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## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 7, 2020  
12:00pm-1:00pm

**I.** Review Minutes

**II.** JTDC Updates

- a. Updates on JTDC Population
  - i. 145 Total Youth: 116 General Population and 29 AT
- b. COVID19 Updates
  - i. Today, 1 youth tested positive. There have been quite a few youth from Houston Center that have tested positive. They are testing often.
  - ii. Yesterday, 2 JTDC staff tested positive.
  - iii. Since the start of the pandemic, 99 staff and 79 residents have tested positive.
- c. Updates from Board Members
  - i. There are at least 12 youth pending transfer to IDJJ.

**III.** Criminal Justice Committee Hearing Debrief

- a. There has been positive feedback from Commissioners and hope that hearings like this one continue.
- b. The delay in the time of the hearing caused many logistical challenges.
- c. The JTDC Advisory Board will send “thank you” letters to the experts that testified.
- d. The JTDC Advisory Board will send a letter to Superintendent Dixon to follow-up on a request for a meeting to discuss the report, hearing and collaboration.

**IV.** JTDC Advisory Board Expectations Review

- a. There are 6 meetings on the calendar for 2021, which is the minimum requirement. If additional meetings or sub-committee meetings are requested, those will be scheduled as needed. All board members are expected to attend at least 6 meetings per year.
- b. Once all board seats are filled, a Chair and Co-Chair will be elected. They may also decide to elect a secretary to manage meeting agendas/minutes.
- c. Due to the lack of a Chair over the last year, the JAC has taken on more administrative support. Technically, the JAC is only named in the Ordinance to

provide recommendations for board seats; however, the JAC will continue to offer some staff support until a Chair is elected, then will work with the Chair to prepare for meetings. There has been some feedback that the JTDC Advisory Board did not receive enough administrative support this year. If the Board desires further administrative support, the JAC can support outreach to the Board of Commissioners to request dollars for dedicated support.

**V. Board Membership**

- a. There is 1 open seat by appointment of the President of Board. Names have been submitted for this seat and a final decision is pending.
- b. There is 1 open seat by appointment of the Board of Commissioners. We have reached out to Commissioner Moore's team and this appointment is pending.

**VI. 2020 JTDC Advisory Board Report**

- a. The draft report developed by Ali was reviewed. He will send a draft for Board members to review and make edits by early next week.

**VII. 2020 Review and 2021 Goals**

- a. The relationship with JTDC was limited this year. The board did have a positive relationship with DED Steward; however, he has taken another position in Dallas.
- b. This year, the JTDC Advisory Board will work to establish better working relationships with JTDC leadership.
- c. Idea: Can the Board of Commissioners appoint someone from JTDC to the JTDC Advisory Board?
- d. In 2021, the JTDC Advisory Board will shift their focus to exploring re-entry.

**VIII. New Business**

- a. No New Business

**IX. Adjourn**