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## MINUTES

Meeting of the Justice Advisory Council

January 18, 2019

8:30 am-10:00 am

69 W. Washington Conference Room 2200 C 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The Justice Advisory Council met on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 69 W. Washington Conference Room C, in Chicago, Illinois. Justice Advisory Council Board Chair Justice Neville called the meeting to order at 8:33a.m.

JAC Council Board Member Attendance	Present	Absent
Honorable Justice P. Scott Neville	X	
Judge (ret) Rhoda Sweeney	X	
Dia S. Weil		X
Edith Crigler	X	
Lisa S. Stephens	X	
Anna Lusero		X
Ed Tivador	X	
Marlon Everett		X
County Staff Present	Present	Absent
President Toni Preckwinkle		X
Delrice Adams	X	
Ted Berger, Deputy Chief of Staff	X	
Nicole Seaton	X	
Ali Abid, JAC	X	
LaToscha Hoover, JAC		X
Wynetta Scales, JAC	X	
Kim Ambrose Davis	X	
Evelyn Sanchez	X	

**Members of the Public:** JoAnne Becker (ARC), Laurie Cohen (Civic Federation), Ben Kidder (Civic Federation), Laurence Msall (Civic Federation), Victoria Moreno (Commissioner Anaya), Cordell Longstreath (City Bureau/Rage), Kevin Pearson (City Bureau)

**I. Call to Order:** Council Board Member Justice Neville called the meeting to order at 8:33a.m.

**II. Remarks:** Council Board Member Justice Neville welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. Justice Neville gave acknowledgements of the great work of his predecessor Justice Anne Burke, the JAC Council Board Members and the JAC staff. He congratulated Justice Anne Burke on her new position as Chief Justice and expressed his excitement about becoming the new JAC Council Board Chair.

**III. Review of Minutes:** Board Chair Justice Neville asked fellow Council Members to review the minutes from November 9, 2018 and motioned for approval. The minutes were approved.

**IV: Council Discussion**

**a. Safety Justice Challenge:** Kim Davis Ambrose (Community Engagement Coordinator) provided an update on the Safety and Justice Challenge Initiative Community Engagement work, which the JAC is the lead agency. A supplemental grant application was submitted for additional funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 which will be divided in half over a two year period to expand the community engagement. The target areas will be Austin, North Lawndale and Roseland focusing on at risk youth (criminal involved). Kim will be bringing on three Outreach Liaisons to assist with a 5-6 week Dialogue Sessions and the upcoming Kick Off Summits. The Dialogue Sessions will discuss services and engaging the communities. The facilitator trainings will be held on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Grants:** Nicole Seaton (Grants Coordinator) spoke about the latest FY2019-2020 two year grants that began on December 1, 2018. The JAC has a total of forty seven grants; the next two year cycle will begin December 2019. The JAC has four additional (RFP) Request for Proposals that will possibly release in March 2019, which are Evaluator (review processes), Employment Services (emerging adults 18-24 returning citizens) and Postpartum (improving birth outcomes).

**c. Legislative:** Ali Abid (Program Coordinator) spoke about a Class V Felony for small amounts of marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine substance with a weight of 3-5 grams as other states has larger quantities. The legislative team is working on transitioning the offense to a misdemeanor which would be expungable. The language is in the process of being drafted and should be ready in 3-4 weeks. Ali stated that the Public Defender's Office is working on the Station House Representation on clarifying what does that mean, outlining the specifics. For example, what is a reasonable amount of time to contact legal assistance, accessing phone privileges timely, proper signage, etc...? The bill will provide more stipulations for accountability.

**V. New Business:** No new business.

**VI. Public Comment:** Laurie Cohen asked about Pretrial Practices Commission of the Supreme Court reporting. Justice Neville stated he will provide the report once it is completed. The Pretrial Court Members are meeting today at 1:00 to talk about ways to improve the bail system. Laurence Msall spoke on behalf of the Civic Federation of their appreciation of Justice Anne Burke, President Toni Preckwinkle and the JAC Council Board Members of their hard work. JoAnne Becker suggested that commissioners are invited and informed about the work of the Justice Advisory Council and the JAC Council Board Members. The JAC Executive Director, Delrice Adams informed everyone that she and other staff members have met with some of the

new Commissioners and will meet with others as requested. Cordell Longstreath extended his organization (RAGE) to provide workshops or contribute wherever he can be of assistance.

**VII. Adjournment:** Board Chair Justice Neville adjourned the meeting at 9:21am.