LAKE COUNTY
Juvenile Justice
Council

Lake County JJC Racial/Ethnic Disparities Committee Meeting Minutes

October 28 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
Alex Seidman, 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. Deflection: Root-Cause-Respone Short Video Update

   The short video featuring Dr. Moises Prospero and former Chief Anjewierden has been produced and sent to Dave for review and revisions. A revised video addressing some noticed production issues is expected to be completed this week.

   This RCR outreach focuses on explaining the root cause response model, referral processes, appropriate referral pathways, and the characteristics of a suitable client. This video will be shared with law enforcement agencies prior to initiating discussions about deflection, potentially distributing it by email in advance. The committee discussed the importance of coordinating messaging between Alex's law enforcement outreach and the Root Cause Response (RCR) initiative to ensure consistency and alignment. Additional coordination with Alex was recommended to better understand the information being shared with law enforcement and ensure the messaging is complementary.

2. Diversion: Data Collection and Reporting

   There is currently no established juvenile diversion or deflection data collection process through the State's Attorney's Office (SAO). A process will need to be developed to track both activities. SharePoint was suggested as a possible platform, and Karen has an older data collection document that may serve as a starting point.

   The committee discussed identifying the data categories needed to understand why youth are referred to court versus diverted from the juvenile justice system and to identify potential racial and ethnic disparities. This information will help guide future strategies and solutions. There was recognition about the need to develop an MOU to protect personally identifiable information, and that the methods should be standardized across the SAO to ensure consistent reporting and evaluation of outcomes.

3. Detention Data

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The committee discussed the potential inclusion of detention data in future disparity analysis but recognized that this would involve a more complex process. Detention reporting is currently conducted through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). Additional analysis would be needed to understand the decision-making process at each stage of the juvenile justice system. The committee agreed to table this discussion for the time being.

4. Racial and Ethnic Disparity Data

   The committee will continue examining these disparities and identifying the decision points and contributing factors that may explain the differences in system involvement.

5. Future Law Enforcement Trainings

   The committee discussed developing segmented law enforcement training modules incorporating scenarios that simulate in-person instruction and encourage practical application. Funding opportunities will need to be identified to support video production and implementation.

6. Next Meeting – November 18, 2026, 2:00 pm (moved from November 25th due to holiday)

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

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