



## Lake County Juvenile Justice Agenda for Quarterly Meeting

**September 7, 2022**

**1 p.m.**

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Meeting began at 1:03pm

Board Members present: State's Attorney Eric Rinehart, Karen Levi, Public Defender Joy Gossman, Judge Bishop, Judge Ortiz, Judge Mathews, Dr. Karner, Director of Juvenile Probation James Edwards, and Board Member Gina Roberts.

1. Minutes from 8/3/22 approved
2. Welcome any new members to the Council
3. Said farewell and thanked to JJC Coordinator Trey Baker and welcomed new JJC Coordinator Izzy Brodsky
4. Speakers:
  - Dr. Moises Prospero gave a presentation on racial/ethnic disparities (R/ED) in juvenile justice, presenting data on 2019 Illinois juvenile justice statistics using the OJJDP's R/ED model. This data demonstrated the disproportionate representation of Black youth in youth arrests, diversion, detention, and secure confinement both in overall Illinois and in Lake County. He also provided examples of ways these disparities can be reduced, including pre-arrest diversion and assessment of the intake process. Questions for Dr Prospero touched upon the branding of diversion programs and the crossover between young abuse victims and juvenile offenders.

- Shira Schwartz and Jessica Douglas presented on Illinois's literacy crisis and how it is connected to juvenile justice. They discussed the prevalence of dyslexia in the population and Illinois's poor reading proficiency score, connecting reading failure to pervasive academic difficulties, mental health challenges, higher unemployment, and disproportionate imprisonment rates. They advocated for HB4202, which would mandate universal literacy screening for K-2nd graders.
- Trey Baker gave an update on the Youth Committee, including his work with Angel's Boxing Academy and work with Big Brothers Big Sisters in partnership with Dr Karner.

5. Next quarterly meeting – December 7, 2022 at 1 p.m. – continue remote

6. Meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm