

# JJAB MEETING

JJAB Chairperson: Eric Hawkins

Vice Chairperson: David Finke

DECEMBER 13, 2024, 1PM – 4PM EST

KY TRANSPORTATION BUILDING FRANKFORT, KY



## DECEMBER 2024 Meeting Summary

**Date | time** FRI, DEC 13, 2024, | 1 pm - 4 pm | **Meeting Location** KY TRANSPORTATION BUILDING, FRANKFORT, KY

**Meeting called to order by** Eric Hawkins at 1:06 pm

## WELCOME & MEMBER ROLL CALL – 1:06PM

**Board Members in person:** Eric Hawkins, Dr. David Finke, Executive Director Elzie Burgher, Donna Simmons and Stephanie Spires

**Board Members online:** Kristy Flippins-Bartlett, Executive Director Ashely Clark, Angela Wilson, Dr Cicely Cottrell, Jansen Hammock, Dr. Deonte Hollowell, Tamar Israel, Laura Karem, Executive Director Christina Weeter, Judge Derwin Webb, Judge Melissa Murphy, Sarah Hail

**DJJ Staff present:** Tara Kelly, Carly Gill, Linda Thomason, William Codell

**Guest Present:** Kenya Wade, Melinda Hampton, Amy Welch, Monique Khumalo, John Fitzpatrick, Brionna Readus

## OLD BUSINESS:

- **Approval of August minutes:** A motion to approve the October minutes made by Stephanie Spires. Seconded by Dr David Finke. Motion carried
- **JJAB Officer Elections-** Carly sent out a link to the election ballot. Christina Weeter request that each nominee make a statement of their interest in the roles. Judge Murphy suggested to do speakers alphabetically.
  - **Dr. Cicely Cottrell-** associate professor of social work at Spalding University. After much prayer and conversation with staff and outgoing chair, her interest is in leading the board moving forward to clearer goals that benefit the youth of KY.
  - **Dr David Finke-** CEO of the Jewish Family and Career Service. Dr Finke interest is in continuing the collaboration work of the JJAB and help DJJ maintain the OJJD compliance with Title II. He is currently co-chair of the board.
  - **Stephanie Spires-** Owner/operator of a child advocacy company. She worked this past year with board as the chair of the Ad Hoc Governance subcommittee. She worked with the subcommittee to develop the current adopted bylaws for the JJAB. Through that process she learned what the board has the opportunities to and recognized that access to Title II funds that can make a significant impact. Her priority would be to make sure that communities are aware of the board and what the board can do to support in their communities. She also would like to make the meetings more efficient.
  - **Kristy Flippins-Bartlett-** Founder/CEO of Option to Success. She would like to bring her nonprofit knowledge and to be a voice for those who have shared her path.
  - **Jansen Hammock-** youth member. Being a youth member on the board for the last 4 years, this opportunity will allow for him to have a different approach from a youth perspective. Also, being from Eastern KY allows for new approach to funding in different parts of the state.

Voting will be open for the next hour to allow for everyone to have the opportunity to vote. The Chair and the Vice-Chair will be announced at the end of the meeting. Kristy Flippins-Bartlett has been elected as vice chair. The results of the election resulted in a tie for board chair between Dr Finke and Dr. Cottrell. On advice of counsel, there needs to be a motion for an additional election. Donna Simmons makes a motion to conduct another election for chair. Judge Murphy seconds. Motion carries. The results of the runoff, Dr David Finke is the new chair of the JJAB.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Meeting Schedule for 2025** – A motion to adopt the proposed meeting schedule made by Eric Hawkins. Seconded by Deonte Hollowell. Motion carried. Judge Murphy made a motion to change the April board meeting from April 18 to April 11 due to Good Friday conflict. Seconded by Jansen Hammock. Motion passed.

- **FY20 Title II Program Presentations** –

- **Jewish Family Career Services-** LAUNCH program Andrea Brown, Career Councilor, presenting. LAUNCH is designed to prepare students (Aged 16-24) to transition into adulthood, either through post-secondary education or employment. The program acts as a bridge between High School counselors and vocational rehab. The only Title II qualification for LAUNCH is students must be at risk or justice involved and between ages 16-18. Components of LAUNCH are Self-Advocacy, Career Exploration, On the Job Experience, Job Readiness, Post Secondary Education, Soft Skills Training, and Financial Empowerment. In the two years that LAUNCH has been available JFCS have served total of 156 LAUNCH clients of those 156, 17 have been Title II clients. LAUNCH has partnered with Vocational Rehabilitation, Option to Success, Kailyn's House of Joy, Home of the Innocents, and Independent Living Coalition. Some challenges the program faces are transportation, scheduling, access to technology, lack of privacy and partnerships. Some of the outcome measures-

