

JJAG Minutes 3/18/2022

Members Present - Jill Ward (Chair), Ned Chester (Vice Chair), Todd Landry (OCFS), Jonathan Shapiro (DOE), Christine Thibeault (DOC), Atlee Reilly, Deb Baeder, Bonnie Porta, Bishop Steve Coleman, Christopher Northrop, Judge Mary Kelly, Regina Phillips, Lt Patrick Hood (DPS).

Members Absent: Page Nichols (DOE), Tessa Mosher, Tracey Horton, Elizabeth Ward- Saxl, Kaitlyn Megathlin, Gifford Campbell, Sienna Dana, Marta Haydym, Taheim Brimage, Abier Ibrahim

JJAG Staff Present- Linda Barry Potter (JJ Specialist and Compliance Monitor)

DOC Staff Present: Anwar Whiting (RED/DOC Credible Messenger Coordinator)

Public Attendees: Mary Lou Michael, Tanya Pierson, Sarah Branch, LaMichael Gildersleeve, Bruce King, Chris Bicknell, Tim Delahanty, Brenden Meyers, Sam Seagren, Jordan Thompson, Daniel Banks, Luc Nya, Nick Kidwell, Erica King, Mara Sanchez, Swathi Sivasubramanian.

Call to Order: 9:05am

Minutes: Approval of 2/18/2022 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve (with typo corrected on first page) by Bonnie Porta; 2nd Christine Thibeault. **Adopted by unanimous vote with one abstention (Atlee Reilly).**

JJ Specialist Report (*Linda Barry Potter*):

Budget - All RFPs are approved and underway. The 2022 OJJDP solicitation will come out late April to mid-May. The 2021 Solicitation is still being held until Maine submits its new compliance manual.

Native Youth Summit - The Maliseet tribe has decided not to hold the summit this spring due to the pandemic. Contract will end on 4/29/2022 and the funds will revert back to their original lines of funding \$15K to Tribes in the 2019 budget; and \$10K to Community Based Services in the 2019 budget. We will talk with them about how else these funds could be used for a similar purpose since we have set them aside for this population.

CJJ Conference - May 18-21 in Washington, DC. Those attending should get travel logistics to Linda to book flights and hotel.

School Safety Summit (June 21-23) – Jonathan gave an overview of the summit agenda (see summit overview document) and asked for additional funding over the \$5K JJAG has committed to provide a training from Strategies for Youth (see summit proposal document). DOC is contributing an estimated \$6K for food and there is additional in-kind contributions of staff time from DOC and DOE.

Confirmation that this can be a sole source contract since this is a unique training and the JJAG has already committed to the underlying event/summit. A request was made to make sure that data around outcomes are collected from the training and other tracks at the summit. Motion by Ned Chester to approve the additional funding requested to bring the JJAG total commitment to \$24K per proposal request; Christine Thibeault seconded the motion. Discussion around the positive past history with the Strategies for Youth training, specifically in Lewiston. **Adopted by unanimous vote with one abstention (Jonathan Shapiro).**

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5K Grant Requests (see related applications):

1. Learning Works requested \$3,600 for restorative justice training for 5 staff. Motion by Atlee Reilly to approve; Ned Chester seconded the motion. **Request is approved 10-1 with no abstentions.**
2. Renee Bernard requested \$2,400 to attend national SRO training conference. Discussion about appropriateness of resourcing individual requests around professional development. Motion by Christine Thibeault to deny; Atlee Reilly seconded the motion. **Request is denied 9-1 with one abstention (Judge Kelly)**
3. Youth Led Justice (formerly Maine Youth Court) requested \$5,000 for 6 months rental assistance for program meeting/circle space in Lewiston. Discussion about sustainability and overhead versus program support; the ability of the organization to leverage the funding to be stable after the 6 months; and the success of the program and need for its expansion into Lewiston. Motion by Christine Thibeault to approve; Bonnie Porta seconded. **Request is approved 10-1 with no abstentions.**

Presentation:

Second Chance Act Reentry Grant, Regional Care Team & Youth Network Updates, Erica King, Mara Sanchez and Swathi Sivasubramanian, Cutler Institute, USM

See attached slide deck and report. Discussion about importance of house stability for system-impacted youth and how to best connect youth to needed resources. Preview of a new RCT graphic tool/dashboard to track outcomes and impact will be shared when it is final. Young People's Caucus continue weekly meetings, 3 new members came out of the January event and the work continues to build out the Youth Network. Rising Leaders training getting an academic credit, paid for participation hope to expand the growing network. Two youth will be coming out of this work for nomination to the JJAG.

Agency Presentations:

DHHS/OCFS (Todd Landry): Provided a link from press release about the Governor's supplemental budget which includes additional behavioral health resources:

<https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-proposes-additional-197-million-state-funds-bolster-behavioral-health-services>

DOE (Jonathan Shapiro): Behavioral Threat Assessment fully funded by end of April. New restorative justice training coordinator (Stacey Barlow) has been hired, will be full time in June.

DOC (Christine Thibeault): Unity Place is almost ready to begin taking in youth, closer to a May opening but already have identified some youth on community reintegration that could benefit from help.

DPS (Lt Patrick Hood): No updates.

Judicial Branch (Judge Mary Kelly): No updates.

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Committee Reports:

Executive Committee (Jill Ward): Website is live, but still needs some revisions that Jill and Linda are working on. Board will be alerted when it is ready to be utilized/shared. Working with the Governance Committee to compile list of recommendations for open seats to send governor's office in April; deadline to have applications for this round is March 31. Still looking for additional youth and a local elected official. Committee meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm.

RED/DMC Committee (Bishop Steve Coleman): No new updates. Suggestion that the committee take a look at the Policing in Maine report as part of its next committee meeting. Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm.

Systems Improvement Committee (Jill Ward): Committee met and talked about ideas for next funding priorities – one out of the RED work around resourcing community organizations working with BIPOC youth and supporting the idea of a service coordinator/navigator to help connect youth to needed services and supports. Set up a plan to review the CCLP report recommendations twice a year (per the FY22 budget supplemental) in April and October. Request for this Committee to look at the concern that detained youth lose access to MaineCare. Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4pm.

Legislative Committee (Atlee Reilly): No set meetings at this time. Committee will begin meeting in the summer (likely August) to work on a proposal for how the JJAG can engage in the legislative process to have a policy in place for the next legislative session. CJJ is looking for SAG support for regular federal appropriation requests. Motion by Atlee Reilly to authorize the chair to support federal appropriations that JJAG gets from OJJDP through the JJDP/JJRA; seconded by Bonnie Porta. Discussion clarified this is narrow authority and that the chair and other leadership should reach out to the governor to better align state and federal work. **Motion is approved 11-0 with no abstentions.**

Governance Committee (Ned Chester): After heavy lift on the newly-approved by-laws, the Committee will turn to assisting on nominations and look to finalize the policy and process around the Paul Vestal Scholarship Award. Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 4pm.

Next Meetings: Regular meetings are the 3rd Friday of the month. Next meeting is April 22, 2022 at 9AM via Zoom.

Adjourned: 11:04am