

Maine Justice Assistance Council Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM
ZOOM Meeting
Meeting ID: 223 492 140 412
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Present: Francine Garland Stark, Meaghan Maloney, Heather Putnam, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Susan Gagnon, Jack Peck, Lucia Chomeau Hunt, Derek Gorneau, Mary-Ellen Savage

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - Present: Francine Garland Stark, Meaghan Maloney, Heather Putnam, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Susan Gagnon, Jack Peck, Lucia Chomeau Hunt, Derek Gorneau, Mary-Ellen Savage
 - There was discussion of not having enough official JAC members and it was decided that there would be no votes due to the confusion.
3. Review and Approve Minutes of last meeting
 - There was no vote. Voting will take place at the next meeting.
4. Byrne SCIP (State Crisis Intervention Program) Formula Grant
 - a. Overview of grant program
 - Derek presented an “Overview” PowerPoint
 - Only States can apply
 - The grant is providing with the focus of extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs, state crisis intervention court proceedings, and related gun violence reduction programs/initiatives.
 - Court based programs
 - Health deflection for those at risk to themselves, or others.
 - Funding for Law Enforcement (LE) agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns.
 - b. Discussion of grant implementation plan
 - Grant language needs to be collected to add members to meet the requirements of the grant.
 - Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
 - c. Discussion of implications for the JAC
 - A Crisis Intervention Advisory Board must be formed for this grant.
 - Added members must include one from the US Attorney’s office, one from the Community, one from a behavior health background, and one from the FBI.
 - Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

5. STOP Grant

- Consideration of grant awards for the May 2023 RFA for STOP 2021 & 2022 LE and Courts categories.
 - An email overview was written by Lisa Bosse and presented by Francine
 - There are 2 applicants for the remaining funds: Lewiston PD & Maine Prosecutors Association.
- Update on STOP 2023 timeline
 - June 12th – 16th : RFA finalization
 - June 30th : All questions are due
 - July 7th : Q & A Summary finalized and posted on the website
 - August 3rd : 2023 STOP applications are due
 - August 7th : STOP applications distributed to Scoring Committee Members for review
 - August 21st – 25th : Scoring Committee meets via ZOOM

6. New/Continuing Business:

- Status of JAC – Members need to be appointed by the Governor and how do we go about replacing retirees. We need to work on filling positions to ensure we can perform the necessary functions of the Committee. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

7. Future meeting dates:

- No meeting date established. Francine discussed a Doodle Poll for meeting dates in July and hopes to have an update from the Governor's office regarding committee members status.

8. Any additional items for discussion.

- No additional items.