



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council January Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2025 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, Vern Tepe, Judge Karayannis, Mike Doyen, Kristen Lohrstorfer, LaTanya Hill, Destini Boswell (ROE), Eric Majewski

**Board members absent:** Sheriff Hain, Dana Fortunato

**Council members present (in person):** Mike Davis

**Council members present (virtually):** Julia Jacobs, Martha Infante, Adam Schauer, Viki Wonak, Zak Rose, Maria Leon, Simon Rodriguez, Erin Saylor (12:17 PM), Javier Reyes (12:26 PM), Courtney Duran (12:28 PM), William Anderson (12:30 PM)

**Guests (present virtually):** Courtney Ramirez, Jeannette Bocanegra, Gineen Gray (left at 12:57 PM)

**Call to order: 12:15 PM**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from December

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

**Financial:**

- **December 2024: \$806.33 (Personnel)**
- **YTD: \$7400 – this leaves just under \$70K to spend before June 30**

**Contract update:** Julia is working with DHS and Civil to get the contract finalized – there is a delay with staffing and the additional funding that was accepted has added a few extra steps.

4. Guest Presentation: Justice for Families

**Guests:** Courtney Ramirez (Justice for Families), Jeannette Bocanegra (Executive Director of Justice for Families), and Gineen Gray (former Deputy Commissioner of NYC Probation)



**Julia will share slides. Provided an overview of the agency and the value of family engagement. Gineen summarized experience from engaging parents to get their perspectives which led to parent coaches with lived experience embedded within different decision points to help parents make more informed decision. Discussed how this led to improved outcomes.**

**Question about the logistics of completing the training – the training can be broken up, ideally 1 full day in person with follow up Zoom meetings for 2 hour blocks if blocking out time for training is a concern.**

## 5. Old Business

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities

### **RED Team**

**There have been a couple of meetings with the Health Department to begin reviewing different sources of data that could contribute to involvement in the system. Discussing opportunities to identify areas of statistical significance to inform interventions, as well as determine how the data can be monitored in a report. Next meeting TBD.**

### **IRJEC**

**Statewide RED Committee continues to be on hold while the Commission is figuring out next steps. Discussing capacity on the committee in the interim without an Executive Director of the Commission.**

- Collaboration with CSG

**A core team will be meeting to begin addressing the findings and recommendations surrounding Case Processing. This will be the starting point and then can begin addressing other priorities. The first meeting of this workgroup will be on the third Tuesday of the month.**

- JJC Sustainability Updates

**Will begin conversations to consider future of the JJC and reliance on grant funding to sustain the JJC.**

- Family Engagement Proposal

**Provided an outline of the training opportunity - Improving Outcomes by Partnering with Youth and Families training for system stakeholders. Guest speakers providing additional information on this opportunity.**

**There will be additional funding that can be used to partner with organizations, such as the Health Dept, to host parent cafés or other opportunities.**

**Julia will send out slides – if you have any questions**

### **Discussion:**

- **Question about other jurisdictions that have benefitted; Julia will follow up to gather additional information.**
- **Question about who in the community is responsible for family engagement; JJC can support improvements to the system through family engagement so that the family does not feel like the system is working against them**
- **Concerns about sustainability – this is a way to help us start the conversation**



- Peer Jury Discussion  
**Some discussions have been started to consider what it could look like to have a peer jury at the county level.**
6. New Business
  7. Trends/Legislative Updates – **no updates**
  8. Other updates
  9. Adjournment – adjourn at 1:15  
**Next JJC Quarterly Meeting:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 12:15 PM, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room  
**Next JJC Board of Directors Meeting:** February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:15 PM, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room