resources in communities to address needs. There are challenges in getting access to arrest data as the point of entry into the juvenile justice system; it



would be helpful to learn about strategies to assist with this. Julia will follow up based on what is learned from IRJEC meeting. Board to consider continuing the discussion around R/ED to determine how to move forward, including expanding the discussion around data. Vern will reach out to the Health Department for assistance.

## **IRJEC**

Julia provided an update – the committee is beginning to identify action steps to implement 3 year plan. Will begin identifying trends across all 102 counties using data gathered across the decision points. The IRJEC Chairs & IJJC leadership are meeting with Georgetown Center for Reducing Racial & Ethnic Disparities to explore what support they can provide.

#### **ADB**

Proposed legislation is still pending, working to gain additional support.

Collaboration with CSG

CSG has presented their findings and recommendations. The priorities have been captured and will be used to inform action plans that CSG will develop. Will need to consider how the work within the action plans then gets distributed.

JJC Structure Updates

Checking in around the sustainability of the JJC. Rachele will follow up to see what additional steps are needed.

## 5. New Business

• FY 2025 JJC Budget

VOTE: Does the Board approve extending the contract period with CSG to December 31, 2024 at a cost of \$2000.02?

Our work with Stephanie has extended beyond the end of the original contract, which coincided with the previous grant year to end on June 30, 2024. This amount is the remaining of the original \$29K that they were allotted to spend. There is money in the training and education line item that could be re-allotted to cover this amount.

**Result:** APPROVED

Mover: Lisa Aust
Seconder: Dana Fortunato

Ayes: Conant, Parga, Aust, Fortunato, Axelsen, Doyen,

Majewski, Tepe

# Discussion:

Question about using funding from last year – we are unable to extend the use of funds beyond the grant year.

November JJC Board of Directors Meeting date
 Discussed an alternate date - rescheduled November meeting for November 18.

6. Trends/Legislative Updates - None



- 7. Other updates
- 8. Adjournment
  Next JJC Quarterly Meeting: October 1, 2024 at 12:15 PM, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room