



Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

Executive Committee

9.18.2015			1:00 to 2:00 pm		MDOC Board Room	
Members		Ned Chester, Nickole Wesley, Dalene Dutton, Jacinda Goodwin, Margaret Longworth, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault				
Attendees		Ned Chester, Nickole Wesley, Jacinda Goodwin, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault				
Approval of April, May, June, July 2015 Minutes						
Discussion						
Conclusions						
Action Items				Person		Deadline
Approve minutes				Jonathan, Christine		
Accepted, unanimous						
Update on JJAG Membership						
Ned						
Discussion						
Nominee list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill Ward, Chris Northrup, Atlee Riley, Page Nichols, Bishop Coleman, Debra Baeder, Catherine Besteman, Tracey Horton, Abeir Ibrahim, Mike Freysinger, Julia Sleeper • All applications have been forwarded to the Governor’s Office of Boards & Commissions • Judge LeVerdiere, Ned Cheater, Christine Thibeault, and Tessa Mosher are up for reappointment. 						
Conclusions						
Action Items				Person		Deadline
Budget						
Kathryn						
Discussion						

Kathryn reviewed the JJAG budget as well as a review of how the budget relates to the JJAG's Three Year Plan. If you would like more information, please contact kathryn.mcgloin@maine.gov

Colin O'Neill made some recommendations for opportunities DOC and JJAG could potentially share. Proposals like supplementing Youth Court to move into the Lewiston area (50-60K) and paying for the 5-8 o'clock hours at Tree Street were raised. Both programs are very intentional.

There was discussion on a RFP that assess RJ opportunities in Maine and learn what statewide Restorative Justice will look like – what is already being done and which enhancements may be developed and applied. Other issues that will need to be considered: What does fidelity look like in Restorative Justice? Management/Authority structures in Restorative Justice. This program will help mitigate the ad hoc/grass roots RJ pop-ups.

There was discussion to release a RFP to hire a coordinator of statewide Restorative Practices to collect information, inform the JJAG, and convene stakeholders to develop Maine's repository of Restorative Practices.

This person would collect information, talk to some people, present the lay of the land of RJ in Maine and also report on other states that illustrate the demonstrable good effects of RJ. This will be the basis of the work that will convene stakeholders statewide at all levels. Then we will use this information to forge a plan for Maine and position the JJAG to selectively fund appropriate programming. The Systems Improvement Committee is charged to create the RFP. Phase I – gather information, identify gaps (3 months); Phase II – identify people in Maine who should be invited to forums and facilitate the forum(s).

The DOC can assist with branding successful programming with consistent outcome measures that are agreed upon.

The Correctional Program Assessment Inventory (CPAI) tool may be used to identify RJ programming strengths and weaknesses.

The goal is to institutionalize Restorative Justice/Practices in a way that is sustainable.

AVAILABLE FUNDING	CURRENT BUDGET AMT	PLUS \$97,510.02*	TOTALS
AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES	\$37,658		
DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT	\$80,857.90		
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION	\$104,970.50		
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT	\$69,776.55	\$97,510.02	\$167,286.57
TOTAL	\$293,262.95	\$97,510.02	\$167,286.57

*AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF MOVING 2013/2014 EXPENSES

Conclusions	
Action Items	Person Deadline
Motion to adopt budget as amended with funds added to Systems Improvement line	Ned, Jonathan
Accepted, unanimous	
Paul Vestal Award	
Discussion	

An award in the name of JJAG's past chair Paul Vestal was suggested by Kathryn. This award will benefit a young person who has spent time in Maine's Juvenile Justice system. The discussion framed details and amount of the Paul Vestal Award.

Conclusions			
Action Items		Person	Deadline
No vote			