Expectation	Reality
50% of participants identify a career or educational goal	85%
75% of participants with identified goals have taken a step toward achieving these goals	90%
75% of participants developed a budget	50%
75% of participants developed a resume	40%

- **Spalding University-** SKARS program Dr. Cicely Cottrell presenting. Program purpose to divert adolescent black girls from the juvenile justice system. Come at this problem with a culture competency lens, collaborating with other black female Spalding faculty, training black female students to provide advocacy for at risk black girls. Program services started in April of 2024. Initially, the CDW office agreed to partnership but was unable to commit. The program then pivoted to a partnership with Minor Daniels Academy, an alternative school in Jefferson County. There was a goal of training 25 student mentors/advocates, however only 9 students were able to make that commitment. There were 35 to 40 students that attended an interest meeting, so interest was there but the requirement of a 3-hour course enrollment hindered many of these students. It was a 7-week course at MDA, with Spalding students working one on one with the MDA students with follow ups with phone calls and text. One of the successes of this program, a SKARS client was removed from HIP because of their involvement in this program. With an extension until May 31, 2025, of the Title II funds, we were able to reallocate those funds to a group model instead of a one-on-one session. Most of the group topics come from the one-on-one sessions as well as speaking with parents and school administration. In November, two psychology graduate students have been facilitating group session focusing on conflict

resolution, healthy relationships and self-esteem. There is also an 8-week mental health art curriculum based on arts and crafts to engage youth in conversation about mindsets and self-discovery. This will begin in January. Future topics that are being explored for this program is pregnancy and finances. None of our participants were detained.

#### **DJJ UPDATED:**

- **R/ED Update:** - Tara Kelly presented about the collaboration across KY for R/ED work. Lots of great support will be coming in the new year.
- **KY ICJ-** Amy Welch presenting. The PPT has been sent out to meeting participants.
- **OJJDP National Conference Update-** This was a very exciting and energizing conference. Lots of learning opportunity. Several members were able to attend. Donne Simmons felt that it was energizing and very well organized. Bryan Stephenson opened the conference, and the Attorney General closed the conference. Also, a keynote speaker Jeremiah Brown, former running back for the Ravens. He spoke about his program in NYC school system. Dr Hollowell states that he would like to reflect on the relationship and communication the board has with OJJDP. He would like to see the board policy reflect JJAB communication with OJJDP. He would like to see the board pay closer attention to what is in the bylaws and policies, he feels the board is failing in some areas. Kristy Flippins-Bartlett would like to revisit policies that are in place, if any, to protect youth members with lived experience. There has been a report of inappropriate relationship to Kristy. Judge Melissa Moore suggested that, due to the sensitivity of this issue, that it not be a discussion for a public meeting. Moving forward, the board will revisit the bylaws and policies to address this serious issue.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- **Executive:** - No update at this time. An executive committee meeting will be held in January.
- **Grants:** – The sub grantees have been notified of awards from TII21 funds and accepted. There will be vendor meeting for recipients on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. The Grant subcommittee has agreed not renew the Change Today Change Tomorrow. The R/ED money has been freed up for funding to be used at the board's discretion.
- **SEJAY:** - The planning of the 2025 Listening session has begun. The first session will be in Hopkinsville/Christian County Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. A flyer has been developed for that session. Future session will be held in Jefferson County and potentially in Fayette County.

Tara and Dr. Hollowell have had the opportunity to visit the Fayette County detention center this month.

The RIAC committee, which Dr Hollowell is the chair, has been sunset. There is no information of how that will look moving forward.

- **Capacity Building:** - No update at this time
- **Emerging Leaders:** - As a class project, the Bellarmine College psch101 students did a presentation on ideas for recruitment for the Emerging Leaders and JJAB youth membership. A youth survey has been sent out to the members to hear their voice on what they would like to see the EL accomplish this year. An EL social media page has been developed with pending approval to add DJJ.

#### **YOUTH VOICE:** - Kristy Flippins-Bartlett

- Brianna Readus, a potential youth member, is developing a youth survey she hopes to have ready for February deployment. The goal is to get as many youth members as possible to participate.

**PUBLIC FORUM-**

- No comment from the public

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Executive Committee will meet to determine how to move forward with an update of bylaws and policy.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- **2025 CJJ ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**NEXT MEETING:** FEBRUARY 21, 2025 @1PM KY TRANSPORTATION BUILDING  
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Donna Simmons move for adjournment. Seconded by Christina Weeter. Board adjourned at 4pm