



Juvenile Justice Youth Development Policy Board

JJYD Policy Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2019

Policy Board Members in Attendance: RaQuishia Harrington, Rod Sullivan, JP Claussen, Patrick Bigsby, Mary Abboud, Al Fear

Ex-Officio in attendance: Brad Barker, Cathy Fitzmaurice Hill, Lorena Weppler

Others in attendance: Emmy Brady, Erin Altheide, Stu Mullins,

Staff: Lynette Jacoby, Laurie Nash

Jacoby called the meeting to order. The meeting opened with introductions. New board members were welcomed. Jacoby indicated that in order to increase representation from the municipalities, schools and law enforcement a letter was sent to these Johnson County entities informing them of the option to appoint an ex officio representative. This resulted in several new appointments.

Jacoby reported that the second quarter reports have been received. Most programs are on target in meeting scope of services and performance measures. The Neighborhood Centers YELL Program got a late start so number of youth served is lagging a bit.

Reauthorization of the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act – Erin Altheide, Juvenile Court Services provided an update on the measures included in this act. The board packet included a summary. Altheide reported that Johnson County is on the right track to meet the standards. Jacoby indicated that the JJDPA will eventually include funding for prevention programming. Board members asked several questions and engaged in dialogue about the juvenile justice system.

Jeree Thomas from the Campaign for Youth Justice, University of Iowa law students and local advocates/providers developed a report *Childhood Convicted: The Waiver of Iowa's Youth to the Adult Criminal Justice System*. The report was included in the board packet. Jacoby provided an update on the current fiscal year data for adult waived youth placed in detention.

Program site visits are pending and will co-occur with the Board of Supervisors Social Services Block grant visits. Board members will be invited to participate

Upcoming trainings- Jacoby reported that Frank Kros from TranzEd Institute in Baltimore will present a series of three workshops on the impact of poverty and trauma on the developing brain, and adolescent brain development on April 2 and 3.

Staffing changes – Jacoby indicated that the Social Services Department reorganized creating a Youth and Family Services Manager. Laurie Nash was hired for this position. Laurie will oversee JJYD, Decat, Empowerment, CPPC, DMC and other community initiatives.

Announcements:

- R. Harrington indicated that the City of Iowa City along with Vocational Rehab will host a youth employment fair in March
- M. Abboud indicated that letters were sent to families with a housing voucher alerting them of the potential impact of the government shut down on their assistance. They were advised to continue to pay their portion of the rent.
- Jacoby indicated that the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinics were underway.
- Jacoby reported that volunteers were needed for Juneteenth on June 22
- Jacoby reported that the Decat summer youth development RFP was released
- Jacoby reported that there are currently openings on the JJYD Board and encouraged current members to assist with recruitment efforts

Next meeting – May 6, 2019