



Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

Executive Committee

2.20.2015	2:15 to 4:00 pm	MDOC Board Room
Members	Ned Chester, Nickole DeMerritt, Dalene Dutton, Jacinda Goodwin, Margaret Longworth, Pender Makin, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley	
Attendees	Ned Chester, Nickole DeMerritt, Jacinda Goodwin, Pender Makin, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault	
Approval of January 16 , 2015 Minutes		
Conclusions	Motion to accept the executive minutes of January 16 th , 2015	
Jonathan, Nickole		
Minutes approved		
Plans to support Reauthorization of the JJPA		
	Barry	
Discussion		
<p>The JJAG has requested to meet with Senator Collins as the senior Senator when she is next in Maine. Christine, Ned and Kathryn will meet with the Senator. The JJAG plans to discuss the importance of the Act to the State of Maine and what the Reauthorization means for Maine's youth. We will provide information about the effective programming we have and learn what she might want from the JJAG to support her work in this area.</p> <p>If time permits we will discuss funding at the national level.</p>		
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Prepare documents for		
Financials – Contract Extensions		
	Kathryn	
Discussion		
<p>Contract extensions are in the works.</p> <p>Kathryn delivered a financial report (attached here) to the group. JABG was not allocated for 2014 as it was zeroed out. For more information, please contact kathryn.mcglain@maine.gov</p>		
Conclusions		
Nothing outstanding.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Motion to accept report	Ned, Christine	
Provide information on RJIM	Kathryn	3/20/15
Procedure for < \$5		
	Kathryn	

Discussion	The public does not know about this option for requesting funding outside the regular RFP process and there was discussion about uploading it to our website. Concerns were raised about making a cap on the total amount available for this option...\$25K...\$10K; not providing a template which may result in confusion and not getting the information requested; and JJAG members with an affiliation to applicants seeming inappropriate. The Bylaws read that members who have an affiliation of any kind may not be involved in discussions or	
Conclusions	Funding will not be offered outside the RFP process. Tabled to an undetermined time.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Motion to table	Ned, Jacinda	

Training: Attorney, RJ		
	Kathryn	
Discussion		
<p>Trainings for attorneys who work with juveniles – The ME Bar Association or Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers will not be used this year as there are too many training opportunities this year. In future prosecutors and defense attorneys will be trained separately.</p> <p>Court Administrative Week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will be a good opportunity for Karen Williams to come to Maine to train defense attorneys, prosecutors, guardians’ ad litem, and victim assistants. We will work with MBA for CLEs. Locations suggested are Portland and Augusta or Bangor. During this week training will be offered to state and local school boards, legislative committees, and others who work with teenagers.</p> <p>There was discussion about offering this training via webinar with a concern for Karen’s teaching style being less effective.</p> <p>The JJAG has agreed to fund Karen Williams for the week of 3/29/15 to 4/4/15. Karen will be asked to work with the JJAG to develop a curriculum for new workers at the facilities.</p> <p>JJAG evaluation - the Justice Research and Statistics Association in Washington DC, Jaime Michel</p> <p>The JRSA is the group who will work with the JJAG to evaluate the Groups work with funding provided through OJJDP. Members and stakeholders will be either surveyed or included in a focus group, or both. The Goal is to see where we are, how we’re perceived by others and ourselves in order to move forward effectively.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>Attorney training will be held in 2016.</p> <p>The JJAG will fund Karen Williams trainings with Formula funds rather than requesting training from OJJDP. (Kathryn noted the number of our training requests currently in the system, OJJDP moving to webinars, and the possibility that Karen would not be selected by OJJDP to provide the training.)</p> <p>The JJAG will take part in an evaluation of the Group and its work.</p>		
Action Items	Person	Deadline
Motion to undergo self-evaluation with JRSA	Christine, Ned	
Motion to fund, out of JJAG budget, Karen Williams’ week	Ned, Jonathan	
Motion to undergo self-evaluation	Christine, Ned	
Lewiston Restorative Justice Project		
	Jonathan & Ned	
Discussion		

<p>Tree Street in Lewiston has proposed the Circle Project, a restorative justice project that will garner collaboration between police schools and providers. Trainings and community forums will be offered with the goal/challenge of bringing more people to the table and integrating them into the process. The cost for the project is \$35,000</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>A vote was mentioned but was not taken. It was noted that there is a lot going on in this area and we must be sure that everything that should be done is done.</p>		
Action Items	Person	Deadline
Call a vote		3/20/15
Strategies for Youth		
	Ned & Jonathan	
Discussion		
<p>Meetings were held with the Strategies for Youth program in Lewiston and Portland. We have asked for a proposal to assess law enforcement, a TOT training in <i>Policing the Teen Brain</i> and a <i>Juvenile Justice Jeopardy</i> game for youth which includes a TOT for Game Leaders. Strategies for Youth works to improve the relationship between community and law enforcement. The cost for this initiative is about \$100,000.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>The DMC committee will evaluate the proposal and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.</p>		
Action Items	Person	Deadline
A vote must be called		3/20/15
Art at Work		
	Ned & Jonathan	
Discussion		
<p>Mary Pottinger, in Portland, is working on building and maintaining relationships between kids and police. She worked with successfully with Portland Police. Mary writes plays for law enforcement and youth members of the community to get to know and understand one another. Concern was mentioned about this potential contract being sole source and not having gone through the RFP process. A valid concern.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>This project may be just too much for Lewiston to do at this time.</p>		
Action Items	Person	Deadline
None		
\$28 Million spent by JS/MDOC		
Discussion		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 110 kids incarcerated in our facilities @ \$254K/kid, all direct state dollars - kids served in the community may be paid for by Medicaid - we could use an assessment center to assess placement - we could help communities develop needed programs 	

Conclusions	<p>The JJAG will work to reduce the overall expense of juvenile facilities and services by looking closely at the system.</p> <p>The System Improvement Committee may suggest contracting someone to look into 2014 data learn why the 110 kids were incarcerated.</p>	
Action Items	Person	Deadline
Bring this topic to the System Improvement Committee	Christine	
Check SFY references	Nate	

Effective Police Interactions with Youth (EPIY)		
Discussion		
<p>EPIY has been a successful program however we don't want two programs seemingly competing for the same audience. It was noted that the most effective training for officers is the one the officers want.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>Policing the Brain may be the best program to offer however we have one request for the EPIY training.</p>		
Action Items	Person	Deadline
Motion to put EPIY on hold after the current obligation has been fulfilled.	Christine, Jonathan	