



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council November Board of Directors Meeting Notes
November 18, 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*

Members present: Rachele Conant, Judge Karayannis, Josh Axelsen, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Dana Fortunato (left at 12:40 PM), Mike Doyen (arrived at 12:20 PM)

Members absent: Vern Tepe, Sheriff Hain, Lisa Aust, Eric Majewski

Call to order: 12:17 PM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from October

Result: APPROVED as distributed

3. JJC Chairman's report

Financial:

YTD: \$3,496.98

Contract update: DHS issued a contract, but there was an error in the amount reflected. They are updating on their end and sharing next steps. Still need to get the contract to County Board once it is corrected.

4. Old Business

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities

RED

Had a meeting with the Health Dept regarding data. They were already working on some things themselves are going to work on compiling some data to share back. Trying to gather a better picture of the path that leads to system involvement based on available data. The Health Dept is willing to help with gathering additional data from



the justice system by talking with those who work in the courtroom to share what circumstances may lead to involved. Another meeting set up in December with the Health Dept to review the data. Julia to follow up with Court Services regarding any data that can be shared back with the Health Dept.

IRJEC

Since the Executive Director left, the IRJEC is still in a transition. The IJJC is making some determinations about how to move forward in the interest of more sustainability.

ADB

Nothing new to report

- Collaboration with CSG
Board of Directors had a discussion around the proposed template. No additional thoughts about how to assign workgroups; Julia and Rachele will meet to strategize around completing the workgroup planning document.
- JJC Sustainability Updates
The JJC has some projects to work on based on the collaboration with CSG. Continue discussion around availability of grant funding and sustaining the JJC.
- Family Engagement Proposal
Proposal shared previously; consensus was to connect with current efforts, many that are happening through the Health Department. This was brought up during the meeting around data with the Health Department; it was shared that the parent council was recently awarded funding for a family run organization, so there may be some opportunity to connect with families through this effort.

Discussion around training for system stakeholders to engage with family; there may be additional opportunities to support training for families to be involved as well. Prioritize collaboration with COFI/Parent Councils and use remainder of funding toward training. Julia will request a syllabus from Justice for Families about proposed training for the Board to consider.

5. New Business

- Peer Jury Discussion
There is interest in considering peer jury at the county level. Information is being gathered from the structure of Aurora Peer Jury to see what it would take to form and what the costs are. Initiated discussion with the Board of Directors around this idea and what the role of the JJC could be. There are many factors to consider – where would youth be recruited from, a venue for peer jury, training jurors, how the peer jury is initiated (school versus police department). Some of the costs associated with Aurora Peer Jury includes the coordinator, meals/t-shirts for the jurors, and subscription to “court solutions”.

Kristen provided some of her experience with Aurora Peer Jury. This could be an option for officers to use, especially if Juvenile Justice Online is no longer available and/or officers prefer another option. Concerns shared around sustainability. Many departments are short staffed, so this could be helpful for their capacity. Board of



Directors in favor of continuing discussions; Julia and Rachele will work on convening meetings.

6. Trends/Legislative Updates

No updates

7. Other updates

Kristen provided update – working with ILETSB to get some mandates for Juvenile Officers so that they can stay up to date with legislation and how things are done.

8. Adjournment- **12:54 PM**

Next JJC Board of Directors Meeting: December 3rd, 2024 at 12:15 PM, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room