JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING
December 3, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by State's Attorney John Milhiser (Chairman).

Chairman Milhiser asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 22, 2015. Motion made by Karen Tharp and seconded by Dan Mounce. Motion passed.

Chairman Milhiser put new business on hold for now because it involves UIS and Shirene Thomas advised she is running late.

Old business

Illinois Partnerships and Strategies to Reduce Violent Crime - John Milhiser reminded members of the discussion at last meeting about the forum that he and several other members of the Council (e.g. Dan Mounce) and others (e.g Sheriff Barr) attended in Peoria. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) has grant money available to local groups to create a team to target identified violent offenders to prevent further violence. The team would consist of law enforcement and service providers. Chairman Milhiser suggested that we work to seek funds for Sangamon County and target juveniles. Chairman Milhiser mentioned a book by David Kennedy Don't Shoot which these types of programs are based on. The Chairman also mentioned a lady named Tracey Meares from New York who is involved in these types of programs there who is a Springfield High School graduate before going to Yale Law School. The Council members present expressed interest in pursuing this.

House Bill 2567 - Mike Torchia reminded that this bill became a Public Act that takes effect January 1, 2016. He also reminded members that this law mandates that 10, 11 and 12 year old youths who meet the criteria to be admitted to secure detention cannot be placed in detention unless youth services agencies (including the local CCBYS provider (YSB)) says they cannot place these youths. A meeting still needs to be scheduled with YSB, law enforcement and Court Services staff to work out the logistics of this.

Juvenile ReDeploy - Mike Torchia gave an update on this program.

Data Committee - Mike Torchia reported that a meeting still needs to be set up for this committee.

Truancy Committee - John Milhiser asked that this old business be tabled until the next meeting.

New business

Chairman Milhiser asked Carlos Norris from Springfield Urban League to inform the Council about a new program that they have. Mr. Norris introduced 2 other Urban League staff - Courtney Carson and Jennifer Sergent and also passed out some printed information about the program. This program was funded to Springfield Urban League through the National Urban League and focuses on youths aged 14 to 24 who have been or who are involved in the justice system. Any person with an adult criminal conviction is excluded as are truant only youths. Mr. Norris clarified that youths who are arrested at school would qualify as well as youths who have truancy issues who are under the

jurisdiction of probation, youths released from detention as well as youths released from DoJJ. The program seeks a ratio of 25 youths to 1 staff person with the intention of serving 100 youths in the 2 years that the grant covers. The grant begins in January 2016 and concludes at the end of 2017. The program targets medium to low risk youths because the program/services are unlikely to be successful with high risk and very serious offenders.

Chairman Milhiser asked Rick Sanders to share with the group the collaboration with the Juvenile Center as a sight for tutors to meet one-on-one with high risk youths. Rick advised that some youths are on a program of tutoring to provide them educational services and the District has had difficulty finding sites to do this that are appropriate and safe. This week a tutor began providing instruction to some of these youths at the Juvenile Center.

Revision of the Program Plan and budget for the current State fiscal year. Mike Torchia advised that Court Services staff have been doing a lot of the work related to the Juvenile Justice Council and had planned to perform the work related to the planned two (2) educational forums the Council is planning to do this year. However, due to a number of issues, Court Services staff are unable to do the work and so the Program Plan and budget have been revised such that UIS will be planning and coordinating the forums. The Plan and budget will be revised so that $10,000.00 of the grant will be paid to UIS to do that. The revisions of the plan are subject to the approval of the Council and if they do approve, the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) will also need to approve the changes. Mike Torchia passed out the draft revised budget for members to review. John Milhiser asked for a motion to seek approval from IJJC to have UIS plan and coordinate the educational forums. Dan Mounce made a motion that the Council approve the plan. John Milhiser seconded the motion and called for a vote. Motion passed.

Shire Thomas from UIS gave a report and details will be attached to the minutes.

Time frames for the educational forums to occur were discussed. The first forum targeting truancy is tentatively planned for February 2016 and the second forum is tentatively planned to occur in April 2016. Discussion was held on possible sites and target audience (attendees). The committee on the educational forums will meet at the conclusion of the Council meeting to iron out some details.

Chairman Milhiser asked if there was any other business. There was none.

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Chairman Milhiser and Council members present set the next meeting for January 27, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Milhiser asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Dan Mounce and seconded by Rick Sanders. Motion passed.