

SAG Minutes 10/16/2020

Members Present- Ned Chester, Gail Wasserman, Christine Thibeault, Colin O'Neill, Mike Freysinger, Tracey Horton, Bonnie Porter, Jill Ward, Tessa Mosher, Jonathan Shapiro, Atlee Reilly, Regina Phillips, Todd Landry, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Betsy Boardman (for Judge Maria Woodman), Bishop Steve Coleman, Megan West, Abier Ibrahim (late)

Members Absent- Chris Northrop, Debra Baeder

JJAG Staff Present- Jay Pennell (retiring JJ Specialist), Linda Barry Potter (Compliance Monitor and Acting JJ Specialist)

DOC Staff Present: Anwar Whiting (RED and DOC Credible Messenger Coordinator), Sonja Morse (DOC Juvenile Data and Research Coordinator) Heidi Strassberg-Bersani (Asst. to Colin O'Neill)

Pubic Attendees: Alice Preble, Kelsey Park, Tanya Pierson, Mary Lou Michael

Minutes

September- Changes? Christine moved to approve, second? Unanimous.

Specialist report: Jay gave the specialist report, and

- Budget: Total close to a million dollars over the next year.
- Staff Changes: Jay explained that he was retiring, Linda will be put into the acting capacity. Ned then gave remarks thanking Jay for his service on behalf of the JJAG, DOC and Maine children and families.
- Contract update: Only glitch, beginning of Oct. OJJDP shut down their website (upgrade), giving 2 weeks we could not pay on any contracts, it is now up and running and everything is going smoothly.
- Extra \$33,000 in this year's standard allotment of \$400,000 from the Title II program

JJAG Voting (See Attached): Ned discussed the voting; Christine will be overseeing the process and presented nominated slate.

Chair: Jill Ward

Motion: Christine Vote: Unanimous

Vice Chair: Ned Chester

Motion: Christine Vote: Unanimous

Secretary: Appointed by the Chair.

Motion: Jill motioned for Christine as Secretary. Vote: Unanimous

Two at large openings:

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1. Bonnie Porta
2. Gail Wasserman

Motion: Christine Vote: Unanimous

Committees:

- System improvements – Atlee Chair
- Governance & Legislative – Christine Chair
- R.E. D Bishop Steve Coleman Co-Chair Regina Phillips Co-Chair
- Executive Committee includes Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Chairs, however it is open to any members that would like to attend.

Agency Presentation:

- Todd Landry Presented first: Update framing around the CCLP recommendations. Todd Shared the “Community Based Continuums of Care”



updated T Landry
JJAG Presentation 10

See Document.

- Colin O’Neil Presented second: Colin shared DOC report on the most important recommendations that DOC is focusing on. Short/ Medium goals (0-18 months). And then Colin discussed the Long-Term Goals (18-36 Months). See Document.



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TIER program for girls (Trauma Informed Effective Reinforcement System.) It is a research-based, gender responsive, and trauma-informed alternative to compliance-focused behavioral management systems in detention and residential settings. It was developed by Dr. Sarah Covington.

Regina Phillips noted that DOC needs to hire more people of color.

Jill noted a revision to the DOC report to reflect equity/RED work. Colin will make the revision. Budgeting action item get report from DOC about where funding comes from (state v federal v private) and which initiatives it pays for. Colin will update budget slide from an earlier presentation to the Task Force and share with the group.

- Dept. of ED – Jonathan Shapiro – Update: – Delivering PPE to all the schools. Two things: Finishing touches on School Safety Curriculum, presenting at the end of the month to the school management association. Strong Mental Health component included. School Trends Assessment for outside support. All hopefully being completed by the end of this month. Strong crossover with DOC and DHHS. Seeing a deficit on youth-based security training. Need to include law enforcement. Colin suggested reaching out to the Academy.

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Review of 3-Year Planning Process and Goals Discussion:

- Process: Governing document, identify goals, or what is it we want to accomplish in Maine?
- Goals: Need to be tied to specific purpose areas set forth by OJJDP, 32 purpose areas and they are very broad. Within the goals are the action steps to bring about the purpose of the goal. The other piece is the implementation of goals, and thus being held accountable for those goals. Budget is based upon goals and objectives that we wish to accomplish. Can move money, but need to get approval from OJJDP, can move 10% without approval. Should look at our plan in regard to what other state agencies are doing.

Jill – Allocation \$433,000 is allocated this year. Looking at our last 3-year plan and the recommendations in the CCLP report that the JJAG funded, what is most important to include in the three-year plan?

- Training – RED/bias work (Regina).
- Evaluation – Monitoring the goals, or effectiveness to guide the next step (Gail).
- Youth Voice – Reach out to youth groups to get the youth experience and thoughts and what needs to be done in the juvenile justice system (Christine).
 - Jill – maybe Mike can do some outreach and then report back to the JJAG with a structure that the group can use for youth engagement.

Jay - Limit goals to 3-4 to keep them attainable. He also explained the 10% and certain limitations to moving. Plan gets updated yearly.

Other Scheduling Items: CJJ Conference in November from the 19-21. (Ned, Regina, Chris N., Christine, Mike, Anwar, Sienna, Linda, Luc, Colin, Jill, Debra, Alice, Steve, and Bonnie are registered).

Christine noted that we usually combine the November and December meetings in early November or December? It was decided to meet in November on 13th @ 8:30 am and December on the 18th @ 9 am. Looking forward to 2021, JJAG meetings will remain the 3rd Friday of each month from 9-noon. We will adjust as we go if necessary.

Executive Committee meetings are Tuesdays at 4pm. All members are welcome even if you are not on the Committee.

RED Committee meeting next week. 10/20/20 at 4:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85114251709?pwd=ODgvbkxrNytGZ3NIUXB1Qm1CTmhJQT09>

Meeting ID: 851 1425 1709 & Passcode: Z5KSk0 to call in via phone.

Jill will be sending out, after each meeting, next steps email of items to follow-up on between monthly meetings.

Adjourn: 12:03 pm.