

Kendall County Juvenile Justice Council (JJC) Council Meeting

Kendall County Courthouse Jury Assembly room
January 25, 2022
3:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Eric Weis called the meeting to order at 3:34pm
- II. Roll Call: Alice Elliott, Jacqueline Juodis, Judy Gilmour, Zach Klatt, Linda Cardosa, Melissa Barnhart, Kelly DeGarmo, Elizabeth Karales, Brenda Karales, Chris Warmbold, Jason Majer, Ryan Phelps, Jason Bastin, Melinda Hafenrichter, Martha Venetucci, Dwight Baird, Delaney Mehochko, Scott Gengler, Chris Mehochko, Eric Weis
- III. Approval of Agenda. Brenda revised the agenda to reflect January 25, 2022 vs 2021. Melissa Barnhart made a motion to approve the agenda as corrected. Seconded by Ryan Phelps. Motion passed.
- IV. Presentation of Truancy Grants. Members of the Executive Board and Grants Committee presented Truancy Grants to the following schools for their programs and services that target and prevent truancy.
 - a. Plank Jr High School- Kathleen Jones accepted
 - b. Bristol Bay Elementary School- Martha Venetucci accepted
 - c. Yorkville High School- no representation present- award will be sent to the school
 - d. Plano High School- Kelly DeGarmo accepted.
 - e. Fox Chase Elementary School- No representation present- award will be sent to the school
 - f. Emily G Johns School- Kevin Swann accepted.
 - g. Oswego High School- No representation present- award will be sent to the school
 - h. Autumn Creek Elementary- Malinda Hafenrichter accepted
 - i. Boulder Hill Elementary- Kristen Salwierak accepted
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting, November 30, 2021- Motioned by Judy Gilmour and seconded by Ryan Phelps- Motion passed.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Open Meetings Act- Eric again reminded everyone to complete the Open Meetings Act training via the Illinois Attorney General Website. Once completed provide the certificate to Brenda Karales.
 - B. TALK programs and Operation Snowball- Kelly DeGarmo accepted a check for \$750.00 for the program. Ms DeGarmo reported the Plano High School TALK Fall program was well attended (approximately 60 youth and the Spring event is scheduled for Wednesday March 16th with approximately 20 youth signed up thus far. Brenda Karales reports attending one of the TALK program events and found it to be well organized with topics relevant to youth issues today. Topics discussed include sexual abuse and domestic violence. Oswego and Yorkville Operation Snowball events are on hold due to the pandemic.
 - C. Other- none
- VII. New business
 - A. Committee Reports

1. Membership/Committee assignments – Brenda Karales reports they are looking for youth membership from middle and high school (preferable junior or younger). 1- YHS, 1- PHS, 2- OHS, 1- OEHS, 2- NHS
2. Juvenile Justice Planning – Alice Elliott- no report- a meeting of the committee will be scheduled by the next council meeting.
3. Resource/Development/Funding/Grants- Brenda Karales reported there is an increased focus on funding programs that specifically target the youth that are involved in truancy court. It is anticipated the Regional Office of Education will hold a workshop to identify the needs.
4. Legislative - Judy Gilmour- no report
5. School Safety Plan- Chris Mehochko- no report
6. Interagency Assessment – Eric reported on behalf of Michelle Hawley who was unable to attend. They are working on a sex trafficking presentation and are identifying the targeted populations for the training (law enforcement, schools, community, etc). It is anticipated to happen this year.
7. Program/Resource Guide - Ryan Phelps- no report
8. Fundraising Committee – They are meeting today to decide on when the next SKY run will take place. Proposed dates are September of 2021 or April 2022. The goal is to increase participation. Brenda asked for input from the council on this decision.
9. Scholarship Committee – Ryan Phelps- Next meeting is the 1st Wednesday of February to review applications received.

B. Other new business- none

VIII. Citizens to be heard- none

IX. Next Meeting, April 26, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in Jury Assembly room

X. Adjournment at 3:50pm. Motioned by Brenda and seconded by Chris Mehochko- passed.