

# JJAB MEETING

JJAB Chairperson: David Finke

Vice Chairperson: Kristy Flippins-Bartlett

APRIL 11, 2025, 1PM – 4PM EST

SPALDING UNIVERSITY, LOUISVILLE, KY



## APRIL 2025 Meeting Summary

**Date | time** FRI, APRIL 11, 2025, | 1 pm - 4 pm | **Meeting Location** SPALDING UNIVERSITY, LOUISVILLE, KY

**Meeting called to order by** Dr. David Finke at 1:06 pm

## WELCOME & MEMBER ROLL CALL – 1:10PM

**Board Members in person:** Dr. David Finke, Dr Cicely Cottrell, Angela Wilson and Laura Karem, Kristy Flippins-Bartlett, Executive Director Ashely Clark, Dr. Deonte Hollowell, Donna Simmons, Tamar Israel, Matthew Reed, Laura Karem, Executive Director Christina Weeter, and Tiffany Mullis

**Board Members online:** Jansen Hammock, Judge Derwin Webb, Dr George Moorman, Stephanie Barrows, Sydney Scaggs, Executive Director Elzie Burgher

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

**Guest Present:** Quinton Johnson, Ashley Withers, LeeVaughn Morris, Da'Marrion Fleming, DeSondre Waters, Ashley Dabney, Kenny Boyd (online)

## OLD BUSINESS:

- **Approval of February's minutes:** A motion to approve the February minutes made by Angela Wilson. Seconded by Dr Deonte Hollowell. Motion carried
- **Community Partnership Workgroup Report:** This workgroup met several weeks ago to decide how to move forward with Community Partnership and what that would look like for the JJAB. The mission of this workgroup is to 'Meet as a coalition of community providers across the regions of the state to connect organizations to services that advance juvenile delinquency prevention, promote rehabilitation and reentry.' The goals are 'Survey community providers to determine what needs are most prominent and identify regional trends. Begin breaking down silos by developing community engagement strategy while fostering collaboration across agencies.' Donna led the discussion on leveraging current research to advance community wrap around for youth and highlight the domains of focus, such as community, school, pre-court, court, detention, placement and re-entry. Recommendations from the Upstream Mapping are Identify opportunities for statewide prosocial efforts for youth in detention and through the deep end of the system. Consider whether existing programs and services could be expanded to also serve children in detention, out-of-home placement, or reentry, provide training for community- based providers on serving kids who are court-involved and explore the feasibility of crisis stabilization units for youth.  
The proposal to 'adopt community partnership efforts as part of capacity building subcommittee' to maximize efficiency of JJAB work, Capacity Building's expanded network efforts will be focused on:  
Leveraging existing workgroups, such as KJCMH, to build bridges across organizations  
Identify greater opportunities for youth involvement in community activities and prevention efforts  
Facilitate consistent training sessions with community partners, including crisis stabilization and up to date resource repository
- **JJAB Roster-** JJAB roster is dictated by State and Federal statute. Currently there are some gaps in our membership roster. The Federal requirements impact our Title II Formula grant funding. Right now,

there is currently now enough youth with lived experience on our current roster. Nominations have been put forth to the Cabinet and the Governor's office names that will fill the current gaps. Waiting to hear back on the nominations.

- **OJJDP Compliance Audit Visit-** This visit was supposed to be this next week but because of the federal travel ban it had been postponed. The ban has been lifted so OJJDP rescheduled for the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be an Entrance Interview in person as well as on Zoom for the Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> @9am. There will also be an Exit interview in person as well as on Zoom on that Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> @9am. Any member who wished to join either in person or on ZOOM is welcome.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Partnership Presentations –**
  - **Success University: HOPE BY HOPE Initiative: (LeeVaughn Morris, DeSondre Waters, Ashley Withers)** The mission: holistic initiative created to engage a 360-degree approach to youth and family services. We utilize 'Cultural Therapy' to address the negative behaviors of youth while focusing on prevention and intervention, infusing services and programming to help families in their communities across metropolitan areas. Our mission is to disrupt the cycle of youth disenfranchisement and disengagement by creating a universal platform for youth and parent programs that address the needs and opportunities for personal development. Programming addresses youth, young adults, and their parents and caregivers who reside in Louisville Metro with special attention to socioeconomically impoverished neighborhoods. This platform includes several youth service providers, agencies, clinicians, educators, and collaborates with a programming foundation that can be franchised and tailored to the location/participants' needs.
  - **Lavish Hope Foundation: (Deleisa Graham)** At Lavish Hope Foundation, we believe in uplifting our youth by walking alongside them through the teen stages of adolescence. These years bring many changes—physically, emotionally, and socially—that can be overwhelming for both young people and their families. In a world where appearance often influences self-esteem, we aim to build a supportive community that fosters confidence from the inside out. Through guidance in personal hygiene, basic beauty care, and self-respect, we help adolescents embrace who they are and step into their potential with pride and hope.
  - **Sowing Seeds with Faith: (Da'Marrion Fleming)** At Sowing Seeds with Faith, our mission is to empower, equip, and engage the youth of the Greater Louisville Area to navigate college and career readiness through various pathways by setting high expectations, promoting accountability, providing structured support, and instilling values grounded in faith. We aim to cultivate a culture that inspires a holistic approach in developing the youth on their journey towards success and fulfillment.
  - **PAVE-Parents Against Violence Engagement: (Kenny Boyd, Ashley Dabney)** Our mission is to collaboratively build stable families and reduce the violence within families and communities. PAVE's strategy involves integrating insights from parents and community members impacted by violence to enhance parental and family bonds. This is achieved through a structured 11-step approach or 11 focused topics, each addressed every three weeks in a group learning setting. Additionally, we foster family connections through monthly positive family activities and events, as well as peer-to-peer discussion sessions.

- **Empowered Youth Success (Albany, New York)** – Tara Kelly, Dr Hollowell and Tamar Isreal will be attending this conference May14-15 2025. If anyone would like to join them, please let us know. This is recurring conference so there will be more advanced notice next year.

#### **DJJ UPDATED:**

- **R/ED Update:** - Tara Kelly presented about the collaboration with Emerging Leaders for the SEJAY Retreat this year on July 10th. The SEJAY meeting will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. AOC will be present data for our R/ED plan. We are planning to have a May Listening session. Dates to be announced.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- **Executive:** - The retreat will not be in June as it has been in the past, it will be pushed out to July or August. The retreat will be more focused on our three-year plan goals. IT will be a one-day retreat.
- **Grants:** – Dr Cottrell is the new Chairperson of the Grants committee. The grant application period will end May 9<sup>th</sup>. At the May Grant subcommittee meeting we will work out the review schedule. Volunteers will be needed to review the grant applications
- **SEJAY:** -
- **Capacity Building:** - Building the goals for the new direction of the committee.
- **Emerging Leaders:** - Applications are open for the cohort that closes in May for the June 1<sup>st</sup> start date. The cohort is 6 months with the first month being an introduction to juvenile justice, second month is the challenges of equity, third month is advocacy and making your voice heard, fourth month is leadership and mentorship, fifth month is creating a youth led initiative, sixth month is reflection and celebration. The plan is to hold two cohort a year, every six months. One of the goals is to build board engagement.

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

#### **PUBLIC FORUM-**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Determine a possible site for the June 20th meeting. Ashley suggested Bowling Green area. Any other suggestions please let Carly know.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** AUGUST 15, 2025 @1PM TBA

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Ashley Clark. Seconded by Tiffany Mullis. Meeting adjourned.