



## **Summary of ISACo's Justice and Public Safety Policy Committee Meeting Held on February 2, 2024 (Links are available by clicking on underlined text.)**

### **Justice and Public Safety Policy Committee**

ISACo's created the Justice and Public Safety Policy Committee to oversee and address issues related to justice, law enforcement, and public safety within county governments. Its goal is to formulate and recommend policies related to law enforcement, criminal justice and public safety. The inaugural meeting was held on February 2, 2024. Following the meeting, DuPage County Board Member Patty Gustin was appointed by ISACo President Matt Prochaska to serve as the Chair of the Committee.

*The following is a summary of what transpired during the Justice and Public Safety Policy Committee meeting held on February 2, 2024.*

### **Meeting Attendance:**

The meeting commenced at 10:04 am, those present included:

- Patty Gustin, DuPage County- Chair
- Denise Winfrey, Will County
- Dawn DeSart, DuPage County
- Monica Gordon, Cook County
- Theresa E. Barreiro, Kane County
- Michelle Gumz, Kane County
- Georgette Vota, Grundy County
- Gina Roberts, Lake County
- Alicia Schueller, McHenry County
- Lucy Chang Evans, DuPage County
- Jesse Goehl, DuPage County
- Candice Adams, DuPage County
- Nekya Hall, ISACo Staff
- Joe McCoy, ISACo Staff
- Tiffani Homer, ISACo Staff

## Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began with introductions from Committee members.

## Committee Goals and Objectives

The purpose of the Justice and Public Safety Policy Committee is address issues related to justice, law enforcement, and public safety within county governments.

## Bills Filed to Date

The committee reviewed and discussed several highlighted bills. The bills that were discussed during the meeting are linked below.

- [SB 2626 – Criminal ID Act-Expungement Filing](#) (Sen. Peters, D-Chicago)
- [SB 2926 – Law Enforcement-Mental Health](#) (Sen. Toro, D-Chicago)
- [SB 2812 – Trauma-Informed Response](#) (Sen. Gillespie, D-Arlington Heights)
- [HB 4331 – Controlled Substances Act-Fentanyl Penalties](#) (Rep. Cabello, R-Machesney Park)
- [HB 4482 – Criminal Procedure-Continued Detention](#) (Rep. Jacobs, R-Marion)
- [HB 4585 – Law Enforcement-Arrest Quotas](#) (Rep. Stava-Murray, D-Downers Grove)

ISACo staff was asked to provide additional information about the following topics during the meeting:

### **Provide additional information about diversion programs.**

An ISACo Issue Brief explaining diversion programs is [available via this link](#).

### **Define “mental health” for purposes of [HB 4482](#) (Representative Jacobs, R-Pomona).**

ISACo staff directed the question about the definition of “mental health” to House Republican Staff, who indicated they would ask the bill sponsor. We have not received an answer despite following up. In lieu of an answer from those involved with the legislation, ISACo staff searched for an existing definition of “mental health” in state statute. There is a definition for “mental illness” in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code (405 ILCS 5/), which reads as follows:

"Mental illness" means a mental, or emotional disorder that substantially impairs a person's thought, perception of reality, emotional process, judgment, behavior, or ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life, but does not include a developmental disability, dementia or Alzheimer's disease absent psychosis, a substance use disorder, or an abnormality manifested only by repeated criminal or otherwise antisocial conduct.

### **Ask Senator Toro (D-Chicago) if [SB 2926](#) can be amended to include all first responders.**

The bill is presently in the Senate Assignments Committee and Senator Toro doesn't intend to try and move the bill until the fall Veto Session. Senator Toro's staff indicated an openness to

amending the bill to include all first responders. ISACo staff will follow-up with them at the appropriate time.

**The Committee expressed concern about the restrictions on traffic stops within [HB 4603](#) (Representative Slaughter, D-Chicago).**

Representative Slaughter is not going to pursue passage of the bill.

### ***ISACo County Platform***

Committee members were asked to become familiar with [ISACo's 2024 County Platform](#) and suggest possible additions/amendments throughout the year that are pertinent to the work of the Policy Committee.

### **Communications and Future Meeting Schedule**

Email: For formal announcements, important updates and for urgent matters or unexpected changes.

Meetings: Regular meetings via zoom.

Schedule: The committee has decided to meet monthly.

### **Meeting Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.