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MINUTES

Meeting of the Justice Advisory Council

July 10, 2020

8:30 am-10:00 am

Virtual

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Justice Advisory Council met on Friday, July 10, 2020, virtually. Chair Justice Advisory Council Member Justice Neville called the meeting to order at 8:42a.m.

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

Members of the Public: JoAnne Becker (ARC), Annie McGowan (Civic Federation), Victoria Moreno (Commissioner Garcia), Judy King,

I. Call to Order: Justice Advisory Council Chair Member Justice Neville called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

II. Remarks: President Toni Preckwinkle welcomed everyone and congratulated Justice P. Scott Neville (Supreme Court Justice) and Justice Michael Hyman (Appellate Court) on their win for re-election. The President thanked the JAC staff for their efforts for over a decade on criminal justice reform, bond court and no cash bail. The jail population is down to about 4500 from 11000 inmates.

III. Review of Minutes: Justice Advisory Council Chair Member Justice Neville motioned for approval of the minutes, an approval was not granted due to no quorum met.

IV: Council Discussion

a. **Safety & Justice Challenge:** Kim Davis-Ambrose (Community Engagement Coordinator) spoke about the targeted areas which are Englewood, East/West Garfield Park and South Suburbs. The first virtual meeting was held on July 2, 2020 in partnership with Just Leadership USA (JLUS) individuals that were directly impacted with the justice system. The turnout was good with sixty participants. The dialogues sessions are forthcoming and hopefully be in person with a smaller group.

b. **Policy:** Savannah Felix (Legislative Coordinator) spoke about the Felony Distribution Diversion Program. The program is meant for pre-plea possession with the intent to deliver. The charge is ineligible for other programs, the diversion program will provide job training and other wrap around services. A site visit in Philadelphia with the model was successful. A (RFP) request for proposals was posted in March and closed in May.

Dixon Romeo (Administrative Analyst) spoke about the efforts of Violence Prevention in Robbins, Ford Heights and Harvey. The research was performed by the Lawlor Group. A survey was given to 150 residents and 200 residents attended a forum. The recommendations were structural ways to contribute and allowing the younger folks input.

Ali Abid (Program Coordinator) spoke about (EM) Electronic Monitoring how it is currently managed by the Sheriff and Chief Judge Offices. The Sheriff no longer wants to operate EM. A (RFQ) request for qualifications will be forthcoming for providers to apply. The jail demolition for division 1/1a remains on hold due to the coronavirus crisis.

Savannah Felix (Legislative Coordinator) stated that the team is preparing for the veto session that is held from Nov 17-19. The Governor is resuming his working groups and the JAC is included. The bills that are being considered is police accountability and historical and new bills. The team plans to continue with the arrestee phone call bill. This bill would require the arresting or booking officer to inquire as to whether the arrested person is a custodial parent with responsibility for a minor child as soon as practicable upon arrest but, except where physically impossible, no later than 3 hours after arrest. The bill would require the booking officer or arresting officer to inform the person that he or she is entitled to, and may request to, make 2 additional telephone calls to arrange for

care of a minor child, as provided, and would require a sign to be posted in a conspicuous place informing the arrestee that, if he or she is a custodial parent, he or she has the right to make the additional telephone calls. The team is also pushing for special prosecutors, license police officers and police use of force.

Ali Abid (Program Coordinator) spoke about the Bond Reform how it has been viewed as being influenced by the violence which has no connection. The current allegations of the arrestees released by the CPD out of 1700 approximately only 5 or 6 was arrested for gun charges. The clearance rate was reported 20% and last year 53% which appears to be inaccurate.

- V. New Business:** Justice Advisory Council Member Justice Hyman asked everyone were they familiar with Nutraloaf. Nutraloaf, is a thick orange lump of spite with the density and no taste. Packed with protein, fat, carbohydrates, and 1,110 calories, Nutraloaf contains everything from carrots and cabbage to kidney beans and potatoes, plus shadowy ingredients such as “dairy blend” and “mechanically separated poultry.” You purée everything into a paste, shape it into a loaf, and bake it for 50 to 70 minutes at 375 degrees. President Preckwinkle and all other members joined stated that they were unfamiliar. The President stated that she does not have authority over the jails but will have Delrice (Executive Director) do some research and report back to her. Justice Advisory Council Chair Justice Neville stated that on June 10, 2020 the state passed the Illinois Elimination Commission on the Elimination of Poverty bill 101636.
- VI. Public Comment:** Victoria Moreno (Commissioner Office) stated that the commissioner office would like to have a briefing on the demolitions of the jails and the court procedures for zoom hearings. A call-in number is needed in addition to the email address that is given. Annie McGowan (Civic Federation) commented that the electronic monitoring RFQ is an exciting opportunity to align with best practices.
- VII. Adjourned:** Justice Advisory Council Chair Justice Neville adjourned the meeting at 9:48a.m.