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MINUTES

Meeting of the Justice Advisory Council

May 12, 2023

8:30 am-10:00 am

Virtual

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Justice Advisory Council met on 5/12/23 virtually.

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

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
Dr. Marlon Everett		X
Prof. Samuel Jones		X
Rebecca Janowitz	X	
County Staff Attendance	Present	Absent
President Toni Preckwinkle		X
Avik Das, JAC	X	
Ali Abid, JAC	X	
Wynetta Scales, JAC	X	
Kim Ambrose Davis, JAC	X	
Laura Grossman, JAC	X	
Juandalynn Johnson, JAC	X	
Faith Hong, JAC	X	
Aeria Charles, JAC	X	
Andrew Tonachel, JAC	X	
Shuaverta Miles, JAC	X	
Ryan Gougis, JAC	X	

Whitney Key Towey, JAC		X
Michelle Gan, JAC	X	
Enrique Lopez, JAC	X	
Heba Baker, JAC	X	
Doug Meier, JAC	X	

Members of the Public: Annie McGowan (Civic Federation), Ann Lena Schmidt (City Bureau Documenters), Camela Gardener (OCJ), Chris Roach (St Leonard’s Ministry), Derrick Lavender (Commissioner Dennis Deer’s office) Ivory Snow (St Leonard’s Ministry) Laura Davis (League of Woman Voters) Pablo DeCastro (Criminal Defense Attorney) Pam Hay (League of Women Voters) Zach Schrantz (St Leonard’s Ministry) Judy King

Remarks – Board Chair, Honorable Justice Hyman

Next week marks 60th anniversary of Brown vs Board of Education. Injustice never waits, but justice, proceeds with time. As those engaged in the work and mission of the Justice Advisory Council, we are on this journey and we ask for your feedback so that we can turn towards progress at a more urgent pace with all deliberate speed.

III. Review and approval of minutes – Board Chair, Honorable Justice Hyman

Board chair asks for comments/corrections on 3/10/23 meeting minutes and calls for a motion to approve. Edith Crigler motions to approve the minutes, Lisa Stephen seconds the motion. The board votes to approve.

IV. Justice Advisory Council Operational and Program Updates – Laura Grossman, Public Information Officer, JAC

Policy

ARPA Initiatives

- Returning Residents Rental Assistance and Wraparound Services initiative being developed in partnership with the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC). HACC will be providing the rental assistance and JAC will be working with services organizations to provide the wraparound services (such as employment, education, counseling, and much more, as clients need/desire).
 - JAC and partners completed the application review process for wraparound services providers and should be releasing a qualified list in the coming weeks.
 - Contracting with community based service providers will commence over next few months.
 - Pilot phase with first participants referred to the program planned for July.
- Other ARPA initiatives the JAC leads on behalf of Cook County include:
 - Services for Victims of Domestic Violence - including rapid rehousing, legal aid, courtroom advocacy, hotline support expansion. This initiative in the planning phase.

- The SEED program for emerging adults charged with manufacturing and delivery of drugs. This diversion program is unique in that young people who are involved in dealing also qualify.
- A justice reinvestment initiative - forthcoming major effort to assess how we invest dollars across Cook County agencies in partnership with the Budget office.
- The ongoing Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Initiative.
- Illinois Pretrial Fairness Act - We continue to await the Supreme Court's ruling on the Pretrial Fairness Act (part of the SAFE-T Act) provision that ends the use of money bond in Illinois. County stakeholders are preparing for all outcomes.

Reentry Services

- JAC is building out a reentry services team. Joining our Service Coordinator, a Reentry Services manager will start on 5/22, and a Reentry Specialist will start on 6/5 (with another Reentry Specialist position to be added in the future.)

Q: As the JAC expands its operations into more reentry service coordination, will the JAC compete service providers that we fund?

JAC reentry team will work at a higher level and will for the most part will not be doing direct interaction with clients.

Legislative Affairs

- JAC is also co-leading an effort with the Office of the Cook County Public Defender's Office to expand the First Time Weapon Offender Program and make the program available permanently.
 - HB676 (House Amendment 1) page 60, onward, contains the language.
 - The JAC's Legislative Coordinator continues to shepherd the legislation through this session, in partnership with the PD's office and our chief sponsors, Representatives Olickal and Slaughter.
 - For more information, please contact the JAC's Legislative Coordinator Ryan Gougis at Ryan.Gougis@cookcountyil.gov.

Does the FTWOP program apply to weapons other than firearms?

Program has been largely used for qualifying firearm charges. There is a continuous challenge with weapons being widely available in our communities from neighboring states such as Indiana.

