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**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Justice Advisory Council

September 13, 2019

8:30 am-10:00 am

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

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Justice Advisory Council met on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 69 W. Washington Conference Room A, in Chicago, Illinois. Justice Advisory Council Member Vice Chair Justice Hyman called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

<b>JAC Council Board Member Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	
<b>County Staff Present</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
President Toni Preckwinkle	X	
Delrice Adams, JAC	X	
Ali Abid, JAC	X	
LaToscha Hoover, JAC	X	
Wynetta Scales, JAC	X	
Kim Ambrose Davis, JAC		X
Savannah Felix, JAC	X	
Christopher Hawkins-Long, JAC	X	
LaToscha Hoover, JAC	X	
Rebecca Janowitz, JAC	X	

**Members of the Public:** JoAnn Becker (ARC), Helena Duncan (City Bureau), Annie McGowan (Civic Federation), Jennifer Guerrero (City Bureau), Lori Probasco (Comm. Degnen’s office), Helena Duncan (City Bureau)

**I. Call to Order:** Council Board member Co-Chair Justice Michael B. Hyman called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

**II. Remarks:** Council Board Member Co Chair Justice Michael B. Hyman asked everyone for introductions and to explain what you do when you are away from the council meetings and if you can change anything with the criminal justice system for juveniles or adults what would it be?

- **Edith Crigler** (JAC Council Board Member) is a member of the Illinois Prison Review Board. Edith would like to change how juveniles are treated in the cook/state jails and provide skills, trainings and trades that will allow them to transition into the communities.
- **Marlon Everett** (JAC Council Board Member) is a Cardiologist for the Advocate Medical Group. Marlon Everett would like to give all juveniles jobs to be able to be productive citizens.
- **Ali Abid** is the Program Coordinator for the Justice Advisory Department. Ali would like to reconsider sentencing to a less punitive direction.
- **Savannah Felix** is the Legislative Coordinator for the Justice Advisory Council. Savannah would like to end automatic transfer.
- **Rebecca Janowitz** is the Special Assistant for Legal Affairs for the Justice Advisory Council. Rebecca would like to see more economic development in the communities currently dependent on prisons.
- **Wynetta Scales** is the Executive Assistant in the Justice Advisory Department. Wynetta would like to see more resources in the communities and increase the age to 21 or 25 for being convicted as an adult.
- **JoAnn Becker** is the Founder of Achieving Results from Change. JoAnn would like to see more mentorship and coaching for juveniles.
- **Annie McGowan** is the Senior Research Associate at the Civic Federation. Annie would like to have more data research and have one set of facts and a better collection of criminal justice data. Annie will like to see a change in the electronic monitoring.
- **Chris Hawkins Long** is the Grants Coordinator for the Justice Advisory Council. Chris would like to see an expansion for pre-released programs into the community colleges.
- **LaToscha Hoover** is the Grants Monitor for the Justice Advisory Council. LaToscha would like education starting with preschoolers (0-3 months).
- **Lisa Stephens** (JAC Council Board Member) has a non-for-profit organization for high risk juveniles. Lisa would like to get rid of all guns and create a fast pass.
- **Ed Tivador** (JAC Council Member) is a retired Superintendent. Ed would like to see more training, housing, job readiness and mental health assistance.
- **Dia Weil** (JAC Council Member) would like to see more communication to the residents in the communities.

- **Jennifer Guerrero** is with the City Bureau. Jennifer would like to see more opportunities for the youth and a better education system.
- **Lori Probasco** is the Director of Legislative for Commissioner Bridget Degnen office. Lori mentioned that she visited the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center where she spoke to a juvenile that expressed that he didn't have any places to go in his neighborhood. Lori would like to see more resources and funds reallocated to support the services in the communities.
- **Delrice Adams** is the Executive Director. Delrice mentioned that she, Chris and Wynetta visited Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center and was impressed with one of the inmates' peer program he created while incarcerated. Delrice would like to see more programs to assist them to be successful when they re-enter the communities and hear from individuals with lived experiences.
- **Justice P. Scott Neville** (JAC Council Chair Board Member) is the Justice Illinois Supreme Court. Justice Neville would like to see racial equity.
- **Justice Michael B. Hyman** (JAC Council Co Chair Member). Justice Hyman summarized what he heard from everyone. He said what he heard is mentoring, education, mental health and juveniles being tried as adults.

**III. Review of Minutes:** Council Board Chair Justice Neville asked the board members to review the minutes and asked the board members to motion for an approval; the minutes were approved.

**IV: Council Discussion**

- Safety and Challenge:** Delrice Adams (Executive Director) asked everyone are they familiar with MacArthur and everyone said yes. Delrice explained that the two-year renewal application is due today and the focus will be on four strategies. The grant is managed by the Office of the Chief Judge with a collaboration of the Justice Advisory Council, State's Attorney's Office the Office of the Public Defender and the Sheriff. The collaboration is referred to as Cook County Racial and Ethnic Equity Workgroup (CCREEW). The four strategies include felony drug distribution diversion Pre-Plea Prosecution Diversion Program. It targets emerging adults with manufacturing or intent to deliver charges. The program will have 13 months of wraparound services, long term employment and expungement eligibility. The second strategy is the Population review team which will review cases of individuals in jail for low level misdemeanor and felony charges. The third strategy is Warrants, the team will establish ways to prevent issues of new warrants and the removal of old ones. The final strategy is directed at high utilizers that will provide peer support and case management to people, who have been to jail three or more times and have mental health or substance abuse issues.
- Grants:** Chris Hawkins Long (Grants Coordinator) mentioned that The JAC's traditional larger, 2-year grants will be released to the public in November or December. These grants will include Violence Prevention (\$300k), Recidivism Reduction (\$200k) and Restorative Justice (\$80k). The JAC recently received a half-million to fund services for individuals who are awaiting trial in Cook County who are pregnant and parenting. The JAC is awaiting to award contracts for Emerging Adults (\$670k) for development services for ages between 18-29. Additionally, the JAC is reviewing qualifications from a

pool of forty community organizations in advance to offering an estimated amount of one million dollars in the fall. The contracts will be services for residents re-entering our communities after incarceration. The grants team will be providing community respondents with a city-wide Capacity Building Workshop sometime in October. Delrice and Chris will be hosting meet and greets to share news about the JAC and the policy goals and funding opportunities. LaToscha Hoover (Grants Monitor) spoke about a site visit she attended at Dr. Pedro Campos Puerto Rican High School. LaToscha mentioned that the students there had been kicked out of their original school and most of the young ladies there are pregnant or have children that attend the in-house nursery. The percentage of justice involved students is 11%. LaToscha also visited (VOCEL) Viewing Our Children as Emerging Leaders which focuses on redefining early education, providing parenting classes and identifying trauma experiences.

- IV. Policy:** Savannah Felix (Legislative Coordinator) mentioned that the policy team is ramping up for 2020. The team is working with the Governor Office (Pat Quin and Julianna Stratton) to reintroduce to shift charges from a felony to a misdemeanor by changing the bill name from defelonization. In addition, Savannah mentioned that The Just Housing Initiative makes it illegal to refuse to show property or rent housing to people with certain criminal records that passed into law. Ali Abid (Program Coordinator) mentioned that the crime rate has declined nationally since the mid 90's which has reflected with two courthouse closures and demolitions of jails. Ali mentioned an article he recommends everyone to read, Locke Bowman editorial in the tribune.
- V. New Business:** No new business.
- VI. Public Comment:** No Public Comment.