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## Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES  
February 27, 2013

### I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Richard Brown, Ned Chester, Esq., Dalene Dutton, Jim Foss, Carla Knapp, Margaret Longsworth, Dan Nichols, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Esq., and Paul Vestal

Absent: Nickole DeMerritt, Abigail Comee-McCourt, Randall Liberty, Dr. Joe Fitzpatrick, Jacinda Goodwin, Honorable Charles LaVerdiere, Joan McDonald, Hannah McMullen, Sgt. Jonathan Shapiro, Christine Theriault, Dr. Lindsey Tweed and Patrick Walsh

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Ryan Andersen, Compliance Monitor, Noël Bonam, DMC, Elaine Brann, Staff Assistant

Guests: Amber Heikkinen, Student at University of Maine - Augusta, Pender Makin, Director of the Middle School, Mark Yerrick, Director, Kennebec Valley YMCA and Lisa Sandy, Director of Outreach and Admissions for Goodwill-Hinckley School.

The JJAG Meeting was called to order by Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, at 9:05 A.M. Paul explained that this meeting was a little different than what we normally have and he wanted to go through the business and get everyone out early and back on the road because of the impending snow storm. Paul announced that our presenter called and would not be able to make it today. Paul stated that we have a number of possible board members here today and he asked for introductions.

Paul asked for approval of the January 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes.

### II. Minutes:

The minutes for the January 23, 2013 JJAG meeting were approved.

**Motion:** To approve the January 23, 2013 Minutes

**Moved:** Dick Brown/Mark Boger/2nd

**Action:** Approved

### III. Chair Report – Paul Vestal, Jr.:

The Executive Committee met after the last JJAG meeting to update the JJAG By-laws and to bring in line with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, Title 34A Corrections, §1209. Juvenile Justice Advisory Group must be changed to bring it in to line with the Act and Executive Order 16FY 81/82, 6-24-1982.

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Paul moved on to the next item on the agenda “financials” and spoke about the letter he received from the Office of Justice Programs regarding the “sequestration” budget reductions and how it will affect the JJAG funding. JJAG members received a copy of the financial sheet from Kathryn McGloin and Paul asked Kathryn to go over the budget and explain how this will affect the JJAG.

#### **IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report – Kathryn McGloin:**

Kathryn announced that on Friday, \$1.6 billion will be cut from OJP and the 2013 figures will drop considerably. Kathryn went over JJAG finances and explained the status of the JJAG grant programs. The 2010 and 2011 Juvenile Accountability Block Grants have unspent funding due to unfunded programs and funds remaining in contracts, Spurwink’s Diversion to Assets program may be funded in 2013 with this leftover funding. The Department may use the 2012 funding for Restorative Justice programming. We are hearing that the 2013 funding may be cut by Congress or the President.

Kathryn reported on the review process for the RFP and explained how the applicants were selected and explained that 11 had to be disqualified because of insufficient information or missing pieces.

Before announcing which three proposals were selected, Kathryn asked all non JJAG members to leave the room. Three programs were awarded: Broadreach Family and Community Services, Five Town Communities that Care, and Trekkers. The Broadreach program is a delinquency prevention project; the Five Town Communities That Care is a school project, math and literacy mentoring and tutoring, and Trekkers will expand to include more towns from the six communities that make up RSU 13. The review team was very impressed with the three applications that were chosen. Kathryn passed around the “summary review sheets.”

**Motion:** To fund Broadreach, Five Town Communities that Care and Trekkers  
**Moved:** Carla Knapp/Ned Chester/2nd  
**Action:** Approved with 2 Abstentions

Paul asked the guests to come back in the room and the meeting continued with Kathryn’s report.

The CJJ Conference is coming up May 1 to 4 in Washington, D.C Dalene Dutton and Jonathan Shapiro may be presenting on their work.

The JJAG has the opportunity to hire a Maine State Intern this summer. The \$5,150.00 to support the intern would come out of Systems Improvement.

**Motion:** To hire a Maine State Intern in the amount of \$5,150.00.  
**Moved:** Dalene Dutton/Ned Chester/2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Discussion:** Comment on leadership and making sure that interns are exposed to things that will position them well and will head them off in the right direction.

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Kathryn reassured everyone that she does do so. Past interns have shadowed a JCCO, visited Long Creek, and attended meetings with her. Suggestions for other opportunities including job shadowing are welcome.

