

# Justice Assistance Council Meeting – Minutes

June 10, 2019 9:00 AM  
Fallen Heroes Conference Room  
Department of Public Safety  
45 Commerce Drive  
Augusta Maine 04333

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**Meeting called by:** Chief Robert Moulton

**Type of meeting:** Council Meeting

**Facilitator:** Dale Gilbert

**Attendees:** Chief Robert Moulton (Chair), Heather Putnam, Sheriff Jeff Trafton, Commissioner Michael Sauschuck, Francine Garland Stark, Colin O’Neil, Andrew Robinson

**Guests:** Robert Chicoria, Janet Joyeux

**Attendees by  
Telcon:** None

**Absent:** John Rogers, Ryan Thornell, Major Chris Grotton, Lisa Marchese, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Chief Peck, Ted Glessner

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## *Minutes*

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**Agenda item: Roll Call**

**Presenter:** Chief Robert Mouton

**Agenda item: Minutes of last meeting**

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Chief Robert Mouton asked if there was any discussion on the last meeting minutes.

There was no discussion

Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019 were accepted

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**Agenda item: VAWA STOP Grant**

**Presenter:** Dale Gilbert

**Discussion:**

With the 2017-2020 STOP Implementation Plan expiring next year, a working group needs to be formed to begin working on its replacement. Dale will check to see if Muskie School can be contracted to prepare the 2021-2025 Implementation plan.

FY 2018 STOP Formula Grant Program federal award received for \$1,095,559.00. Dale requested approval to release an RFP. Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. We will try to have reviews and scoring completed by September 4 so that recommended proposals can be approved at the next JAC meeting.

**Agenda item: Byrne-JAG Grant**

**Presenter: Dale Gilbert**

**Discussion:**

Our Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program Strategy Plan does not meet the new requirements of a plan when applying for this grant and therefore, needs to be revised. The Statewide Strategic Plan, which must be updated at least every 5 years, should:

- Be designed in consultation with local governments and representatives of all segments of the criminal justice system, including judges, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, corrections personnel, and providers of indigent defense services, victim services, juvenile justice delinquency prevention programs, community corrections, and reentry services.
- Include details of how grants will be used to improve the administration of the criminal justice system.
- Include a description of how the state will allocate funding within and among each of the JAG Program areas.
- Describe the process used by the state for gathering data and developing and using evidence-based and evidence-gathering approaches in support of funding decisions.
- Describe the barriers at the state and local levels for accessing data and implementing evidence-based approaches to preventing and reducing crime and recidivism.

Dale will start work on this revision so that it can be approved prior to next year's submission deadline.

**New Business: Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program  
(COAP)**

**Presenter: Janet Joyeux**

**Discussion:**

The Maine Department of Public Safety has applied for a 6.3 million dollars Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program (COAP) Grant. COAP was developed as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) legislation. COAP's purpose is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to plan, develop, and implement comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by the opioid epidemic. The Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) has been incorporated into the FY 2019 COAP solicitation. The purpose of the Harold Rogers PDMP is to improve collaboration and strategic decision making among regulatory and law enforcement agencies and public health entities to address prescription drug and opioid abuse, save lives, and reduce crime.

**New Business: Replacement of Stephanie Anderson  
as District Attorney Representative**

**Presenter: Dale Gilbert**

**Discussion:**

Andrew Robinson, District Attorney for District 3, has been nominated and awaiting the Governor's approval.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.