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**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Justice Advisory Council

**March 11, 2022**

8:30 am-10:00 am

**Virtual**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Justice Advisory Council met on 3/11/22 virtually.

Justice Advisory Council Board Member Honorable Justice Hyman called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

<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	
Dr. Marlon Everett	X	
Prof. Samuel Jones	X	
Rebecca Janowitz	X	
<b>County Staff Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
President Toni Preckwinkle		X
Avik Das, JAC	X	
Ali Abib, JAC	X	
Wynetta Scales, JAC	X	
Kim Ambrose Davis, JAC	X	
Laura Grossman, JAC	X	
Juandalynn Johnson,	X	
Faith Hong, JAC	X	
Katherine Fuchs	X	
Katherine Tomcick		X
Andrew Tonachel	X	

**Members of the Public:** Annie McGowan (Civic Federation)

**I. Remarks:** Justice Hyman shared a statement by John Marshall Harmon – Our constitution is color blind; in respect to civil rights all citizens are equal before the law. This statement was made over 100 years ago and we have yet to achieve this. The JAC is an important entity in leading this work.

**II. Review and approval of Minutes:** No amendments or corrections to minutes from 1/14/22 meeting. Motion to approve by Justice Hyman. Motion to approve, seconded by Lisa Stephens.

**III. Council Discussion:**

**Operations Update - Avik Das**

**i. Staffing -** New staff have joined the JAC – welcome!

- a. 3 new grant monitors have joined the JAC grants team: Katherine Fuchs, Katherine Tomcick, and Andrew Tonachel.
- b. New Lead Policy and Program Coordinator – Kristina Kaupa
- c. Introductions
- d. Discussion
  - i. New staff are a great asset to the JAC
  - ii. Increase in staff is not proportional to the amount of funding the JAC will be stewarding. Scoring a high volume of grant applications is labor intensive and external support will be required.

**ii. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funded Initiatives**

**a. Future Initiatives – Avik Das**

- i.** Programs and Services for Victims of Domestic Violence
- ii.** Housing services for returning residents
- iii.** Emergency Housing vouchers
- iv.** Justice Reinvestment plan (a Cook County justice system study)
- v.** 911 Alternative Pilot Plan (CCH and CCPH taskforce)
- vi.** Expansion of SEED Program (Drug offense Diversion Program)

**b. Current Initiative – Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grants – Juandalynn Johnson & Ali Abid**

- i. Up to \$65 Million in grant funding may be awarded to service providers for programs that prevent and reduce gun violence
- ii. Applications released March 8, 2022 (on JAC website)
- iii. Multiple funding tracks and 2 application deadlines: April 11 for applications over \$1.5 million & May 9, 2022 for applications \$1.5 million and under.
- iv. 12 Commissioners and 300 residents attended virtual information sessions on grant opportunity, held first week in March. Info sessions focused on eligibility criteria and application requirements.
- v. Pre-Submittal Conference is March 14, 2022.

- vi. Grant opportunity is designed to be inclusive of diverse and holistic violence prevention strategies and accessible for large and small programs.

Q – Will the JAC continue the practice of offering a debrief meeting to organizations who did not receive funding? Yes, we intend to offer this opportunity.

Q - Is there an appetite for recruiting for grant scoring assistance (volunteers / part-time)? Yes, The JAC is planning to recruit and train volunteer grant applications reviewers who will be assembled into teams with JAC staff.

**Legislative & Policy Update - Ali Abid**

- a. Supporting planning for implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act
- b. March 22, 2022 is a Pretrial Stakeholders meeting with agency leads.
- c. Infrastructure and procedure changes to bond court operations
- d. Legislative Update
  - i. Truncated legislative session – focus is on maintaining criminal justice work and defending SAFE-T Act reform
  - ii. JAC is supporting legislative work being led by the Public Defender

**JAC Communications - Laura Grossman**

- a. Communication has focused on publicizing the JAC’s Gun Violence Prevention & Reduction grant opportunity to ensure organizations are aware of the opportunity and the eligibility/application requirements. JAC leveraged intergovernmental working group and Cook County social media.
- b. Upcoming areas of focus are technical communication related to VP grant opportunity and strategic communication related to the Pretrial Fairness Act.

**Safety and Justice Challenge & Community Engagement – Kim Davis Ambrose**

- a. **Judge Listening/Dialogue Sessions** – Justice Neville participated in February Community Engagement Committee meeting. Goal is to hold additional dialogue sessions with judges. Suggestion to hold these conversations in person.
- b. **Equity Cohort** – New MacArthur Grant that will enable the JAC to dig deeper with SJC Racial Equity work. Internal stakeholders will connect with fellows who are residents who have been directly impacted by the justice system.
- c. JAC and President Preckwinkle connected with South Suburban Chiefs of Police Association to hear their perspectives and strengthen connections in South Suburbs.

**Opportunities for Advisory Board Members – Open discussion**

- a. Advisory Board Orientation – connect with board members for content and ideas
- b. Engagement with service providers
- c. Grantee Organizations inviting JAC and JAC board to events

**IV. New Business: none**

- a. Proposal to hold future meetings in person if positivity rate allows. Hybrid meeting to accommodate all members. Supported by members and staff.

**V. Public Comment:**

- a. Annie McGowan (Civic Federation) – suggestion for grant review to accommodate working individuals with evening/weekend meetings.
- b. *Q – Is there coordination with Violence Prevention grants between the City of Chicago and Cook County?* Yes, the city, County and State are meeting to coordinate timing and geographic areas of focus for funding as well as support and evaluation for provider organizations.

**VII. Adjournment**

Justice P Scott Neville called for a motion to adjourn, motioned to adjourn and seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.