**Action:** Approved

The JJAG was offered and will accept an Administrative Associate II for 20 hours a week at no cost to the JJAG. DOC is paying. Kathryn stated that she and Ryan met to discuss responsibilities for that position.

The Diversion to Assets budget has been finalized. Errors occurred due to a misunderstanding on how the funding could be used.

The Positive Youth Development Institute requests support from the JJAG. No specific amount was requested however the JJAG has offered \$5,000 in the past. Funds will come out of the 2011 grant.

**Motion:** To fund the Positive Youth Development Conference in the amount of \$5,000.

**Moved:** Ned Chester/Dan Nichols/2<sup>nd</sup>

**Discussion:** A question was asked if there was any way to focus on attracting more people from schools that rank low in certain categories such as kids with special needs and juvenile delinquents. There was further discussion on how to attract those schools with the suggestion of adding a stipulation to offer scholarships.

There was further discussion on the timing of this Conference. The cost is \$125.00. A suggestion was made to split the money in half and use one half for scholarships and the other half for operating costs as a stipulation of the money.

**Action:** Approved

Dick Brown mentioned that the Charlotte White Center is sponsoring a conference on the Early Onset of Dementia of Adults with Developmental Disabilities, in Bangor at the Spectacular Events Center on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 A.M. Dick was asked if he could send Kathryn a link so she can distribute this information to the JJAG Members and

#### **V. Compliance Monitor Report – Ryan Andersen:**

No report was given as Ryan left early to attend the Legislative Hearing in Augusta on LD 353.

#### **VI. Disproportionate Minority Report – Ned Chester for Noël Bonam:**

Ned explained that Noël is out of the Country to attend to his mother's estate and that he will be back around mid-March. A meeting is being held on Friday at Long Creek to talk about the second in a series of inviting the community to familiarize the immigrant community with the corrections system. The meetings are held to figure out how to engage the community in a way that that would be more successful than the first meeting at the court house. This is not a JJAG DMC project though JJAG DMC

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Committee members do attend.

Paul asked Ned to explain DMC to all the guests who may not know what the Disproportionate Minority Contact is and Ned gave a brief explanation.

## **VII. Committee Report:**

**Barry Stoodley, Associate Commissioner - DOC** – On May 15<sup>th</sup> Maine is will receive an award for its work on Performance-based Standards and since the JJAG has been extremely helpful in promoting this, Barry asked if the JJAG wanted someone there to represent them and if so, he would be willing to make that happen Barry stated that it was on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Barry started a discussion on adjudicated kids that go out to seek jobs, the kids rights, and the obligations of employers. It is a little bit confusing as to whether kids know their rights and if employers are exercising their obligation. Barry suggested that it might be a good idea for the JJAG to put together a brochure with the Department of Labor so that these kids know how to respond to questions they may be asked by an employer and so that the employers know of their obligations. This is such a huge barrier for these kids not only coming out of the facility but kids who have been adjudicated. These kids don't know what to say. Ned suggested that he would support the JJAG spending some money to put together a two page brochure or a piece of paper that talks about collateral consequences and explains what happens when the kid gets adjudicated and what he has to say and what he doesn't have to say. Paul suggested that they ask Patrick to get in contact with Barry to put together an Ad-hoc committee to involve the Commissioner of Labor and come up with some suggestions.

Barry pointed out that the Kids Count report will be released today and may involve some media questions coming in.

Barry then asked Paul if he could turn the meeting over to Mark Boger so that Mark could update the members on what's happening with the Interstate Compact Council.

Mark reported on the Interstate Compact Council, stating that some progress has been made, but it has been somewhat of a struggle to get the state advisory council going, which is required under the Interstate Compact. Mark stated that letters and invitations will be going out to select members of the JJAG explaining that under the new statute they are required members. Mark also mentioned that letters have already gone out to Chief Justice Saufley to make an appointment to the council and letters have gone out to both Chairs of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee to appoint a legislative representative, which is required under the statute. Mark expressed his hope that he will get some responses back over the next week so he can set the first meeting date. Mark stated that he would like to have a short organizational meeting with the JJAG just to share information and background about the council and to possibly map out a few meeting dates.

Dalene mentioned FACJJ's upcoming meeting and reported that it will be available

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through the FACJJ website. An explanation of the FACJJ was given for the benefit of the guests.

**VIII. Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

**The next meeting will be March 27, 2013 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**