

Sangamon County Juvenile Justice Council Meeting
September 12, 2019

Present:

Larry Hemingway - Springfield Urban League
Jason Wind - School District 186
Terry Moore - Court Services
Scott Joslin - Court Services
Ed Brandt - States Attorney
Ava Carpenter-McPike - Court Services
Brian Oaks - Springfield Police Department
Kent Holsopple - Court Services
Patrick Moore - LLCC
Sierra Senor-Moore - DCFS
Rod Vose - SCSO
Suzann Maxheimer - Sangamon County Trial Court Administrator

Kent Holsopple called the meeting to order explaining that Mike Torchia was unavailable at this time due to being at an appointment.

Copies of the draft meeting minutes from the Council's May 2, 2019 meeting were passed out for review. Kent Holsopple asked for a motion to approve and Larry Hemingway made a motion and Ava Carpenter-McPike seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business

Ava Carpenter-McPike talked about a group of community members who had put on a fair to promote Historically Black Colleges and Universities last year and the plan to do this same event this year. On October 15, at Union Baptist Church, a number of entities - LLCC, State Universities, Fraternities and Sororities, college financial aid assistance, etc. will be present. There will also be some book stipends given out. Last year more than 250 people attended. Please promote this event. Kent Holsopple asked if volunteers were needed and Ava said she would look into that and advise.

Jason Wind noted that there had been relatively few issues this year since school started a few weeks ago. Scott Joslin stated that the department had received fewer referrals for school-related incidents and that there had been one admission for a school matter that happened at CACC.

Juvenile Justice Commission-DMC 2018 Data has been requested of the Court Services Department and work is being done to compile that data.

Focused Deterrence update (overview of what the program is) was given by Kent Holsopple and Larry Hemingway. There are several juveniles who are part of this program now. Juveniles are talked to individually due to confidentiality issues. The next "call-in" is October 21 in the basement of the BOS Center (convention center).

Old Business

Teen Scene- Bill Legge has resigned as Director of Boys and Girls Club and a nationwide search is being conducted. Larry Hemingway advised that the next Teen Scene is tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2020.

Juvenile Justice Commission 2017 DMC report has still not been received.

Juvenile Expungement is still being worked on by law enforcement. There are likely thousands of records with different time frames for expungement and strategies are still being discussed as to how to accomplish this.

Teen Court - Jason Wind and Sierra Senor-Moore shared that the North County Teen Court had been observed (Sierra and Crystal Correa) and information had been obtained from St. Clair County Teen Court program. There was a roadblock in getting something going as far as a Teen Court at Southeast High School due to a last minute change in an administrator (principle) there.

Training ideas for the 7th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council are still welcomed. Suzann Maxheimer shared that there was an initial meeting with the Chief Managing Officers of all of the counties in the circuit earlier this week and those persons are going to inform their circuit judges and other persons in their jurisdictions of the Council and its activities. Ava Carpenter-McPike said that she had some ideas for training and was encouraged to send them to Trisha Welsh (FVCC Coordinator).

Other Business

Scott Joslin informed the group that Gateway has closed their residential program and that now the only option for residential adolescent services is through Chestnut. Jason Wind indicated that District 186 had met with Chestnut as they are interested in providing local services for adolescents who go through the Chestnut program. Those conversations are ongoing.

Public Comment-None.

Next JJC Meeting will be December 5, 2019 at 12 p.m. (Noon).

Adjournment-a motion to adjourn was made by Ed Brandt and seconded by Ava Carpenter-McPike. Motion approved.