

## **JJAG Executive Meeting 7/14/2015 – 3:05pm**

NO QUORUM – Ned, Margaret, Christine, Barry; Kathryn, Nathan, Rob

- May and April minutes have not been approved –cannot approve due to lack of quorum
- June minutes cannot be approved as minutes because June meeting lacked quorum
  - Forwarded to electronic voting
- RFP proposals needed – areas and funding amounts identified
  - \$80,000 DMC; \$150,000 Delinquency Prevention; \$131,000 Systems Improvement
  - Staff, DOC recommends allocating more to RJ (possibly in facilities)
  - JJAG not funding CPS currently – Funding not needed currently?
    - Kathryn will meet with Dr. Greene
  - Recommended that JJAG focus on one major initiative rather than splitting funds
  - Both RJ and CPS would come out of systems improvement
- RFP funding will be using Formula 2013-14 –reflects all \$ available EXCEPT FY2015 allocation
  - JJAG should not be carrying funding across years, but spending all in year allocated
  - Strategies For Youth cost and current contracts ending 9/30/15—funded by FG 2012
- Strategies For Youth contract is in process
- The DMC & Compliance Monitor report and plan have been submitted
- 4 Youth attending CJJ Youth Summit: Kaitlyn, Marta, Christian, Rob (Jason as Chaperone)
- Admin Budget (see attachments)
  - Only 10% of federal award may be used for admin
  - JJ Specialist salary deficit \$20,000 across FY2016-2017
  - Previously received \$600,000, so \$60,000 went towards admin
    - Now \$400,000; \$40,000 does not meet half of fully burdened JJS salary
  - \$20,572 is needed to cover FY16 and 17
  - Snowballing since 2012 (i.e. Portion of 2012 salary paid from FY2013 grant)
  - DOC has been asked to cover gap until grant increases
    - No action yet taken to address
  - JJAG could apply for other grants, but lacks a grant writer
  - Other minimum grant states manage this differently
    - NH pays 90% of JJS salary
    - VT pays 50%
    - ID takes pays 100% however in the past 10% from DMC, Compliance lines because JJS oversees these areas
    - HA pays 100%
  - General fund personnel monies will need to fund JJS salary
    - Colin, DOC rep on JJAG, needs to take action here
  - No possible waiver from OJJDP
  - Small amount of money in question, but could cause massive damage in an audit
- DOC is aware of issue w/ admin funding
  - Solution: Use general funds or burn a clerical position for salary

- Suggestion made that JJAG representatives speak directly w/ Commissioner about issue
- Coordinate JJAG RFP w/ DOC goals
  - DOC is concerned about youth court funding,
    - desire to expand into Lewiston - Auburn
  - Juvenile Community Region 3 Collaborative targeting commitment with a goal to reduce Aroostook commitments 50%
  - Re-entry needs – 3 or 4 kids in LCYDC would be out now if they had a place to go
  - Specific DOC concerns leadership, DMC, girls in system
  - Looking to address non-high criminogenic kids ending up in LC/MVYDC
  - Committed to putting out a RFP for Restorative Justice implementation in LCYDC sooner rather than later
    - Goal: Agency will train YDC workers how to do it, provide a year or two of oversight
- Youth Court funding concern
  - May need \$30,000 to fill gap to end of 2015
    - Cumberland County Commissioner would not commit funds for this period
    - DOC committed to keeping YC going, should have enough \$
    - DOC proposed 75/25 split in cost JJAG/DOC
      - Contingent on expansion to Lewiston Auburn
  - Can DOC take on some of what YC does?
- DOC key goal School toolkit w/ info on suspensions, expulsions
  - Create a “package” for school systems that want to reduce rates
  - Lack sufficient statewide data for school districts, # of students, etc.
  - Successful program must come from bottom up, change culture
  - Call to involve Jacinda in this conversation—her area
- Colin available over next few weeks to meet – grants a priority
- DOCs RJ RFP to go forward, other ideas need further discussion
  - Need a vision to drive funding priorities
- Another meeting proposed to discuss budgetary goals and priorities – by Sept DOC will know more about these proposals
- JJAG lacks an operational plan for moving nominations
- Next Exec. Meeting to come in September unless urgency arises
- December meeting set for 12/4/15 – venue TBD

**Adjourned 5:23pm**

**Submitted by Nathan Gagnon, Kathryn McGloin, and Rob Potts**