SANGAMON COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 2015

Meeting called to order at 11:36 a.m. by State's Attorney John Milhiser (Chairman)

Chairman Milhiser asked for a motion for approval of meeting minutes from June 9, 2015. Motion made by Bill Legge and seconded by Karen Tharp. The motion passed.

New Business

- Mike Torchia indicated that there is a statewide Juvenile Justice Council newsletter that comes out twice a month by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission and available to Juvenile Justice Council members. Sangamon County Juvenile Justice Council members are interested in receiving the newsletter. Mike Torchia will submit Council members e-mail addresses to the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission.

- Mike Torchia reported that the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission is creating a statewide Listserv for all Juvenile Justice Council members. The Listserv is a mechanism to facilitate communication among all the councils throughout the state. Council members indicated that they would be interested in being part of it.

- Bill Legge from Boys & Girls Club reported that his agency is cutting back on their hours. Also, Bill Legge led a discussion in regards to the services/resources that his agency provides.

- There was a general discussion in regards to the most recent juvenile crimes within the community.

- John Milhiser, Mike Torchia and Shirene Thomas participated in a Program Review Call with members of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission on July 29, 2015. During the call, we reviewed Sangamon County's program plan for the year, reviewed our data that we submitted earlier this year, and discussed any support that the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission could provide to us.

- Mike Torchia indicated that he received a training notice from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission in regards to "Effective Police Interactions with Youths". Mike Torchia will forward the notice on to Dan Mounce at SPD.

- HB 4044- Mike Torchia reported that there was an amendment to the Juvenile Justice Council statute. Main highlights were that the number of voting members of any council could not exceed 21; a Council shall meet monthly; the Chairman can appoint additional members with the advice and consent of the Council; and the Council's juvenile justice plan is required to include relevant portions of Redeploy Illinois plan.

- HB 2567-Mike Torchia reported that a Detention reform bill was passed and goes into effect on January 1, 2016. It indicates that juvenile officials must first check to see if a community alternative (Youth Service Bureau) is available before placing a juvenile ages 10-12 in

detention prior to trial. There was discussion as who would be responsible for this. It was decided that a meeting needs to be conducted to include representative from Youth Service Bureau, Springfield Police Department, Sangamon County Sheriff's Department, Sangamon County State's Attorney's office and Probation & Court Services Department. Mike Torchia will coordinate the meeting.

- Shirene Thomas from UIS shared some information about various meetings that she has attended and resources and training available around the region/State.

Old Business

- Dan Mounce from SPD talked about curfew violations and that there is no teeth to violations. The City does nothing (no fines, etc.) nor does the States Attorney's office. We need to have some sanction/consequence for these violations - especially second and third instances of curfew violations.

- Mike Torchia updated Council members on the Juvenile Justice Council grant that we received from the Juvenile Justice Commission for SFY 2016 in the amount of $20,165.00. The funding will be utilized to conduct two (2) educational forums to cover topics such as alternative to arrest, secure confinement, system involvement and/or exclusion, strategic planning, training, reduction of racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system; trauma-informed training, practices and programming; evidence-based behavioral health programming; training for law enforcement and court personnel; and adolescent brain development. A subcommittee was formed consisting of John Milhiser, Mike Torchia, Carlos Norris, Rick Sanders, Shirene Thomas, and Shannon Fehrholz was formed to work on a Truancy forum.

- Juvenile Redeploy Program - Mike Torchia briefly described this program and provided a brief update. Currently there are eleven (11) youths enrolled in this program. Services continue to be provided by TASC, YSB and Lincoln Prairie despite the fact that there is no State money to pay them yet.

- Mike Torchia indicated that there was discussion at a previous Juvenile Justice Council Meeting in regards to the Council developing a catalog of programs on the juvenile services/programs that are available within Sangamon County. However, there is already a list available of local programs and services on the Sangamon County website that was compiled by Sangamon County Community Resources Department. ROE also has their "youth yellow pages" on their website as well. Mike Torchia handed out to Council members list of various resources that are available in Sangamon County.

- Mike Torchia indicated that we need to form a Data Committee to take a closer look at the type of the juvenile data that is being collected. A lot of this dat*a* has already been given to Council members. Mike Torchia, Shirene Thomas, John Redshaw and Terry Moore volunteered for this committee. Others are welcome to join. The committee needs to meet

and finalize the report of the most recent data.

No other business was reported.

Chairman Milhiser asked for any public comment. There was none.

Chairman Milhiser indicated that the next Juvenile Justice Council is scheduled for October 22, 2015 @ 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Milhiser asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mike Torchia and seconded by Terry Moore. The motion passed.