

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

February 19, 2013

African American Family Commission, 29 S. Wabash St, Chicago, IL

Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Present in Person: Dave Olsen, Elizabeth Clarke, Annetta Wilson, Terry Soloman, Rick Velasquez, Jenny Vollen-Katz, Randolph Stone

Present by Phone: Julie Biehl, Mark Hassakis, Arthur Bishop, Walter Brandon

Absent: Rogers Jackson

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at approximately 10:15 a.m. Quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the prior meeting were unavailable but the Director indicated would be presented at the Board's next meeting.

Director's Report DJJ Chief of Staff Ashley Cross provided a report on behalf of Director Bishop. IYC-Murphysboro is now closed. IYC-Joliet is now empty of youth and will formally close at the end of the week, Friday February 22. Staff will report to new positions at other DJJ and DOC facilities the following week. IYC-Kewanee will now be DJJ's designated maximum security facility and will be re-designated as such by the Director. Ashley Cross and DJJ Deputy Director Justin Slaughter presented additional information regarding programming in DJJ, movement of youth and staff, and other changes in the Department related to the closures. In response to a question from Board members, DJJ staff indicated they would look into the matter of Board appointments. Several members are on an expired term and several more members have terms that expire in May 2013.

Discussion of Board Officer(s) and Election Procedures Annetta Wilson presented a report from the nominating committee established at the prior meeting. She indicated the committee was unable to propose a member as the next board chair, in part due to the expiring terms. It was moved and seconded that the Board defer elections for another six months. Motion carried. Betsy Clark will continue to serve as chair.

Discussion of Outcome Measures DJJ staff presented additional information regarding PbS outcome measures. The board discussed the work of the committees that were established at the September 2012 meeting in the areas of Safety, Procedural Fairness and Positive Youth Outcomes/Public Safety (which encompasses recidivism) to prepare drafts for outcome measures in these areas. The Procedural Fairness committee submitted an initial report at the October 2012 meeting. The other groups have not yet completed initial drafts.

Other Business Betsy Clark will prepare the draft of the Board's annual report for the April meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting

Date: March, 7, 2013

Location: DJJ Administrative Office, Springfield