

Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

June 27th, 2014



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Bartlett H. Stoodley, Chair
Edwin P. Chester, Esq. Vice Chair

I. Roll Call:

Present: Barry Stoodley, Chair; Edwin Chester, Esq.; Nickole DeMerritt; Dalene Dutton; Jacinda Goodwin; Pender Makin; Lisa Sandy; Jonathan Shapiro; Christine Thibeault, Esq.

Absent: Mark Boger, Carla Knapp, Margaret Longsworth

Staff: Jason Carey, Staff Assistant; Kathryn McGloin, Juvenile Justice Specialist; Amanda Findlay, Intern

The JJAG Meeting was called to order by Barry Stoodley, Chair, at 2:30 P.M.

A suggested change to both the Regular and Executive Meeting formats was proposed. Under this change, the JJAG will begin each session with old business, before moving onto the new, thus reducing the loss of tabled work from previous meetings. The request was to add an Old Business heading to both the agenda and minutes.

The publication of Executive Committee Minutes, in draft form, shall be expedited and distributed to all JJAG members for perusal.

II. Minutes:

Motion: To approve the May 23, 2014 Executive Minutes

Moved: Jonathan Shapiro/Dalene Dutton

Abstain: Christine Thibeault

III. Juvenile Justice Specialist Business:

A. *Budget & Financial Report.* A discussion on the JJAG financial sheets took place. The sheets do not meet the needs of the Committee. An “awarded but not yet encumbered” or *obligated funds* column will be added. The Finance Committee, an ad hoc committee of the Executive Committee, includes Barry, Christine, Dalene, Jacinda, Kathryn, and the staff accountant. The finance committee will meet with Brenda, the staff accountant, to streamline budget reporting to the JJAG. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice financial sheets may be a model to work due to its clarity. The meeting with the staff accountant and the finance committee will take place in August.

The 2012 award budget may need to be amended to fit the JJAG’s plans for the coming year.

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B. *Grant Making in August – Extensions.* Extensions have requested and approved for the 2011 and 2012 awards. A Grants Committee will need to be formed as we will be asking for grant proposals late this summer. Members are asked to notify Kathryn should they be interested.

C. *Compliance Monitor/DMC Coordinator Recruitment Status.* Several states have combined the two positions into one. The request for this change is with the Bureau of Human Resources.

Motion: To include the Compliance Monitor line in the funds directed “to localities for juvenile justice programming.”

Moved: Christine Thibeault

Action: Approved

D. *Committee Expectations of Staff.* Please direct all requests for Jason’s time through Kathryn.

IV. Maximum engagement of JJAG members:

The JJAG will continue to collect the feedback forms delivered to all JJAG members. These forms request insights detailing member preferences as the JJAG continues its metamorphosis into the subcommittee structure.

The JJAG has received interest from parties capable of bringing new energies to the JJAG. In response to this activity, the Nomination Committee would like to update which spots are currently filled and which are coming to term within the JJAG.

V. Committee Reports and Action on Recommendations:

None given.

VI. VCO possible elimination from JJDP:

This business will be carried forward with the hope that we can make some improvements.

VIII. NCRJJ initiative next steps:

A report will be given at the next meeting.

IX. Revised Guidance on Jail Removal & Separation Requirements:

At the OJJDP training on June 17th OJJDP Administrator Robert Listenbee revealed new guidance on the Jail Removal and Sight/Sound Separation core requirements. Specifically, “the requirements apply not only to certain juvenile in custody but also to those juveniles in non-secure custody (June 17, 2014 Listenbee memo).” The memo

on the guidance was handed out to members. While the Administrator stated that “this was a done deal” he has asked SAGs to write with their concerns and is planning listening sessions to develop a timeline for the implementation and to hear concerns from the states. The impact is that all facilities with the potential to hold juveniles under public authority shall be monitored for compliance to the Act. The number of facilities requiring monitoring will likely double. The guidance indicates that states are to “begin collecting and reporting on these data as soon as possible.” The Committee understands that OJJDP is going to require that all juveniles be sight and sound separated from all "in custody" adults even if the juvenile is simply being processed following arrest, awaiting a parent's/guardian's arrival, or being held in Interim Care (up to 6 hours) pursuant to T17 MRSA Sec. 3501.

The JJAG will monitor this effort, identify opportunities to provide comment and take part in the listening sessions. There will be a financial impact if the number of facilities to be monitored increases. Notes should be prepared regarding these increased budgetary needs which will allow for presentation at a listening session.

At the JJ Specialist Business meeting in Washington, DC on June 21st a JJ Specialist noted that there will be a 66% increase in the number of facilities to be monitored under this guidance.

XI. Other Matters:

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) – The PREA reduction amount for the 2014 Title II Formula funding is \$6,333. The Governor was unable to certify compliance due to PREA standards that address hiring and promotion decisions and disciplinary measures conflicting with language in Maine union labor agreements. These agreements will be negotiated in 2015. The Governor did issue an assurance that the 5% reduction in federal OJP funds will be used to bring us into compliance.

Motion: To approve the movement of funds used by DMC line to cover gap from PREA

Moved: Jonathan Shapiro

Action: Approved

Spurwink Funding Request – Request for funding.

Motion: To deny request to fund project

Moved: Ned Chester/Kathryn

Action: Approved

Abstain: Pender Makin

Committee Report

Information sharing between agencies in schools – The JJAG’s Training & Education Committee would like to request technical assistance to broaden the following dialogue: How can we structure our information sharing systems (legal, police,

schools) to better serve the rights of our youth?

Subcommittee Matrix – In an effort to keep membership informed of each committee’s work co-chairs will send monthly meeting minutes along with an agenda for their next meeting to Kathryn. Barry requests committee co-chairs send a list of active members so we can learn of gaps in membership. A calendar of each committee’s meetings is required to allow JJAG members to attend other committee meetings.

XI. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be July 25th, 2014 - MDOC, Williams West - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM