

# JJAG Minutes 05/17/2024 DRAFT

**Members Present:** Ned Chester (Chair), Jill Ward (Vice Chair), Megan Anderson Renee Bernard, Chris Bicknell, Samantha Fenderson (DOL), Jacinda Goodwin, Brody Haverly-Johndro, Morgan Hynd, Abeir Ibrahim, Tessa Mosher, Kelly Rackler Atlee Reilly, Jonathan Shapiro, Christine Thibeault (DOC), Regina Phillips, and Christopher Northrop

**Members Absent:** Dean Bugaj (DHHS), Judge Sarah Churchill Bishop Steve Coleman, Sierra Dana, La Michael Gildersleeve, Ladi Nzeyimana, Tanya Pierson, Jay Philbrick, Bonnie Porta, Zubeyda Shute Aaron Turcotte (DPS)

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

**DOC Staff Present:** Steve Labonte (RCA, Region 3), Kelly Hebert (JCCO) Kevin Mirecki, JCCO.

**Public Attendees (via zoom):** Alice Preble, Sarah Branch, Patricia Buck; Anna Schmidt, Liz Blackwell-More, Swathi Sivasubramanian, Jon Solomon,

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**Call to Order:** 9:03am

## **Welcome & Introductions (Jill Ward)**

**April Meeting Minutes (Jill Ward):** Motion to approve by Regina Phillips Christine Thibeault seconded. **Adopted 11 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Abstentions** Atlee Reily & Abeir Ibrahim

## **JJ Specialist Report (Linda Barry Potter):**

*Budget & Grants Update* – OJJDP Sent a out of compliance letter this month, part of it was easily rectified by pointing out that Maine does have 6 seats filled with Youth Members under the age of 28. The second part of the letter is harder to rectify, Maine still needs at least one more person with lived experience or someone who is a parent or guardian of an person with lived experience.

*Native American Set Aside:* There is a request from Jon Solomon, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Border Towns, to take 10 indigenous youth 2 from each of Maine’s 5 tribes and one adult from each tribe to attend the Unity Conference in Portland Oregon. There are many forward looking workshops and opportunities for the youth to experience, this would be a time to come together with other tribal members also and learn from them and grow from this exposure. Jill clarified that Title II Funds require that we set aside a predetermined amount of money per the OJJDP for this funding. Maine’s JJAG has always felt that this funding was insufficient and for many years funding was set at the \$10K level. When the Congress increased the TitleII funding, Maine’s JJAG set aside \$17, 300 (2021) and \$15,000 i (2022). The cost of the conference will be approximately \$38, 100.00. Morgan Hynd Motioned this request to the floor, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Rackler, voted on by the membership, it passed unanimously, no abstentions, no nay’s.

*CJJ Conference:* May 29-June 1, 2024 in Washington, D.C. Delegation from the JJAG includes Christine Thiebeault, Douglas Sanborn, Anwar Whiting, Renee Bernard, and Linda Barry Potter.

*Save the Date:* November 19-21, 2024 in Washington D.C. OJJDP Conference “Celebrating 50 years of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA)”.

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*Compliance Monitoring Update* – Doug continues to work on visiting police departments and updating the Monitoring Universe for determining compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP. Doug, Anwar, and Linda visited Sanford, Kennebunk, and Ogunquit PDs last week. Doug also enrolled in and has begun the cohort training for the Compliance Monitoring Certificate which should be completed in about 2 months. Compliance monitoring visits will continue throughout the summer.

*Probation Transformation:* June 10 – 14, 2024 Maine's delegation has been selected to attend the week-long certification training at Georgetown University in a partnership with Annie E. Casey Foundation. The training will focus on coaching youth involved with the justice system and looking at all parts of this system that can be improved to provide improved outcomes for youth with system involvement.

**Team Members:** Jill Ward, Chris Northrop, Tanya Pierson, Steve Labonte, Joe Hansen, Tara Chaisson, Betsy Bordman, Doran Wright, Emma Schwartz, Tim Gleason and his mother.

**Presentations Young Peoples Caucus: Swathi Sivasubramanian**

**Maine Recovery Council: Liz Blackwell-Moore**

## **Committee Reports:**

*Executive Committee (Ned Chester & Jill Ward):* Next writing Team will meet June 4, 2024 at 7:30 AM, if anyone would like an invite to this meeting, please let Linda know. JJAG Members please have comments or requested changes to Dr. Carter by end of business on May 31, 2024. Vote on the \$5K grant for DEI Training for Intercultural Community Center, Vote was approved, no abstentions or nay's.

*R/ED Committee (Regina Phillips & Chris Northrop):* Last meeting TTA from Georgetown folks came to the R/ED Committee meeting they were Victoria and Macon and they did a presentation on the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RR/ ED) training available via Georgetown University. They look forward to having a robust community of R/ED Coordinators who will share what works and what didn't work in their jurisdictions and to train and find new ways to engage systems and people in this meaningful work.

*Governance Committee (Ned Chester & Bonnie Porta):* Appointments are still with the Governor for approval. There are many other members who will need reappointment this year. The focus must be on finding at least 1 more person with lived experience or someone who is a parent or guardian to someone with lived experience.

*Systems Improvement Committee (Jill Ward & Luc Nya):* RFA applications are all reviewed, will release the name of the 4 winners as soon as procurement approved the whole RFA package. A huge THANK YOU to Tanya Pierson, Luc Nya, Renee Bernard and Doug Sanborn for serving on this evaluation committee.

*Legislative Committee (Atlee Reilly & Tanya Pierson):* All of the legislation that this committee was following made it to the appropriations committee where it died. This committee is taking the summer off but will return in the fall with the next slate of legislation that will be moving through this process. :

*Youth Council (Jay Philbrick):* The Youth Council continues to struggle with meeting regularly. There

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are ideas regarding partnering closer with Young People's Caucus to better support and maintain JJAG Youth Council Members. Brody Johndro is going to the CJJ annual conference and hopefully will make some connections there that will jump start some ideas.

## **Agency Updates:**

**DOE:**

**DOC** (*Christine Thibeault*)

Next meeting is April 19, 2024 at 9am via zoom.

**Adjourned 10:51am.**