



**ILLINOIS JOINING FORCES**  
*Supporting Service Members, Veterans  
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## **Illinois Joining Forces Board of Directors Retreat Minutes**

**June 08, 2023**

### **Attendees:**

Erica Borggren                      Terry Prince                      John DeBlasio                      Nick Gross  
Stephanie Kifowit                      Matt Schachman                      Megan Everett

**Staff in Attendance:** Brenda Osuch, Jim Dolan, Katie Revell, Courtney Kohn Sanders

**Guests in Attendance:** Joe Matty - MHG

### **Not in Attendance:**

Senator Castro, Maj. General Neely, John Schwan, Senator Wilcox

### **Minutes:**

- Meeting Called to Order
- Roll Call (Confirm Quorum)
- March 2023 Board of Directors December Meeting Minutes Approved

### **Welcome and Introductions**

1. New Staff and Open Positions
  - a. Program Manager – Courtney Kohn Sanders
  - b. Program Manager, Behavioral Health – Katie Revell
  - d. Education & Outreach Manager – Open
2. Marquette Hamlin Group – The team continues to support the marketing, events, communications, and development work.

### **Current State of IJF**

Presented the grant and contract deliverables for each grant to outline the work the IJF team is doing to align with our strategic plan and the overall mission of IJF.

### **Strategic Plan Review and Recommendation:**

1. Changes recommended:
  - a. Eliminate Womens Veterans Program since this is incorporated into what we do anyway.
  - b. Eliminate Veteran Emerging Leader Program
  - c. Add Community Partnership Model

### **Marketing Plan Review/Communication Strategy**

1. Discussions evolving full communication strategy were discussed.
  - a. Marketing to Service Providers seemed

### **Board Development:**

1. Conflict of Interest Statement was distributed for signature.
2. Discussion on IJF ability to elect board members because of approved statute change.



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3. Discussion of future Board Members, key attributes needed to (Legal, IT, Finance) to support the Board and organization.
4. Discussion on companies to contact for potential board member recommendations.

**Development:**

1. Discussion on upcoming events (Aurora Regional Summit and Soaring to New Heights)
2. The corporate fundraising packet is in development.

Adjournment