



Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

Executive Committee

6.19.2015			2:15 to 4:00 pm	MDOC Board Room
Members	Ned Chester, Nickole DeMerritt, Dalene Dutton, Jacinda Goodwin, Margaret Longworth, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault			
Attendees	Ned Chester, Dalene Dutton, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley,			
Approval of the May 15, 2015 Minutes				
Discussion	No quorum.			
Conclusions				
Action Items			Person	Deadline
JJ Specialist Report				
Kathryn				
Discussion				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding is available and a Request for Proposals should be released based on the topics of our 2015 -2017 Plan. The Adobe Connect contract is up for renewal. The Administration line in the Grant budget is inadequate to cover expenses. The Department is now covering non-personnel admin costs however there is a \$20,000 gap that must be filled. Due to the severe cuts in funding and the ambitious State Plan Kathryn suggested hiring the grant writer who has been working with the Youth Court. Kathryn will ask for a proposal from the grant writer. 				
Conclusions	No official action taken on as there - no quorum.			
Action Items			Person	Deadline
Kathryn will develop and deliver a proposal for the Executive Committee's consideration for an RFP. Restorative Justice should be a topic of interest.			Kathryn	Early July
Financials				
Kathryn				
Discussion				
N/A				
Conclusions				
No quorum to make a decision.				
Action Items			Person	Deadline
JJAG Membership				
Ned, Kathryn				
Discussion				

Ned reported on current applications for membership. The Governor's office requires at least two names per seat. The Committee will match names to seats prior to sending the list to the Governor.

The elected official seat remains open. A discussion ensued with many suggestions. Rob and Jason volunteered to reach out to two officials they know. We will interview the candidate and ask him or her to attend a meeting.

A suggestion was made to submit a single page description of each candidate along with the application. A supporting letter from Barry will go along with the applications.

There was discussion on reconsideration of Page Nichols' application in light of Pender's move to the Brunswick School District and Mariah Smith-Dutton's application due to her relationship to Dalene. The Committee found no issue with Mariah becoming a member.

There is concern about the diversity of the JJAG both culturally and geographically.

Colin volunteered that the Commissioner will personally deliver our applications to the Governor's office and explain the need for their membership.

Josh Tardy has volunteered to help get our applicant names to the Governor.

We must be aware of the rule regarding half of members must not be federal, state, or local governmental employees.

Conclusions

Barry will call an Executive meeting in July to complete today's business.

Action Items

Deadline

Barry will talk with Christine regarding Page Nichols appointment.
 Rob and Ned will reach out to Catherine Besteman of Colby College.
 Rob will reach out to Lee Jackson, RSU 34 School Board member.
 Kathryn will contact Carla Knapp for tribal names and Luc to offer membership.
 Kathryn will attempt to find members from Washington County.
 Jason will speak with Mayor Rollins.
 Nathan will check with Caleb Gilbert to gauge interest in membership.
 Barry & Ned will develop a letter to accompany applications especially for the youth applicants.

MDOC Expenditures Related to Incarceration

Discussion

Development of a Task Force

N/A

Conclusions

Action Items

Person

Deadline

Strategies for Youth Lewiston

Ned, Jonathan & Kathryn			
Discussion			
N/A			
Conclusions			
Action Items		Person	Deadline
Youth Engagement Committee			
Discussion			
<p>The mission of the Youth Engagement Committee is to identify and increase youth participation, develop strategies to keep youth engaged and involved on the JJAG, and to develop solutions to barriers that may inhibit youth detention.</p> <p>The overall consensus was to continue with the work of the Youth Engagement Committee as operating in Maine's Youth Development Centers. An increase in JJAG member participation in the YE Committee meetings will help to increase the quality of engagement and programming.</p> <p>We will encourage youth in facilities to participate in their youth councils and develop and maintain healthy dialogue.</p> <p>The committee will build a JJAG meeting around youth from Mtn. View and Long Creek in the fall of 2015. The JJAG will schedule the youth to attend a meeting in September and October. The Youth Engagement Committee will take on this project to build a 10 or 15 minute presentation about what it's like to be a system involved youth.</p>			
Conclusions			
Action Items		Person	Deadline
Develop a youth led presentation for delivery at an upcoming JJAG meeting. Coordinate with Jeff Merrill Jeff Morin.			