



Lake County Criminal Justice Citizen's Council



Monday, September 23, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Waukegan Public Library
128 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Lake County Criminal Justice Citizen's Council</u>		
First Name	Last Name	Organization
Angelina	Alfaro	A Safe Place
Gerald	Alter	Chief of Corrections, Lake County Sheriff's Office
Carlos	Argueta	A Safe Place
David	Asma	Public Defender
Linda	Bartmes	League of Women Voters Lake County
Josh	Beadle	Waukegan Main Street
Erin	Cartwright Weinstein	Circuit Court Clerk
Howard	Cooper	Lake County Coroner
Fred	Day	Lake County State's Attorney Office
James	Edwards	Courts
Steve	Fabbri	Lake County Adult Probation
Celeste	Flores	Faith in Place
Evonnda	Fulton	Waukegan Public Schools
Julio	Guzman	Legislative Affairs, Lake County Sheriff's Office
Donna	Hamm	Circuit Clerk
Sandy	Hart	Lake County Board Chair
Beth	Hartford	5 Star Firearms
Kim	Henderson	Citizen
John	Idleburg	Lake County Sheriff
Bruce	Johnson	NICASA
Patricia	Jones	Coalition to Reduce Recidivism
Holly	Kerr	Coalition to Reduce Recidivism
Sara	Knizhnik	IL Gun Violence Prevention Coalition
Kristi	Long	United Way
Donna Jo	Maki	Project Research Coordinator, Lake County
Anthony	McIntyre	Switch Lanes
George	Moore	Legacy Reentry Foundation
Dave	Olson	Loyola University
Dulce	Ortiz	Mano-a-Mano
Jan	Pink	Mettawa Trustee
Gilbert	Rivera	Round Lake Beach Police Department
Leon	Rockingham	Mayor of North Chicago
Andrea	Usry	Lietenant of Community Services, Lake County Sheriff's Office
Anthony	Vega	Chief of Staff, Lake County Sheriff's Office
Monica	Vervilos	Lake County Adult Probation
Wayne	Wallis	Chief, Waukegan Police
Mark	Wiessiner	5 Star Firearms

Introduction:

Sheriff John D. Idleburg and Chief of Staff Anthony Vega welcome the group and convened the meeting.

Presentation by David Olson:

[Report enclosed.](#)

Discussion on David Olson's Report:

Discussion started by asking if the data included juvenile criminal justice data, which it did not entirely include.

A highlight of the conversation was: While the proportion of individuals convicted of felonies in the county has increased...strengthening probation is critical element to reduce incarceration.... Our numbers on probation are going down compared to prison.

Probation is down but number of individuals sentenced to prison is down more.

There is a request by Supervisor Jones and others to have the data broken down by gender and race.

Circuit Court Clerk asked what data was looked at to determine statistics, Mr. Olson relayed that while there is a wide array of data available that also presents a challenge to condense it more digestible. Court case filing go to state supreme court, and the recidivism analyses get more complicated because it takes multiple sources of data to collect, analyze and condense to an easy to read report. Loyola University gathers what public data is available, and there is a section of the data that includes individual data (for ex: they look at what impact race and age has) but to really understand how many people post bond, local data is needed including info about violating bond.

There was a question that if the data captures arrests and charges dropped. While theoretically, that can be collected, it is not in the report.

The discussion continued and it was decided that Mr. Olson will keep coming back to brief the Council on his findings based on the questions of Council members. The briefing will also include the public portal that Dave Olson is working on to share our jail population data.

Chief of Staff continued meeting by asking council members who should be part of the Council, but is currently not present. Answers included: former offenders, religious organizations, gun violence prevention advocacy groups., and school districts, and those wrongfully convicted.

At the conclusion of that part of the agenda, the Council discussed Council operations. Out of that discussion the following committees were formed:

Steering Committee

Sarah Knizhnik, Bruce Johnson, Holly Kerr, Dr. Cooper, Steve Fabbri, Celeste Flores, Dulce Ortiz, and Marc Jones

By-Laws Working Group

Dulce Ortiz, Celeste Flores, Marc Jones, and Bruce Johnson

Data Committee

Bruce Johnson

Bond Reform Committee

Holly Kerr is doing this work as part of Coalition to Reduce Recidivism. Maybe the work can be plugged in together as to not duplicate efforts.

Mental Illness Committee

Evonda Fulton

Re-Entry Committee

George Moore volunteered to work with anyone on this.

This concluded the first council meeting. We ended by asking members if there were announcements that people wanted to share:

- Friday Oct 11th, Annual Coalition to Reduce Recidivism Luncheon. (Flyer Attached)
- Partnership for a Safer Lake County is having a Symposium November 8th.
- Mano-A-Mano is hosting a Liderazgo Conference for Latinx leaders October 24th-25th, exposing Latinx to policy, organizing, and leadership resources.
- There is going to be a town hall at CLC on ethylene oxide, and we are working on a census 2020 committee, please contact Chair Hart (shart@lakecountyil.gov) or Donna Jo Maki (dmaki@lakecountil.gov) if you would like to be part of this project.

Idleburg: Thank you to everyone.

Committee / Work Groups:

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Immediate Next Steps:

1. Anthony will set up a meeting of the by-laws working group
2. Anthony will coordinate and begin discussions internally on the data piece for the December meeting
 - i. Work with Dave Olson on the public portal for introduction at the December meeting

December Meeting's Agenda Items / Action Items:

1. By-Laws Working Group Present draft by-laws to CJCC
2. Presentation and Discussion on Lake County Jail Population