



Juvenile Justice Youth Development Policy Board

JJYD Policy Board Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019

Policy Board Members in Attendance: RaQuishia Harrington, Rod Sullivan, JP Claussen, Patrick Bigsby, Mary Abboud, Danielle Benford, Theresa Lewis, Susan Vileta, Meghann Foster

Ex-Officio in attendance: Mitch Swinton, Lorena Wepler, Jerry Hightshoe, Cathy Fitzmaurice Hill, Brad Barker, Tracey Mulcahey,

Others in attendance: Daleta Thurness, Susan Junis, Stu Mullins

Staff: Lynette Jacoby

Jacoby called the meeting to order. The meeting opened with introductions.

February 4, 2019 meeting minutes approved by Sullivan seconded by Harrington. Motion passed

JJYD Board representation – Jacoby reviewed the resolution that includes language regarding board membership. Discussion occurred regarding the absence of youth representation and how to best recruit and engage youth on the board.

School safety, mental health services and student resource officers – Claussen reported that the ICCSD Safety Committee's recent report included the following recommendations; development of a threat assessment team, universal mental health screening, *See Something Say Something*, increased training on bullying and harassment and the addition of student resource officers in the secondary school. Jacoby indicated that this policy board has previously taken a position opposing school resource officers in favor of more mental health supports. Jacoby reported that she sent an email to district administrators and the school board expressing concern with the recommendation to hire SROs. The ACLU report *Cops and No Counselors* was referenced during the discussion. Jacoby reported that JJYD funds a .5 FTE in crisis counseling support to the schools. Additional mental health supports are available, but more is needed.

Expansion of pre-charge diversion – Counties receiving technical assistance for disproportionate minority contacts in the juvenile justice system (Scott, Webster, Black Hawk and Johnson) met in Ankeny in April to discuss progress on pre-charge diversion efforts. County representatives provided an update on efforts underway in their communities. There is a plan to expand pre-charge diversion to include additional simple misdemeanors in Johnson County, but this has not yet come to fruition.

Youth Empowered to Serve (YES) and other summer program activities – Jacoby provided an overview on the YES summer employment, training program. There are 30 youth enrolled this

summer. Mullins provided an update on the summer activities available at UAY. Harrington reported the Iowa City is offering the Teen Dynamics Program at Mercer Park for youth in 7th – 10th grade. Thurness reported that ISU Extension will offer 4H on Wheels again this summer. Scholarships are available through Johnson County.

FY19 program updates – Jacoby reported that all third quarter reports were received. Junis reported that RVAP served 1100 plus students in 8th and 9th grades with the five day Safe Dates curriculum for eighth graders and the two day Bystander Consent training for ninth graders. Thurness reported that the after-school programs at North Central Junior High and Solon have been at capacity all year. There is still a waiting list for youth seeking a mentor. Neighborhood Centers requested a JJYD budget amendment. Given a late start for the YELL Program the NCJC budget was underspent. NCJC requested to use funding to host a *Move Mindfully* professional development training. This was approved and will be available for other JJYD providers.

Announcements:

- Partnering for Lasting Change training June 5.
- Implicit Bias training May 14, in Washington
- Gridshock – documentary on sex trafficking in Iowa – May 7 at Filmscene

Next meeting – August 5, 2019