Grants & Investments

- The JAC continues to administer and expand county investments in violence prevention programming through the Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant initiative
- In total, \$110 million has been awarded towards reducing gun violence in Cook County.
- JAC is collaborating with the Illinois Department of Human Services to continue funding our 39 Cycle 2 Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction grant recipients.
 - Cycle 2 grants will extend for an additional 12 months from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

- JAC is working towards finalizing a third ARPA funded grant cycle under this initiative (\$10 million in awards to the 17 awardees).
 - Cycle 3 grants will cover an 18-month performance period from June 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024/
- Cook County JAC, in partnership with both the State and the City, hosted the Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Community of Practice Convening on March 22, 2023. The Convening hosted representatives from 39 CVI organizations that provide Street Outreach services. The CVI CoP focuses on sharing best practices in the field of Street Outreach and fostering collaboration amongst CVI organizations.

Community Engagement / Safety and Justice Challenge

- Cook’s Community Engagement and Fellowship program was presented at the SJC Convening conference in St. Louis
- Community Engagement Committee continues to meet monthly
- Community Engagement team is preparing a calendar for future community engagement activities.

SJC Racial Equity Cohort

- Racial Equity Cohort Fellowship program is in its 2nd Quarter.
- Presentations to fellows from each Cook criminal justice office. Fellows learned the role of each office and engaged in questions.
- Partnering CBO’s will provide presentations on their organizations including services they provide and communities they serve
- June’s fellowship curriculum will focus on Facilitation and Community Organizing training

Data & Research

- The JAC is the lead applicant for grants for the Intergovernmental Partnership on Violence Prevention. These grants will help build upon existing partnerships with IDHS, ICJIA, and the City.
 - FY23 BJA Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)
 - \$2M over 3 years to expand evidence-based practices on CVI for the City and State ARPA recipients
 - NIJ FY23 Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Research, Evaluation, and Associated Training & Technical Assistance Support Summary Report
 - \$2M over 5yrs in coordination with ICJIA coordinating technical support to our ARPA sub-recipient CBOs
- Implementing a new Community Engagement Survey. A new CEC survey was developed in March to better assess how well the CEC is doing in addressing the needs of the community members. Requests to the Bureau of Technology has been made to obtain access to an online survey platform.
- Identifying metrics and an evaluation plan for JAC reentry initiative (Rental Assistance & Wraparound Services for Returning Residents)

Communications

- ‘Second Chance Month’ Communications throughout April about the landscape of Reentry and investments and initiatives that support returning residents and contribute to building safe communities
- Announcements about Gun Violence Prevention and Education Grant initiative
- Preparing for the Spring/Summer when we see increased interest in violence prevention work and impact.
 - Gun Violence Awareness Month (June) –Participating in press events, organizing social media campaigns and highlighting the work of community based service providers funded by the JAC
 - Working with partners at the City and State to discuss the collaborative work of the intergovernmental partnership on Violence Prevention

V. New Business

None to report.

VI. Enrichment and Discussion - *St Leonard’s Ministries*

Saint Leonard’s serves formerly incarcerated community members largely from the South and West Side of Chicago. The majority of participants identify as people of color, have multiple arrests and incarcerations, and have faced homelessness. Saint Leonard’s offers:

- Transitional Reentry Housing and 9 – 12 moth ‘no cost to participant’ holistic housing and supports - Designed to help residents slow down, find direction and work through their reentry supports.
- Second Stage Reentry Housing – opportunity as a shorter term stepping stone or long term community. Onsite case management and holistic services available.
- Programs open to their housing residents and clients living in community include: educational supports (High School completion), financial literacy, technology, job readiness programs, construction skills, culinary skills, deployment placement and case management.

No Place To Stay (NPTS)

- NPTS is a JAC run initiative that contracts with community based service provides including SLM to provide housing for individuals on Cook County Sherrif’s office pretrial electronic monitoring that do not have adequate housing for release on EM.
- Pretrial vs. post incarceration populations are different. NPTS individuals are typically younger and therefore have different needs. They can participate in all SLM programs. Have worked with the JAC on a referral process that involves pre-placement contact.
- A challenge is dealing with fentanyl and the increase in substance abuse seen in Cook County and beyond.

Q: Why are individuals denied housing through NPTS?

This is largely determined by the Sheriff’s office based on holds on paperwork or if there is not a housing placement with the level of care required for an individual need.

VII. Public Comment

None.

VIII. Adjournment – *Board Chair*

Justice Hyman call for motion to adjourn at 10:00am. Edith Crigler motioned and Rebecca Janowitz seconded the motion.