**Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Board**

June 29, 2017

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

1112 South Wabash Avenue, Suite 2-200, Chicago, IL 60605

**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members**

Present in Person: Heidi Mueller, Jennifer Vollen-Katz, David Olson, Randolph Stone, Rick Velasquez, Julie Biehl, Jerry Butler

Present by Phone: Jennifer North,

Absent: Annetta Wilson, David Kelly, Walter Brandon,

**Other Attendees** Deloris Smith

Marron Mahoney

1. **Roll Call and Introductions**

The meeting began at approximately 9:40 a.m. with quorum present. Meeting was conducted by Chairperson David Olson.

1. **Director’s Report** – Director Heidi Mueller provided the following report to the Board:
	1. **Impact of Budget Impasse on IDJJ Operations, Contracts/Contractual Providers**

The agency is struggling to keep operations afloat during the budget impasse. Trying to negotiate with vendors to keep them from terminating contracts and services. The statewide substance abuse vendor closed due to financial issues and IDJJ is transitioning to a new vendor who took over the program. The Department’s healthcare provider sent a notice of termination and we have had weekly meetings to try to keep them from ending services. We have had difficulty finding maintenance services that are willing to work with the state due to lag in payment.

* 1. **Questions about Harrisburg Prosecutions**

Member Jenny Vollen-Katz and Member Julie Biehl raised questions about reports and growing concerns about adult felony prosecutions of youth at IYC Harrisburg. Director Mueller reported learning of the prosecutions from the Independent Ombudsman and speaking with staff and leadership at IYC Harrisburg to urge allowing the department’s internal disciplinary process to play out. The ACLU is concerned about the prosecutions and considering legal action. The Department does not interfere with individual citizens making legal complaints.

**At this point, the board meeting was interrupted by a fire alarm and mandatory evacuation of the building at 1112 S. Wabash**

Member Jenny Vollen-Katz asked about the status of the website and asked when new data reports would be available. Director Mueller noted that with just one Research Director working on all data matters, it took about a month to analyze and clean data and compile the data report. Data reports typically were produced about a month and a half after the end of the data reporting period. Director Mueller noted the maternity leave for Brittany Groot, Research Director and noted she was working to get outstanding reports posted online. Member Vollen-Katz requested copies be emailed to her when they were completed.

1. **New Business**

None

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.

**Next Meeting**

Date: Date TBD based on member availability

Location: IDJJ — 1112 South Wabash Avenue, 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60605