

JJAG Minutes 6/18/2021

Members Present- Jill Ward (Chair), Gail Wasserman, Colin O'Neill, Bonnie Porta, Betsy Boardman, Bishop Steve Coleman, Lt. Patrick Hood, Jonathan Shapiro, Christine Thibeault, Todd Landry (for about 15 minutes), Tracy Horton, Atlee Reilly, Ned Chester (arrived late after Todd left).

Members Absent: Megathlin, Gifford Campbell, Sienna Dana, Marta Haydym, Taheim Brimage, Abier Ibrahim, Mike Freysinger, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Debra Bader, Page Nichols, and Tessa Mosher, Regina Phillips.

JJAG Staff Present- Linda Barry Potter (Compliance Monitor and Acting JJ Specialist)

DOC Staff Present: Anwar Whiting (RED/DOC Credible Messenger Coordinator), Heidi Strassberg-Bersani (Juvenile Services Support Specialist)

Public Attendees: Tanya Pierson, Abigail Dunmore, La Michael Gildersleeve, Fenton Jones, Mary Lou Michael, Maggie Maiorana, McKenzie Stevens

Call to Order: 9:10am

Minutes: Approval of 5/21/2021 Meeting Minutes – No quorum; vote will be taken via email after the meeting.

JJ Specialist Report (*Linda Barry Potter*):

Budget report: See attached spreadsheet. FY2017 dollars will be spend down by Sept. 30th (\$3k to website development and \$4k to August's SRO summit)

OJJDP Solicitation: Due July 13. To get this ready, need some proofreaders (Atlee, Christine Thibeault volunteer). DMC report has been submitted already. Data part of compliance report is done, narrative is being worked on (Jill assisting with this). Pulling it all together by June 30 or so.

OJJDP Desk Audit: Happening now; will be completed by June 25.

Compliance Monitoring: Starting in August, need to make site visits. Email Linda if you wish to go on these visits with her. She will put together a training so that everyone will know what they are looking for. Planning grantee visits as well (Tree Street, Aroostook Boys & Girls Club)

School Resource Officer (SRO) Summit will August 10th and 11th, 9-4:30 pm. Nothing new to report yet. Next planning meeting is set for July 7, 2021 at 10am. Let Linda know if you would like to attend. Linda presented the draft agenda and no youth participating other than in breakout sessions to support the presenters. Perhaps invite some youth to participate.

CJJ Conference Highlights: Learning and Leading Together (police practice and community coalition) and Emerging Leaders keynote (youth perspective; talked about counselors v SROs) were two sessions that were very good and recommend going to the website and watching them. Session with prosecutors and use of calming studios in courts and the session Jill did with VT SAG about use of Title II funds for emergency COVID purposes. Overall great presentations at the conference.

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CJJ Racial and Ethnic Disparities Conference: November 1-3, 2021 in Louisville, Kentucky. Registered so far: Bishop Coleman, Regina Phillips, Anwar Whiting, Bonnie Porta, and Linda. Deadline for early bird registration is July 30, 2021, registration cost is \$295. Email Linda if you want to attend/want more information.

Agency Presentations

DHHS (Todd Landry): Family First implementation is ongoing; revised work plan was submitted to ACF and currently being reviewed. Maine is the only New England state to submit a state plan, hoping for approval by next JJAG meeting with target start date of Oct 1. FMAP-HCBS increase process has happened, in the final stages of preparing plan on how to spend that money – heavy emphasis on behavioral health, workforce aid. See:

(<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/Maine%20DHHS%20Preliminary%20HCBS%20FMAP%20Plan%20June%209%202021.pdf>)

DOC (Colin O'Neill): Long Creek just successfully completed 3-year American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation. Focused on implementing MDOC action plan starting in the new fiscal year with additional funds for community-based programs. Staff secure facility in Auburn hoping to be on line in August. See 2021-2022 Action Plan at:

https://www.maine.gov/corrections/sites/maine.gov.corrections/files/inline-files/DJS%20Plan%20Action%20_3.pdf

DOE (Jonathan Shapiro): School emergency management is being implemented this summer; agreement with community colleges to offer behavioral health threat trainings DOE is active on the SRO Summit planning group. SRO certification program will be launched 2nd week of August; currently voluntary but expect high rate of participation. Social-emotional childhood trauma responses training is a component. Maine Criminal Justice Academy has helped with the certification program as well. Behavioral risk assessment contract received extension through the end of December. Number of case studies (hopefully presented to JJAG in fall) show the value of program. State of emergency is coming to an end regarding COVID, state mandating is now more recommendations. Maine was only state to give out PPE to all the state schools for free. Food insecurity and school safety link continues to be acknowledged and worked on.

DPS (Lt Patrick Hood): No update.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee (Jill Ward): There will be a July meeting that may be canceled if it's not needed. No meeting in August. Then next meeting will be September 17. Work on website will begin in earnest in July once initial invoice is paid. Email Jill if you want to help. September 17th we will reconvene, perhaps hold a meeting at Long Creek in person (the Nov/Dec meeting generally held in early Dec is a possibility). Open slots for JJAG to be discussed this summer, both adults and youth members.

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RED/DMC Committee (Bishop Steve Coleman): Committee met, the training RFP is not ready, Chris Northrop is helping move draft along and will forward for input with the goal of voting on a final draft in July. Met with Erica King, who helped with retreat planning, how it will flow, responsibilities of each member, and hoping for August 17th in-person retreat. Fenton Jones with Aroostook Boys & Girls Club was present to answer questions about the Maliseet Boys and Girls Club Cultural Engagement Project. RED Committee recommends approval. Since quorum is lacking, will move to forward through email vote.

Governance Committee (Christine Thibeault): Two projects this summer – 1. Committee will look at membership and work with Executive Committee to chart out all the slots, terms and committee assignments. Need to clarify designee for a member if they can vote. 2. As part of the by-laws review this summer will also look at criteria around meeting attendance. Get volunteers for a subcommittee to help look at it.

Legislative Committee (Christine Thibeault): Christine provided an update on juvenile justice related bills and presented what ones have been voted on and passed (see attached summary).

Systems Improvement Committee (Atlee Riley): Working draft of the Crisis Response RFP is near completion. Suggest members read pages 7, 8, & 14 ahead of the vote that will be done via email. Motion will be to move it forward with the \$200,000 cap. The contract for the Youth Network Proposal is moving forward with the hope it will be executed in June/July.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 16, 2021 at 9am.

Adjourn: 11:03 am