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Meeting of the Justice Advisory Council

July 8, 2022

8:30 am-10:00 am

Hybrid Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Justice Advisory Council met on 7/8/22.

Justice Advisory Council Board Member Honorable Justice Hyman called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

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	
Dr. Marlon Everett	X	
Prof. Samuel Jones		X
Rebecca Janowitz	X	
County Staff Attendance	Present	Absent
President Toni Preckwinkle	X	
Avik Das, JAC	X	
Ali Abib, JAC	X	
Wynetta Scales, JAC		X
Kim Ambrose Davis, JAC	X	
Laura Grossman, JAC	X	
Juandalynn Johnson, JAC	X	
Faith Hong, JAC	X	
Katherine Fuchs, JAC	X	
Andrew Tonachel, JAC		X
Shuaverta Miles, JAC	X	

Members of the Public: Annie McGowan (Civic Federation) Joanna Lawry (interest in Justice Reform) Laurence Msall (Civic Federation) Atour Sargon (Commissioner Sufferdin) Maureen Deunne (City of Chicago) Ashlee Harding

- I. Remarks:** Justice P Scott Neville: Our charge is to is to eliminate poverty and ensure racial and economic justice. Recently we witnessed the first Black women take her seat on the IL Supreme Court. She will assist us in forming with forming a more perfect union. We have a full agenda. Meeting will proceed.

President Preckwinkle is grateful for the good work of the JAC and looking forward to today's discussion,

- II. Review and approval of Minutes:** No amendments or corrections to minutes from 5/13/22 meeting. Motion to approve by Marlon Everett seconded by Ed Tivador.
- III. Council Discussion:**

Operations Update - Avik Das – we are welcoming staff and board members to our first hybrid in-person council meeting. We are grieving the recent passing of a staff member.

Staffing - New staff

- a. We are on a trajectory of growth to be able to handle a broader set of operations, specifically focused on grants (new grants to service providers starting in the fall) and legislative work.

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funded Initiatives

- b. Future Initiatives – Avik Das
- i. Programs and Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, anticipated to be announced in Fall 2022
 - ii. Housing Services & Wrap Around Support for Returning Residents
 - iii. Alternatives to Policing in Crisis Response - Behavioral Health Initiative
- c. Current Initiative – Cook County Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grants – Avik Das
- i. \$85 million of funding available, first round solicitation of grants is \$65million * later extended to \$75 million
 - ii. Received 190 applications representing over 400 organizations, and almost \$500 million in requested funding. We have now completed the initial review of all applications. Even with an unprecedented amount of funding we are having to be very selective in order to maximize the impact of funding.
 - iii. At the June Cook County board meeting, 5 grants were awarded (almost \$15 million). At the July board meeting, the remaining grants will be up for board approval (total funding approx \$75 million)

- iv. The JAC will be focusing on development of metrics, communication, and capacity of awarded service provider organizations.
- v. The program will run on a 3-year grant period (Sept 1 2022 – Aug 31 2025)

Discussion:

R Janowitz – Concerned about the extraordinary amount of funding coming from Cook County and State connected to housing. A major challenge in preventing obstacles for this funding are the restrictions on housing those with sex offenses.

President Preckwinkle– it will difficult to persuade legislature, specifically for offenses such as rape and pedophilia.

A Abid – Operationally this is challenging for the JAC. Our current housing program (No Place to Stay) we are constantly pressed for beds to those with sex offense charges.

E Crigler – On option would be look into specific funds and housing locations for this population.

