



## Lake County Juvenile Justice Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2023 at 1 p.m. via Zoom

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\*\*\*Meeting was recorded\*\*\*

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### Participants:

Karen Levi	James Edwards	Michael Randell
Vina Shee	Joy Gossman	Charlene Quint
Eric Rinehart	John Idleburg	Ediza Navarro
Oscar Parham	Michael Karner	Lauren Linn
Caesar Moore	Melissa Siegel	

### Meeting:

1. Call to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes from May 3, 2023 meeting.
3. Recapped events
  - a. The annual spring seminar welcomed 71 attendees and amazing speakers for a successful event.
  - b. Karen and Vina participated in Zion-Benton Township High School State of the District event where we engaged as a resource booth, was provided entertainment, and learned about the district. This event allowed us to connect with other organizations.
4. Speakers
  - a. **Oscar Parham - Home Away from Home Youth Development and Reentry**
    - i. Oscar's program targets kids age 8-24 for re-entry after juvenile detention to make sure that they continue to get help. His program aims to highlight participation in sports, culinary arts, engineering, martial arts, and more to

introduce new activities and better options for these youths to spend their time with. This program just got 501(c)(3) approved and is working on its funding and facility.

**b. Caesar Moore - Discouraging Factor Group**

i. Mentorship is aimed at youth at-risk of entering and re-entering the juvenile justice system. Program is based on empowerment, truth, and opportunities not afforded to their demographic, such as tennis coaching for free. New location has been established at 1105 W. Greenwood Ave. Waukegan, IL 60085. Caesar is looking to invite more youth to his program and is asking for assistance from the council to refer youth to him.

c. Question for speakers: What is the process of referring youth to your respective program?

i. Caesar – The program has an application form, email Caesar at [caesar@discouragingfactorgroup.com](mailto:caesar@discouragingfactorgroup.com) for the form.

ii. Oscar – While still working out the grant and funding aspects, the process of referring youth cannot be answered at the moment.

5. Announced the following upcoming events:

a. Youth Mental Health First Aid Training on 9 June, 2023

b. Lake County Pride Fest on 10 June, 2023 – invited members to volunteer if able

c. Juneteenth Expo at Foss Park on 17 June, 2023

6. Next quarterly meeting is September 6, 2023

7. Adjourned at 2:07 p.m.