

JJAG Minutes 07/19/2024 FINAL

Members Present: Ned Chester (Chair), Jill Ward (Vice Chair), Megan Anderson, Renee Bernard, Chris Bicknell, Megan Welter/Page Nichols (DOE), Samantha Fenderson (DOL), Aaron Turcotte (DPS), Bonnie Porta, Brody Haverly-Johndro, La Michael Gildersleeve, Abeir Ibrahim, Tanya Pierson, Kelly Rackler, Atlee Reilly, Jonathan Shapiro, Christine Thibeault (DOC), and Christopher Northrop.

Members Absent: Judge Sarah Churchill, Bishop Steve Coleman, Dean Bugaj (DHHS), Morgan Hynd, Tessa Mosher, Regina Phillips, Jacinda Goodwin, Sierra Dana, Ladi Nzeyimana, Jay Philbrick, Zubeyda Shute, Elizabeth Ward Saxl

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

DOC Staff Present: Heidi Strasburg-Bersani (Juvenile Support Specialist), Julie Leavitt (JCCO).

Public Attendees (via zoom): Alice Preble, Sarah Branch, Betsy Boardman, Jon Solomon, Nick Kidwell, Doran Wright, Sharon Craig, Stephanie Tabashneck, Lily Reed, Hannah Conklin, Jessica Winpigler-Wheeler, Dr. Adrian Carter, Colleen Cosgriff, Viv Daniel, Sunny Anderson.

Call to Order: 9:05am (via Zoom)

Welcome & Introductions (Jill Ward)

May Meeting Minutes (Jill Ward): Motion to approve as amended (to reflect Page Nichols was present at the meeting) by Tanya Pierson; Renee Bernard seconded. **Adopted 13 Yeas 0 Nays 3 Abstentions** (LaMichael Gildersleeve, Megan Welter, Bonnie Porta)

JJ Specialist Report (Linda Barry Potter):

Budget & Grants Update – No significant budget updates. Contract are coming to a close and FY18 and FY19 grants should be closed out shortly, followed by FY20 being spent down and closed by 09/30/2024. Have submitted application of potential board candidate with lived experience to help fill out SAG roster and allow our FY23 funds to be released.

CJJ Racial & Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Conference: October 16-17, 2024 in Seattle, WA. Early registration ends 7/31 (\$400 for JJAG, \$100 for Youth Member- price will go up to \$580 after 7/31). Two people have asked to register. No agenda yet. More info at:

OJJDP National Conference: November 19-21, 2024 in Washington D.C. OJJDP Conference “Celebrating 50 years of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA)”. Registration fee of \$150 per person. DSA/SAG will be in the first tier for registration and states are requested to limit their delegations to 10 or less. More information will come out in August 2024, so look for a follow-up email if you are interested in going.

Guest Presentation: Stephanie Tabashneck, Founding Director (stephanietabashneck@gmail.com) and Lily Ree, Research Assistant (lilyareed7@gmail.com) at the CLBB NeuroLaw Library - <https://clbbneu> Free resource that can be used for the education of prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, police, on the brain science over the last 20 years.

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Committee Reports:

Executive Committee (Ned Chester & Jill Ward):

\$5K grant: MEIRS request to pay for summer interns at small local businesses that they have contracted with to give life real job experience for youth. This is different than the Circles of Care initiative that they received via an RFA request in 2023.

- Motion to approve request by Bonnie Porta; seconded by Ned Chester. **Adopted 16-0 (no abstentions)**

Three-Year Plan for OJJDP solicitation: Dr Carter presented final draft with revisions from Christine Thibeault on the system description and an additional paragraph from Atlee Riley on the narrative overview describing the DOJ findings letter. There was discussion about whether to include the additional language about the DOJ letter or suggest alternative language. There was also request to delay the vote. It was noted that the solicitation is due 8/5/24 and Board members have had several weeks to review the draft and provide feedback. There were no changes to the goals and objectives section of the plan. Jill noted that writing group member Morgan Hynd and Melissa Martin were not able to attend but emailed support of the final draft. Linda noted that Tessa Mosher could not attend, but did not have position to share. There was not other communication from absent Board members. Jill thanked the writing group for their work and Dr Carter for his facilitation of the drafting process.

- Motion to approve the 3-year plan as presented by Dr. Carter with the noted revisions by Ned Chester; seconded by Bonnie Porta. **Adopted 12-4** (Jonathan Shapiro, Renee Bernard, Tanya Pierson, Kelly Rackler) **2 abstentions** (Christine Thibeault and Aaron Turcotte)

R/ED Committee (Regina Phillips & Chris Northrop): Mindbridge, which has been doing the R/ED work with DOC staff, has incurred additional costs to complete the work. The R/ED committee is requesting the Board approve a contract increase and extension to compensate them for the additional work, including \$16,000 for a wrap-up survey. The extra costs came about organically and there was a desire to recognize the extra work and compensate accordingly.

- Motion to approve an additional \$25,000 for the Mindbridge contract by Chris Northrop; seconded by Bonnie Porta. **Approved 15-1** (Kelly Rackler) **1 abstention** (Tanya Pierson)

Last committee meeting included TTA providers Victoria Chamberlin and Macon Stewart from Georgetown's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform who gave a presentation on their Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) TTA. They will also be supporting a community of R/ED Coordinators who will share what works and what didn't work in their jurisdictions to find new ways to engage systems and people in this meaningful work. Also working on next steps coming out of the Mindbridge training.

Governance Committee (Ned Chester & Bonnie Porta): Ned presented a new policy on Conference Attendance outlining expectations for those who attend JJAG-supported conferences.

- Motion to approve Policy on Conference Attendance by Ned Chester; seconded by Christine Thibeault. **Approved 17-0** (no abstentions)

Appointments will be the next focus of the committee to ensure we are meeting the roster requirements.

Systems Improvement Committee (Jill Ward & Luc Nya): Probation Transformation: June 10 – 14, 2024. Maine was selected to attend the week-long certification training at Georgetown's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform in a partnership with Annie E. Casey Foundation. See announcement [here](#). The training will focus on improving probation other community supervision of youth involved with the justice system to improve outcomes for youth who come in contact with the justice system. Earlier this month, the count was 60 juveniles on probation state-wide, the goal is to apply the transformation principles to juveniles on deferred disposition and conditions of release as well. 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. The group will provide regular updates.

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Legislative Committee (Atlee Reilly & Tanya Pierson): No update. Committee meetings will resume in September.

Youth Council (Jay Philbrick): No updates.

Compliance Monitoring Update (Douglas Sanborn): Doug continues to work on visiting police departments and updating the Monitoring Universe for determining compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP, visiting York, Kittery and Rumford PD. Many police officers are working hard to resolve things at the scene to not take kids into custody. Policing the team brain training will be held in Berwick in August. Reaching out to Maine Police Chiefs Association and Sheriffs Association to help with recruitment. Some discussion about how to support greater attendance/participation and possible additional support from the JJAG to reduce barriers to accessing the training.

No August Board meeting, but committees can meet.

Next meeting is September 20, 2024 at 9am.

Adjourned 11:02am.