Legislative & Policy Update – Kristina Kaupa & Ali Abid

- a. Alternative Health Intervention Taskforce – Resolution passed in January establishing the taskforce co-chaired by JAC with CCDPH. Group is working to develop recommendations for a pilot programs for alternative crisis response. Taskforce is focusing on unincorporated Cook County due to the existence of other pilots in Chicago and looking at the landscape to understand other programs under development. A report with recommendations is expected at the Aug 3rd meeting. Soliciting written public comment to integrate into a presentation to the board in September 2022.
 - i. We are learning this is a rapidly emerging landscape that is somewhat fragmented (17 mobile units already working in Cook County). The taskforce is hoping to support establishment of a more cohesive and accessible network of crisis response services.
- b. Supporting planning for implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act (January 1, 2023 implementation).
 - i. It is now 5 months away from abolishment and money bond and other changes such as expansion of non-detainable offenses. A key process change is bifurcating bond hearings into ‘initial appearance’ hearing and a ‘detention hearing’ for detainable offenses. The county is focusing on the logistics of opening additional courtrooms to accommodate the increased volume of hearings. Next, the county will be moving towards piloting for implementation.

- ii. Loyola University analysis on Cook County case data projected the volume cases that would have been detained under existing law and will be non-detainable. Some proportion of these will be put on electronic monitoring. We have seen ballooning and shrinking of our EM population before and we will prepare for a small increase.

President – thank you to the JAC for supporting stakeholders to make these decisions and commit to timelines.

Justice Neville – PFA is a statewide law. The AOIC has established a new office of pretrial services which is working to set up a statewide public defender system.

- iii. Supports and services – A subgroup co-chaired by the JAC has been meeting with a focus on addressing the unmet needs that cause contact with the justice system. Taking stock and services that are available and what is needed, looking at how we – sequential intercept map will be conducted on July 18th and 19th. Participation is welcome. Reducing reliance on the criminal justice system to. Make these referrals.

- c. Electronic Monitoring - Working toward the release of the Cook County EM report commissioned by the JAC. We will have an update about when we will release by our next council meeting.

R Janowitz – Income should be considered as a ‘service.’ Income support was not a category in a recent survey to justice involved individuals about services used and need. Lack of an income can drive people out of existing services (ex. housing).

JAC Communications - Laura Grossman

- a. Communication has focused on publicizing the JAC’s Gun Violence Prevention & Reduction grant opportunity to ensure organizations are aware of the opportunity and the eligibility/application requirements. To promote the opportunity, JAC leveraged county listservs, community engagement network, intergovernmental working group and Cook County social media.
- b. Upcoming areas of focus are technical communication related to the gun violence prevention grant opportunity and strategic communication related to the Pretrial Fairness Act.

Safety and Justice Challenge & Community Engagement – Kim Davis Ambrose

- a. Equity Cohort Grant from MacArthur Foundation – 2 year grant focused on deepening the community engagement work led by the JAC as part of the Safety & Justice Challenge. Equity Cohort will address inequities that are generationally perpetuated in the system. Project will center on connecting fellows (individuals directly impacted by the justice system) with reps from each of the criminal justice agencies. CROAR – Chicago Regional Organizing for Anti-Racism (nationally called Crossroads), is

providing training to fellows and internal system representatives. The Equity Cohort project implementation plan was recently completed.

Derrick Dawson from CROAR, a partner in this work, recently passed away.

Opportunities for Advisory Board Members – Open discussion

- a. Gun Violence Prevention & Reduction Grant recipients, professional development opportunities for organizations. JAC is also exploring opportunities to partner with organizations focused on accessibility and LGBTQ issues - Brave Space Alliance and Access Living

Justice Neville – Request for JAC to be specific in ways advisory board can support the JAC.

- IV. New Business:** President Preckwinkle will be in Washington DC next week speaking on ARPA investments and gun legislation.

- V. Public Comment:**

- a. Annie McGowan (Civic Federation) Courtroom utilization report issued by OCJ - Were there any savings related to reutilization to court space? How do findings interface with PFA work?
Phase 1 (connected to criminal courts) was completed and Phase 2 starting now. We have some preliminary recommendations.
- b. Ed Tivador – Highland Park shooting hits close to home for many. We should take this time of heightened interest to look at the legislation that is supported by candidates. We must remain committed. This weekend 7 people were shot in Chicago and none of them were on the front page. The routine shootings in Chicago are not viewed as a national tragedy.

VI. Adjournment - Justice P Scott Neville called for a motion to adjourn. President Preckwinkle motioned to adjourn and Justice Hyman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.