

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

October 16, 2014

James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph
Room 9-034, Chicago, Illinois

Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Present in person: Julie Biehl, Mark Hassakis, Director Jones, David Olson, Jennifer Vollen-Katz, Rick Velasquez

Present by phone: Judge Walter Brandon

Others present in person: Beth Compton, Gloria Davis, Era Lauder milk, Heidi Mueller, and Mary Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. with a quorum present. Meeting conducted by Chairperson Jenny Vollen-Katz.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from earlier meetings are being edited. Director Jones motioned to table the approval of minutes until the next scheduled meeting. Rick Velasquez seconded the motion, motion carried.

Discussion and Adoption of Outcome Measures for IDJJ

Jennifer Vollen-Katz reminded the Board of the statutory provisions concerning performance measures. Director Jones provided a draft copy of the Department's Annual Report including various statistics and measures for consideration. Mary Reynolds summarized the IDJJ performance measures published in the Governor's annual Budget Book. Members noted that the draft Annual Report is a positive development and a need to incorporate additional elements next year. Judge Brandon motioned to approve in concept a Board letter to accompany the final Annual Report at distribution. Rick Velasquez seconded the motion, motion carried. David Olson volunteered to draft the letter. Judge Brandon motioned to table the adoption of performance measures. Director Jones seconded the motion, motion carried. Suggestions on the draft Annual Report are due to Era Lauder milk within one week.

Director's Report

Director Jones provided an update on the Department's implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) as a behavior management system. Incentives are provided to youth and staff to reinforce positive behavior and a support network has been established across the Department to provide critical momentum.

Director Jones outlined the Department fiscal needs, noting a supplemental budget request to address operational shortfalls and costs associated with the RJ v Jones and MH v Monreal federal consent decrees would be made. Julie Biehl and Jennifer Vollen-Katz suggested that the Board lend support for the supplemental request as well as the Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

Director Jones shared efforts to engage community dialogue at the Youth Centers. Three dialogues have been held this fall to facilitate stronger relationships in the local communities and expand opportunities for youth. Board members offered suggestions for additional opportunities.

New Business

Beth Compton updated the Board on the Joint Criminal Justice Reform Committee legislative hearing and summarized testimony provided by Director Jones on three major policy areas IDJJ suggested the Committee consider: 1) prohibit misdemeanors from commitment to IDJJ; 2) address youth held in IDJJ with pending adult criminal cases; and 3) limit the period of time youth spend on aftercare.

Director Jones noted that the Department is undergoing a strategic planning effort to provide more direction on implementation of reforms.

Julie Biehl made a motion to establish the same quarterly meeting schedule for the Board in 2015 (third Thursdays in January, April, July, and October). Director Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Director Jones to adjourn, seconded by David Olson. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:33 p.m.