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MINUTES

Meeting of the Justice Advisory Council

May 15, 2020

8:30 am-10:00 am

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Justice Advisory Council met on Friday, May 15, 2020. Justice Advisory Council Member Justice P. Scott Neville called the meeting to order at 8:42am.

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
Delrice Adams, JAC	X	
Ali Abid, JAC	X	
Wynetta Scales, JAC	X	
Kim Ambrose Davis, JAC	X	
Savannah Felix, JAC	X	
Christopher Hawkins-Long, JAC	X	
Dayna Behrens, JAC	X	
Dixon Romeo, JAC	X	
Rebecca Janowitz, JAC		X

- I. Call to Order:** Council Board Chair Justice Neville called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.
- II. Remarks:** Board Chair Justice Neville acknowledged that we are experiencing some difficult times due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Co-Chair Justice Michael Hyman mentioned after reading the newspapers and looking at the news that the JAC members has a lot of work ahead of them.
- III. Review of Minutes:** Council Board Chair Justice Neville asked fellow Council Members to review the minutes and moved for approval.
- IV: Council Discussion**
- a. **Covid-19:** Delrice Adams (Executive Director) stated that Cook County has prepared an equitable recovery and recognizes that we are in a public health crisis. The County Jail has released non-violent offenders that totaled approximately 750 individuals with the assistance of the bail project and other charitable donations. Upon release individuals without a place to stay has been provided temporary housing at various hotels and housing facilities.
 - b. **Safety and Justice Challenge:** Kim Davis-Ambrose (Community Engagement Coordinator) spoke about switching gears to a virtual platform to engage the community residents. Due to the disparities in the areas technology is a barrier for most. Kim stated that the liaison is connecting with different organizations and spreading the word of their continued efforts in Englewood, East Garfield and the South Suburbs where dialogues sessions are forthcoming.
 - c. **Policy:** Savannah Felix (Legislative Coordinator) spoke about the pre-release program to keep emerging adults out of the system with cases that involve possession with the intent to deliver. Savannah stated that the felony diversion program has a 70% recidivism rate, 85% completed, 75% employment & maintained at least a year and 57% expunged records after the program. Ali Abid (Program Coordinator) stated that the demolition of jails is on hold indefinite due to the shelter in place.
 - d. **Grants:** Chris Hawkins-Long (Grant Coordinator) stated that the (RFP) release for proposals is August 1, 2020 for Violence Prevention, Restorative Justice and Recidivism Reduction and the close is July 31st. The online process and the submission of proposals deadline was extended.
- V. New Business:** No new business.
- VI. Public Comment:** No public comment.
- VII. Adjournment:** Council Chair Justice Neville adjourned meeting at 9:31a.m.