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MINUTES

Meeting of the Justice Advisory Council

Jan 8, 2021

8:30 am-10:00 am

Virtual

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Justice Advisory Council met on January 8, 2021 virtually.

Justice Advisory Council Board Member Justice Hyman called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

JAC Council Board Member Attendance	Present	Absent
Honorable Justice P. Scott Neville		X
Honorable Justice Michael Hyman	X	
Dia S. Weil	X	
Edith Crigler	X	
Lisa S. Stephens	X	
Ed Tivador	X	
Marlon Everett	X	
Professor Samuel Jones		X
County Staff Present	Present	Absent
President Toni Preckwinkle	X	
Ali Abib, JAC	X	
Wynetta Scales, JAC	X	
Savannah Felix, JAC	X	
Kim Ambrose Davis, JAC	X	
Christopher Hawkins-Long, JAC	X	
Dayna Behrens	X	
Dixon Romeo	X	

I. Call to Order:

II. Remarks:

- a. Question: What is some information that you don't have that would be helpful for the JAC's mission?
 - i. Justice Hyman: a dashboard that explains the JAC's goals and projects
 - ii. Edith Crigler: more collaboration and transparency between partners at state and city level
 - iii. Tivador: is there a specific plan for addressing mental health issues in the jail
 - iv. Dr. Everett: what can we do from a medical standpoint to help with the mission of the JAC
 - v. Lisa Stephens: how can we better partner across private and public sectors
 - vi. Rebecca Janowitz: can sheriff tell us what they're doing with the tapes they are making with EM
 - vii. Kim Davis-Ambrose: can we have a platform to inform community how system actually works
 - viii. Victoria Moreno: ongoing issues with the court during COVID, how can we support Zoom access in the community
 - ix. Savannah Felix: how can we get similar connections between stakeholders that we have for adults for our juveniles
 - x. Annie McGowan: actually, answering the bond reform questions and definitive data across all stakeholders that have it
 1. Discussion by President Preckwinkle, others: we do have a new dashboard that will be updated monthly, by Loyola which is impartial outside party proving the violent crimes are not due to bond reform – the city has tried to blame the county
 - xi. Chris Hawkins-Long: how do we reach out to underserved suburban communities/families
 - xii. Dixon Romeo: similar to Chris, how to we expand to the younger people in these families and how are they affected by COVID etc
 - xiii. Wynetta Scales: what more can we do as the grantors for community
 - xiv. Dayna Behrens: broadly, what processes in the system are necessary, and which are not necessary that we could possibly cut out

III. Review and approval of Minutes: Council Member Justice Hyman asked fellow Council Members to review the minutes and moved for approval.

IV. Council Discussion:

- a. **Safety and Justice Challenge**
 - i. Community Engagement
 1. Have engaged over 20 groups of community members
 2. The next 5 or 6 emerging adults and intergenerational will be complete within a month or so

3. Quarterly coalition meeting is coming up at the end of January to continue community engagement after dialogues are finished
 4. Resource directory is almost live!
 5. Action summit will be by April
 6. We have also been doing an internal equity dialogue with our stakeholders, similar to our community dialogues
- ii. F3D program
1. Launches on Tuesday!
 2. Judge Jones will be leading the court call
 3. Was delayed since our liaisons were not allowed in court in-person, so now we are going to rely on second-hand connections but are still excited for the process toward getting young people in meaningful services ending in expungement of their felony drug charge
 4. Heartland Alliance and their READI program is our partner, with the goal of real employment for these individuals, but also connects them to regular case management, trauma/mental health interventions, some circles for restorative justice
 5. Primarily ages 18-26, with flexibility

b. Grants

- i. Since our last meeting, have added
 1. 10 violence prevention
 2. 20 returning residents
 3. \$480,000 restorative justice
- ii. 101 active programs we support, \$16.7 million
- iii. Optimistic about being funded for the R3 program, will know next week

c. Policy

- i. Courts re-opening guided by CCDPH
- ii. JAC is assisting in the search for the new public defender, have reached out to almost 100 organizations to call for applications/recommendations, deadline March when current PD's term expires, will have public updates
- iii. Vaccinations at the jail have begun
- iv. NPTS (No Place to Stay)
 1. The list of people with no place to stay has reduced since JAC took over the placement process
 2. Strong relationships with the providers
 3. We have run into problems in regards to mental health and higher levels of care, but it is always easier to link them to care once they are out of the jail
- v. JTDC advisory board hearing to talk about punitive room confinement

1. Occurred Dec 16, commissioners are interested in hearings like this to continue to learn more about link between trauma, punitive confinement, etc.
 2. There has been contention between Chief Judge and JTDC advisory board
- vi. Legislation
1. Lame duck session starts today
 2. Savannah will send around materials
- d. **New Business:** Protocol for vaccinations at the jail:
Staff will be fine; we still do not know how many vaccinations will be available for detainees. Will have age/health status priorities

V. **Public Comment:** None

VII. **Adjournment:** Council Board Member Justice Hyman adjourned the meeting at 9:45am.