

JJAG Minutes 05/16/2025 - FINAL

Members Present: Megan Anderson, Renee Bernard, Jonathan Shapiro, Morgan Hynd, Jon Solomon, Bonnie Porta, Tessa Mosher, Judge Sarah Churchill, Chris Bicknell, Bobbi Johnson, Jennie Yamartino, Chris Northrop, Caroline Raymond, Doran Wright, Abier Ibrahim, Christine Thibeault, Ned Chester, Tanya Pierson, Regina Phillips, Samantha Fenderson

Members Absent: Bruce King, Melissa Martin, Page Nichols, Tricia Niedorowski, Ladi Nzeyimana, Jay Philbrick, Kelly Rackler, Zubeyda Shute, Kayla Boucher, Chief Tim LaDuca, Jacinda Goodwin, Melissa Jankowski, Lt. Jason Mador

Public Attendees: Mary Lou Michaels, Lewiston Auburn Read AI, Juan Soto Alvarez, Steve Labonte, Molly Burke, Ana Hicks, Joseph Jackson, Swathi Sivasubramani, Jill Ward, Jillian Foley, Joseph Jackson, Betsy Boardman, Chiara Liberatore

JJAG Staff Present: Doug Sanborn, Linda Barry Potter, Heidi Strassberg – Bersani, Anwar Whiting

Call to Order 9:04 am (via Zoom)

Welcome & Introductions (Morgan Hynd) Introductions

- Update on new contracts: New contracts are moving forward and contracted organizations will receive a letter from Christine Thibeault (DOC) clarifying that these awards are federal dollars and are subject to decisions made at the federal level.
- JJAG Meeting schedule for remainder of 2025: JJAG will meet every other month for the remainder of the year. The meeting schedule is as follows:
 - July 18 – 9:00-12:00
 - September 19 – 9:00-12:00
 - November 21 – 9:00-12:00
 - December – TBD LCYDC visit

Committees will continue to meet monthly at the discretion of the chairs. Proposals received between meetings will be sent out for an email vote.

- Elections will be held during the NOVEMBER meeting for Chair & Vice Chair. Members please indicate your interest in these position in an email to Linda Barry Potter Linda.Barry.Potter@maine.gov

April Meeting Minutes (Morgan Hynd): Motion to approve by Ned Chester; Judge Sarah Churchill seconded.

- **Adopted 19 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions**

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JJ Specialist Report (Linda Barry Potter):

Budget review: No changes to the budget at this time. Approved contracts are waiting for cover letters and signatures.

OJJDP has discontinued some Training & Technical Assistance grants. They will still offer general advice to JJ Specialist or Compliance Monitor, training and education for State Advisory Groups on the JJDPA, and will help with planning conferences.

Website is being migrated away from JJAGMaine.com and being placed under Maine.gov. Hopefully this will be done soon and Linda will email everyone when it is complete.

Proposals for approval:

1. Lewiston Auburn Network proposal \$5000:

Motion to approve: Christine Thiebault, **Seconded:** Caroline Raymond

Adopted: 17 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstentions

2. Wabanaki Intertribal Youth Summer Camp proposal \$30,000 (pass through funds)

Motion to approve: Bonnie Porta, **Seconded:** Tanya Pierson

Adopted: 17 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Abstentions

3. Young People's Caucus proposal \$73,323

Motion to approve: Chris Bicknell, **Seconded:** Ned Chester

Adopted: 18 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstentions

Compliance Monitoring Report (Douglas Sanborn): Doug reported on upcoming trainings and the visit outcomes in the Northwestern Region.

Presentations

Ana Hicks, GOPIF: Ana presented on the BEST Initiative. The Systems Improvement Committee will invite Ana to their next meeting to begin work on a potential Continuum of Care RFP.

Maine Inside Out: MIO staff presented on the outcomes of their work in Lewiston and King Middle Schools.

Committee Reports

R/ED: All set to begin new contract with the National Juvenile Justice Center to look at Maine data and will be working with MDOC to connect with their data. Current data dashboard is still in beta phase. Next R/ED meeting is June 10 from 4:00-5:00.

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Governance: Governance meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is June 2 from 3:00-4:00.

Systems Improvement: The May meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is on May 28 from 4:00-5:00.

Executive Committee: JJAG leadership elections will be held in November. Next meeting is June 16 from 4:00-5:00.

Legislative Committee: Committee will determine new schedule at the next meeting. Next meeting is June 3 from 8:00-9:00. Bill tracker:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tyxYuhXPEJXkdIVLBgeUdWI45EubOjBz5mHWEYfVPR4/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

Youth Council: Still working to add more youth members. Next meeting is May 19 from 4:00-5:00.

Agency Reports

DOL not available to report out.

Adjourned 10:56 am