

JJAB MEETING

JJAB Chairperson: Eric Hawkins

Vice Chairperson: David Finke

FEB2024 Meeting Summary



Date | time Friday, FEB 16, 2024 | 1-4 p.m. | **Meeting Location** Transportation Building, Frankfort, KY

Meeting called to order by Eric Hawkins at 1:13 pm

WELCOME & MEMBER ROLL CALL

Board Members present: In Person: Matt Reed, Ashely Clark, Dr. David Finke, Lara Karem, Christina Wheeter **Via**

Zoom: Eric Hawkins, Tamar Israel, Breanna Neukomm, Stephanie Barrows, Stephanie Spires, Deante Hollowell, Kristy Flippins-Bartlett, Cicely Cottrell, Tiffany Mullis.

DJJ Staff present: In person: Tara Kelly, Carly Gill, Tessa Arnold, Linda Thomason, Galen Benassi, Leah Boggs, Teresa Wolcott, Margo Figg, Todd Stetler **Via ZOOM:** Theresa Wolcott, Margo Figg **Via Zoom:** Heather Campbell, Kenny Wade, Stacey Williams, Kevin Agee, John Fitzpatrick, Tamara Hart, Ronald Triplett, Elzie Burgher

Guest Present: Amy Snow,

Eric opened the meeting by giving a welcome, “we have a full crew here today”, everyone who could be represented is. We have a quorum, and we will have a vote today.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of December minutes:

Dr. David Finke made the motion to accept the December minutes as written, seconded by Laura Karem. Motion carried.

Grant Updates: **R/ED Grant Recommendation**

Dr. David Finke

- Discussed the scoring protocol for the applicants. Five members of the committee scored one full applicant “Change Today Change Tomorrow”.
 - The cumulative score was 83%
 - None of the members scored the applicant under 75%
- Grant funding will run from March 1, 2024, until September 30, 2024. Grant Award is \$58,163.00
- The goal of Change Today Change Tomorrow is to provide space for youth outside of school time in West Louisville. They are building capacity for parks and other space for youth. The ideal is we use a youth driven process, for the youth to talk about what they want in this space. Youth will receive a stipend for their inclusion in the program and be compensated for their time and efforts.

Dr. David Finke called for a vote to approve Change Today Change Tomorrow for R/ED funding. Eric Hawkins made the motion; Ashely Clark seconded that motion. Motion passed 1:37pm

An update will be given at the August meeting.

New Business: 1:40 pm

Legal – Leah Boggs presenting

- Touched on State and Federal Laws – there is discussion to change State Law to mirror Federal Law
- Subcommittees – Leah stated: There is no requirement for subcommittees set forth in federal or state law. Tara Kelly R/ED Coordinator for Kentucky referenced the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A) in accordance with 34 U.S. Code § 11133(a)(15)(A)- established the Subcommittee for Equity and Justice for All Youth (SEJAY).

The exact wording of the act is –(A) establishing or designating existing coordinating bodies, composed of juvenile justice stakeholders, (including representatives of the educational system) at the State, local, or tribal levels, to advise efforts by States, units of local government, and Indian Tribes to reduce racial and ethnic disparities.

- Lobbying
 - You cannot say your opinion represents that of the Board unless the Board has voted to express that position.
 - You can certainly identify yourself as a member of the JJAB. For example, I am a member of JJAB, and my opinion on this is ect.
 - Example: Dr Finke, I recently wrote a letter to a representative who authored one of the bills that I am not very happy about, and I identified myself in terms of my role at my agency, my experience in the juvenile justice system not as a youth, but as an adult. And that I am the vice chair of JJAB. And then I proceeded to explain why I thought there were some problems with the bill. I never said JJAB thinks this.
- Youth Honorariums
 - there was a lot of discussion regarding youth honorariums, and it was decided that staff would discuss with management later.
- Addressed audit questions.

AOC Data Update: Pushed out until April meeting.

3:15pm – 3:20pm Break

Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation: Amy Snow

Mission to create and invest in relationships that strengthen the lives of children, youth and families impacted by incarceration. On average there are 184 county inmates each month within Franklin County Regional Jail. 70% of these inmates are parents with an average of three children per incarcerated parent. On roughly that equates to 376 impacted children monthly. WJRF offers multiple programs to support youth, incarcerated parents, and parents/caregivers.

- Youth
 - KRUSH
 - High School Outreach
 - Scholarships for High School Seniors
 - Extracurricular sponsorships for families to keep kids involved in activities and sports.
 - College and career fieldtrips
- Incarcerated parents
 - Parent cafes
 - Free Video Visitation
 - Parenting classes
 - Other Support
- Support for parents/caregivers
 - Monthly support groups
 - Parent cafes
 - Caregiver check-in
 - Family fellowship

With Grant funds they are expanding KRUSH into all Franklin County Middle Schools

DJJ Report:

JDAI:

Theresa Wolcott: Currently putting together a statewide committee that is scheduled for March 13, 2024. To work with AOC on the Detention Screening Instrument to present resources available to all counties for Alternatives to Detention. We have had conversations with Scott and Jessamine Co judiciary. In picking up those two counties we hope to move into Franklin Co soon. That is where this collaboration is very important in getting people to the table to know where resources are and how to use them.

DAC:

Margo Figg: Presented 2022 ATD data via slideshow. With funding from Senate Bill 162 we have contracted with Methodist Home – Multisystemic Home Therapy

Home of the Innocence – Evidence Based Home Therapy

We just started making referrals September 2023 – while these numbers are high, they are probably going to be higher as we have gotten more programs. Which means we can get more youth out of detention, which is the goal. We offer ATD in court no matter what a youths race/gender, but it is ultimately up to the judge where that youth is placed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

DAC Data

Bylaws

Subcommittees

NEXT MEETING

Friday April 19th 1:00pm-4:00pm

Location: West Louisville Opportunity Center, Louisville, KY

ADJOURNMENT: 4:04PM