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MINUTES

Meeting of the Justice Advisory Council

September 22 2017

8:30 am-10:00 am

69 W. Washington Conference Room A1 22nd Floor

Chicago, IL 60602

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Justice Advisory Council met on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 69 W. Washington Conference Room A1 22nd Floor, in Chicago, Illinois. Justice Advisory Council Member Justice Burke called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

JAC Council Board Member Attendance	Present	Absent
Honorable Justice Anne Burke	X	
Judge (ret) Rhoda Sweeney	X	
Dia S. Weil	X	
Edith Crigler	X	
Lisa S. Stephens		X
Anna Lusero	X	
Ed Tivador	X	
Cook County Staff Present	Present	Absent
President Toni Preckwinkle	X	
Alejandro Aixalá, JAC	X	
Rebecca Janowitz, JAC	X	
Ali Abid, JAC	X	
Patrick McPhilimy, JAC	X	
LaToscha Hoover, JAC	X	
Wynetta Scales, JAC	X	

Members of the Public: Justice P. Scott Neville, Thomas Sampson (S.H.A.R.P.), Laurie Cohen (Civic Federation), JoAnn Becker (ARC), Kevin Hogan (YMCA), Annie McGowan (Civic Federation), Steven Strong.

- I. Call to Order:** JAC Chair Justice Burke called the meeting to order at 8:33am.
- II. Remarks:** Chair Justice Burke welcomed everyone. President Preckwinkle stated that she is grateful for the work of the Justice Advisory Council and the leadership of Justice Anne Burke.
- III. Review of Minutes:** Chair Justice Burke asked the Council Members to review the minutes from July 14, 2017 for approval. It was suggested that the minutes be corrected to reflect that Justice P. Scott Neville was present at the July 14, 2017 JAC Council Meeting.
- IV. IV: Council Discussion: Chair Justice Burke** asked Rebecca Janowitz (Special Assistant for Legal Affairs) to speak about a recent Justice Advisory Council Agency site visit. She reported about the site visit to Fathers Who Care. She was accompanied by JAC Council Members Anna Lusero and Lisa Stevens. Fathers Who Care is a leadership program that serves youth ages 10-18 and provides ten parent/mentors in the West Garfield Park Community. The program components include mentoring, life skills training and community outreach. The youth also produce a television program which is aired on CAN TV every two weeks. A site visit was also conducted at Prevention Partnership, an agency in the Austin community. The agency provides the Healthy Education Lifestyle Project (HELP) which serves 30 high risk youth ages 13-19. The program components include youth leadership training, career exploration, outreach and a Social Norms Marketing Campaign to identify and solve underage drinking, violence, and bullying problems. Ed Tivador accompanied staff on this visit and reported his experience to the members. Alejandro Aixalá (Executive Director) also reported on his experience during the site visit. In addition to Prevention Partnership staff, youth participants in the program were present during the visit and talked about the many ways that the program has helped them. They talked about how the program has helped them grow personally through discovering ways to overcome aggression, gain work experience, and advance their education. They also highlighted their experiences with travelling to other cities to present the program to other youth.

Suggestions were made about how to publicize the work being done by JAC grantees.

Patrick McPhilmy (Grants Coordinator) stated the 2018 Violence Prevention, Recidivism Reduction, and Restorative Justice grants are still under review by the evaluation committees. He also informed the members that the intent is to award a total of 44 grants in 2018 with some of the awards being issued as one year contracts and some of them being issued as two year contracts. He also mentioned that all projects are scheduled to begin December 1, 2017. Dia Weil (Member) asked for a list of current grantees with specific fields, including the agency, website, agency head, population served and several additional fields. Mr. McPhilmy met with Dia Weil and Ed Tivador following the meeting to finalize the fields. He will send an updated list to all members.

- V. New Business:** No New Business.
- VI. Public Comment:** Annie McGowan (Civic Federation) asked for an update on the Safety & Justice Challenge Grant. Rebecca Janowitz (Special Assistant of Legal Affairs) Stated that we will continue to meet with the organization, we are still in the process stages and we do not currently have any results of being awarded.

The new Bond Court is moving along. The Pre-Trial Division has a new judge, John Kirby with criminal trial experience. Justice Burke suggested that we invite

Judge Kirby to a JAC Council meeting.

VII: Adjournment: Chair Justice Burke adjourned the meeting at 9:37a.m. The new 2018 JAC Council meeting schedule will be emailed to the Council Members in the coming weeks,\. Meetings are usually held every other month on the second Friday of the month.