

JJAG Minutes 02/21/2025 - FINAL

Members Present: Ned Chester (Chair), Morgan Hynd, Megan Anderson, Chris Bicknell, Renee Bernard, Judge Sarah Churchill, Abeir Ibrahim, Bruce King, Tessa Mosher, Christopher Northrop, Jay Philbrick, Regina Phillips, Kelly Rackler, Caroline Raymond, Jonathan Shapiro, Jonathan Solomon, Doran Wright, Jennie Yamartino, Samantha Fenderson (DOL), Bobbi Johnson (OCFS), Christine Thibeault (DOC), Tanya Pierson, Kayla Boucher, Melissa Jankowski

Members Absent: Page Nichols (DOE) Jason Madore (DPS), Bonnie Porta, Ladi Nzeyimana, Zubeyda Shute, Jacinda Goodwin, Chief Tim DeLuca, Melissa Martin, Patricia Niedrorowski

JJAG Staff Present: Linda Barry Potter (JJ Specialist), Douglas Sanborn (Compliance Monitor), Anwar Whiting (RED/DOC Credible Messenger Coordinator)

DOC Staff Present: Steve Labonte R3

Public Attendees: Alice Preble, Juan Soto-Alvarez, Betsy Boardman, Mary Lou Michael, Charlotte Kramer, Ana Hicks, Doug Waite, Madonna Mooney, Kim Simon, Jill Ward, Margaret MacLellan

Call to Order: 9:04 am (via Zoom)

Welcome & Introductions (Ned Chester) He also welcomed and introduced the new JJAG Members.

- Nominations for Interim Chair and Vice Chair: Ned Chester nominated Morgan Hynd for Interim Chair and Ned Chester for Interim Vice Chair. Jonathan Shapiro seconded the nomination.
 - **Vote 19 – 0 – 1 (Morgan Hynd abstained)**
- Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair will be accepted at the May 16 meeting
- Request for new members and friends of the JJAG to report their Committee selections to Linda Barry Potter, Chairs needed for Systems Improvement Committee and Legislative Committee. Committee participation is required for members.

November Meeting Minutes (Ned Chester): Motion to approve by Ned Chester; Chris Northrop seconded.

- **Adopted 14 Yeas 0 Nays 7 Abstentions**

FASD Presentation: Doug Waite, M.D., Madonna Mooney: There was a presentation on the prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the general population that end up in DHHS or DOC custody. Maine has a very high rate of alcohol consumption in women of birthing age. FASD can delay emotional development, can cause processing problems, math difficulties, and emotion dysregulation. Dr. Waite has screened many children and birth mothers to diagnose this but most physicians and psychologists don't screen for this in the white population. It is not unusual to see a white child diagnosed with ADHD but see a similarly presenting child of color may get diagnosed as FASD. There was interest from the JJAF in further education, a short assessment form, how to train attorneys, judges, and LEOs about FASD. Potential interventions for FASD may include environmental assistance, working with the youth one-on-one. Linda will share slides and resources from Dr. Waite.

JJ Specialist Report (Linda Barry Potter):

Budget & Grants Update – Per OJJDP it is business as usual with the grants and invoices, when there is different or more different instructions, they will let us know. Christine requested a TTA 360 request be

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placed for additional guidance with OJJDP. Members discussed concerns about awarding funds that may not be available.

Vestal Scholarship - We have our first Vestal Scholarship winner. Items will be purchased via purchase order and shipped to her home. There is interest in a press release as well as a public gathering to support this winner and spread awareness of this option in the communities of Maine.

\$5,000 Requests - There were 2 \$5K requests and after discussion both matters were tabled due to incomplete applications missing project budgets. They will be revisited for the March meeting.

Compliance Monitoring (Douglas Sanborn): Presentation on SFY \$34K grant request which was tabled until a full proposal could be submitted and reviewed by the Systems Improvement Committee.

Committee Reports: It was requested that Committee reports be submitted to Linda Barry Potter by email due to a lack of time at the end of the meeting.

No Agency Updates.

Next meeting will be a March 21, 2025 from 9AM to 11:00 AM

Adjourned 11:36 AM