

JAC Meeting 12-9-2024 Minutes

Francine started the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call was done by Derek – It was noted that we had quorum.

Present:

Michael Sauschuck (Derek Gorneau), Jack Peck Jr., Heather Putnam, Jeanne Lambrew (Emily Cathcart), Sarah Squirrel (Debra Poulin), Alicia Hunter, Rebecca Austin, Sheriff Dale Lancaster, Chief John Kilbride, Brian Scott, Francine Garland Stark, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Hannah Longley, Mary Kunhardt.

DPS Grant Staff: Lisa Bosse, Augustin Buyeye, Michelle Morse

Absent:

Susan Gagnon, Amy Quinlan, Lisa Marchese, Chief Vincente Morris , Shira Burns

The minutes from the last JAC meeting were approved.

Lisa Bosse provided a grants summary (see attached).

Derek discussed the Byrne SCIP grant.

Starla Dorval from DPS has been hired as the Senior Grants Specialist. Derek wanted to introduce her to the committee, but she was out sick.

They are finalizing the RFA drafts to be posted in January. They will be connecting with the courts to send them their funding.

Derek brought (2) motions.

1. He made a motion to modify the current JAG Strategic Plan to include the Elder Justice Pilot project beginning with FY 2023 funding. Pilot Project was looking for approximately \$138,000 for primarily Kennebunk area for first year with possible expansion in following years.
 - a. Brian Scott seconded the motion, and it was approved.
2. He made a motion to generate a subcommittee to participate in drafting the next JAG Strategic Plan which will begin 2027 and to finalize how we will administer the funds moving forward.
 - a. Heather Putnam seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Derek will work on forming a JAC subcommittee for JAG Strategic Plan amendment and to work on 2027 JAG Strategic Plan. An update on Committee members will be shared at the March meeting.

Heather Putnam brought forward a motion for the JAC to take the current strategic plan and review it to consider amending the current plan, very generally and not with the sole purpose of putting it to RFP.

- a. Hannah seconded the motion. The motion was not approved, 7 Nay to 4 Yay.

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Minutes

Brian Scott had some concerns about re-evaluating the current strategic plan relating to putting the remaining funding after the local municipalities have been given their awards, out to RFP. The current plan has (2) main goals, one is to reduce substance issues and availability in Maine communities and to do that there is a strategy. The strategy is to use the award to fund 6 DEA agents. The second goal is to reduce violent crime in Maine communities, one of the strategies is to use funding to support local units of government ineligible for direct funds. He can't support the friendly amendment because we already have a strategic plan that has been put into place.

Lisa discussed the time commitment involved in re-evaluating the current strategic plan to include RFPs for JAG funds and her concern that there may not be enough time to accomplish this amendment before our request for 2023 JAG applications went out in June/July 2025. Lisa shared her prior experience working with STOP Implementation Plan and the tremendous amount of time needed for JAC review/approval. She also asked if we would want to use outside entities (i.e. Cutler Institute) when creating the new strategic plan because it was her understanding that they assisted with the 2021 – 2026 JAG Strategic Plan. This option will be explored.

JAC 2025 Monday Meeting Schedule was presented to the group. There were no oppositions or immediate conflicts noted; therefore, Lisa will send out zoom meeting invites so Quarterly JAC meetings can be accepted/saved in everyone's calendar.

- March 17, 2025
- June 9, 2025
- September 8, 2025
- December 8, 2025

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.