

# JJAB MEETING

JJAB Chairperson: Eric Hawkins

Vice Chairperson: David Finke

AUGUST 16, 2024, 1PM – 4PM EST

KY TRANSPORTATION BUILDING FRANKFORT, KY



JUNE 2024 Meeting Summary

**Date | time** FRI, AUG 16, 2024, | 1 pm - 5 pm | **Meeting Location** KY TRANSPORTATION BUILDING, FRANKFORT, KY

**Meeting called to order by** Eric Hawkins at 1:09 pm

## WELCOME & MEMBER ROLL CALL – 1:05PM

**Board Members present:** Eric Hawkins, Kristy Flippins-Bartlett, Elzie Burgher, Ashely Clark, Cicely Cottrell, Angela Wilson, David Finke, Jansen Hammock, Deonte Hollowell, Tamar Israel, Laura Karem, Brianna Neukomm, Matt Reed, Sydney Skaggs, Christina Weeter, Derwin Webb, Greg Jones, Stephanie Barrows, Tiffany Mullis, Valerie Newberg

**DJJ Staff present:** Tara Kelly, Carly Gill, Linda Thomason, Jason York, Kevin Agee

**Guest Present:** Kenya Wade, Brionna Readus, Matt Treblehorn

## OLD BUSINESS:

- **Approval of June minutes:** Correction: Dir. Christina Weeter was actually in person not virtual. Motion to approve June meeting summary by Dr. David Finke. Seconded by Dir Elzie Burgher. Summary accepted with corrections.
- **Membership Updates-** Carly Gill gives update to membership roster. Anna Sumrall has been appointed as a youth member to the JJAB in August. Welcome Anna as the newest member of the JJAB. Leah Boggs is working with the Governor's Office to get inactive members removed from the current roster. Dr Hollowell requested a list of inactive members to be distributed to the whole board.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Grant Recommendations** – Dr. David Finke request the board approval of the following grant applications. Many of the potential awardees represent different areas of the state. **Boss Not Bangers- \$75,000; Bridging the G-A-P- \$50,334; Life Literacy Education- \$200,000; Northern Kentucky Community Action- \$99,831; Wanda Joyce Robinson- \$75,000; Young Adult Development in Action- \$315,606.** After some procedural questions and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Finke seconded by Tamar Israel. Motion carried. Dir. Burgher abstains.
- **Procedures Manual** – Carly Gill presents a procedure manual to accompany the JJAB Bylaws for the JJAB to adopt. Correction on page 9 about elections. After some procedure questions and discussion, a motion was made to accept with corrections by Jansen Hammock seconded by Sydney Skaggs. Motion carried.
- **FFY21 Title II Application** – Carly Gill reported that the FFY24 Title II application was submitted on July 30<sup>th</sup>, before the Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> deadline. These funds will be available for use once the past years have been used.

- **Legislative Update** – Director Elzie Burgher
  - HB5- Increased penalties to the criminal code in HB 5, this will of course increase it for juveniles. DJJ has not yet seen an increase in our population, however, new legislation takes time to implement across the board so possibly 6 months from now DJJ might see an increase. An item in the HB 5 requires DJJ to establish local Juvenile Restorative Justice Advisory Committees in all counties. This will take some time to interpret what this will look like. The language is not very specific, this requires a lot of guidance from legal for DJJ. This process has already been started as well as a DJJ policy review to ensure that things are done within DJJ policy. A big challenge for this is funding, there is no funding for this mandate. Although there are people that already work in these areas, it will be a significant expansion of duties and there is no structure, as of yet, to support the expansion. DJJ is looking into grants to help support this requirement of HB 5.
  - HB3- Mandate to conduct mental health assessments on violent felony offenders. DJJ started this program on July 1 and as of today there have been 61 assessments conducted. Recommendations have been made to the court.
- **Youth Re-entry Manual** – Dir Burgher states that there had been an unofficial start on a re-entry manual. When Commissioner White was appointed, he has made re-entry a priority and has staffed the manual work with a permanent staff member and is now an official project. There is not a completion date yet. Chair Hawkins requested a process by which youth members could lend feed back to the Re-entry process. Director Burgher stated that could be a conversation with the Commissioner.

#### **DJJ UPDATED:**

- **R/ED Update:** - Tara Kelly
  - Work is being done on several of the strategies from the SEJAY retreat. SEJAY is very encouraged by the community contacts that are being made as part of these strategies. As well as ideas for youth engagement and justice education.
  - The R/ED plan was submitted with the three-year plan on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- **Executive:** - Chair Eric Hawkins
  - The executive subcommittee discussed how often executive subcommittee meets as well as the full board. Possibly going to 3 times a year instead of 6 times a year for the full board and once a month instead of twice a month for executive committee.
- **Grants** – Dr. David Finke
- **SEJAY:** - Dr Deonte Hollowell
  - Tara Kelly and Dr Hollowell had the opportunity to tour the Lyndon youth detention center.
  - SEJAY will be partnering with PAVE for listening sessions this fall.
- **Emerging Leaders:** - Kristy Flippins-Bartlett
  - Kristy Flippins-Bartlett and Tamar Israel have been working to make the Emerging Leaders a youth led subcommittee.
- **Capacity Building:** - Matt Reed

- Matt Reed will be stepping down as chair of the Capacity Building subcommittee. Chair Hawkins asked if anyone would like to self-nominate SCB chair. SCB is working on new member recruitment and new member training/orientation. Kristy Flippins-Bartlett nominate Tamar Israel. Tamar will give it thought before accepting the nomination.

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

- Brianna Neukomm states she would like a clearer vision of what Emerging Leaders. Kristy stated that it is empowering youth to be more involved in the leadership of the board.
- Valerie Newberg would like a larger roll on the board and the subcommittees. Volunteered to organize a youth group chat to talk about their possibility of taken more of a leadership roll in the board.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Some members and staff will be returning from the CJJ R/ED conference in Seattle on the regularly scheduled October meeting. It was decided to meet the following week, October 25, 2024.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** OCTOBER 25, 2024 @1PM KY TRANSPORTATION BUILDING  
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Board adjourned @ 3:37pm