

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

July 17, 2014

DJJ Aftercare Office, 100 North Western Ave., Conference Room B, Chicago, Illinois
Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Present in person: Julie Biehl, Jerry Butler, Mark Hassakis, Director Jones, Randolph Stone, Jennifer Vollen-Katz, Rick Velasquez, and Annetta Wilson

Present by phone: David Olson

Others present in person: Heidi Mueller, Mary Reynolds, and Nora Collins-Mandaville

The meeting was called to order at 2:10p.m. with a quorum present. Meeting conducted by Chairperson Jenny Vollen-Katz.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 17, 2013 was made by Rick Velasquez. Randolph Stone seconded, motion carried. Annetta Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2014 meeting. Director Jones seconded, motion carried.

Director's Report

Director Jones provided an update on the DJJ budget passed by the General Assembly, noting a \$1.3 million increase over the previous appropriation; the Department's request had been for an additional \$6 million. She noted the Department's intent to pursue Fiscal Year 2015 supplemental appropriations to improve programming and meet consent decree requirements.

A discussion was held about improving community and family engagement with the Youth Centers. Heidi Mueller shared examples of increased family engagement activities and noted the need for external support for family visits.

Heidi Mueller provided an update on grants awarded to the Department, noting an increased focus on the implementation of statewide aftercare. She also provided a brief update on training, assessments, and Performance Based Standards.

There was also discussion by the Board about Aftercare, and pivoting the Department's current MacArthur grant for use towards this program, specifically for data collection and analysis, staff training and youth assessment.

The upcoming roll out of youth 360 was noted.

Discussion and Adoption of Outcome Measures for IDJJ

David Olson noted his development of a research bulletin, including parole violators and changes in trends.

Mary Reynolds provided a very early draft annual report. Suggestions by Board members should be provided to Mary for later drafts.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Randolph Stone, seconded by Rick Velasquez. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.