



Lake County JJC Racial/Ethnic Disparities Committee Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2026, 2:00-3:00 pm

Meeting was recorded

Participants:

JJC R/ED Committee Members:

Dr. Moises Prospero, iChamps
Karen Levi, Lake County State's Attorney's Office
Lisa LeBoeuf, Lake County State's Attorney's Office
Camryn Arroyo, Lake County State's Attorney's Office
David Asma, Lake County Public Defender's Office
Linsay Hale, Lake County Juvenile Justice Coordinator

Meeting:

Called to order at 2:00 pm

1. Root-Cause Response (RCR) Video – Dr. Moises Propsero

The Committee continued discussion about the development of a short video to support law enforcement education and messaging around deflection. The video will feature a former police chief (iChamps Steve Anjewierden) discussing the importance of deflection from a law enforcement and public safety perspective. The goal is for the video to be useful to law enforcement personnel, including as a potential roll-call training resource to support the roll-call trainings already occurring.

Dr. Prospero and Dave Asma discussed the content and technical needs for the video. Steve and Dr. Prospero are working on a script, while Dave will assist with the technical aspects of production.

The Committee also discussed how the video would be incorporated with Alex's presentation. The intent is to avoid duplicating content, with the video providing a general introduction to deflection and the law enforcement/public safety perspective before leading into Alex's more detailed presentation.

2. Diversion Data – Dr. Moises Prospero

The Committee discussed concerns regarding the current diversion data, including questions about the source of some of the statewide numbers and the reliability of the information available. Members indicated that some of the reported numbers appear low and expressed concern about relying on data that the Committee does not have confidence in when making program or policy decisions.

The Committee discussed the possibility of starting the data collection process anew in January 2027. Members emphasized the importance of capturing information at the time a young person is diverted so that the Committee can better understand what diversion looks like in practice and evaluate outcomes. Dr. Prospero will provide an example of the data elements being sought to help inform the development of a more useful data collection process.

3. Future Law Enforcement Trainings – Dr. Moises Prospero

The Committee discussed future law enforcement training opportunities focused on deflection and diversion. Members discussed whether training should be conducted in person or whether additional recorded videos could be provided to police departments for viewing by personnel. The short RCR video was also discussed as a potential component of future law enforcement training.

4. Lake County Grants – Dr. Moises Prospero

The Committee discussed potential grant opportunities to support work related to deflection, diversion, and racial and ethnic disparities. Steve Anjewierden and Dr. Prospero are researching grant opportunities, including potential collaboration with a DePaul University colleague who has expressed interest in conducting work in Lake County.

The Committee discussed potential collaboration on grant applications and identified approximately five grant opportunities that warrant further review. Members noted that many relevant grant cycles are long-term and may not become available until next year. The Committee will continue researching opportunities and potential partnerships.

5. Additional Suggestions/Comments

Linsay Hale provided an update about the formation of a Youth Advisory Board of the Juvenile Justice Council.

Linsay also advised of the possibility of hosting a Restorative Justice Seminar is being explored.

6. Next Meeting – October 28, 2026, 2:00 pm

7. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm