## **JJAG Minutes 6/17/2022**

**Members Present (In-Person):** Jill Ward (Chair), Bishop Steve Coleman, Christopher Northrop, Regina Phillips, Lt Patrick Hood (DPS), Tracey Horton, Tessa Mosher. **(Remote):** Ned Chester (Vice Chair), Todd Landry (OCFS), Atlee Reilly, Bonnie Porta, Judge Mary Kelly, Elizabeth Ward-Saxl.

**Members Absent:** Christine Thibeault (DOC), Page Nichols (DOE), Jonathan Shapiro (DOE), Deb Baeder, Gifford Campbell, Sienna Dana, Taheim Brimage, Abier Ibrahim

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

**DOC Staff Present (in-person):** Anwar Whiting (RED/DOC Credible Messenger Coordinator) and Heidi L. Strassberg-Bersani, B.L.A (Juvenile Division Support Specialist)

**Public Attendees (remote):** Sarah Branch, Patricia Buck, Tanya Pierson, Bruce King, Chris Bicknell, Steve Labonte, Alice Preble, Nick Kidwell, Betsy Boardman.

Call to Order: 9:30am

**March Meeting Minutes:** : Approval of the 3/18/22 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Regina Phillips; 2nd Ned Chester. **Adopted by unanimous vote.** 

**April Meeting Minutes**: Approval of the 4/29/22 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Ned Chester; 2<sup>nd</sup> Regina Phillips. **Adopted by unanimous vote with one abstention (Chris Northrop).** 

**DOC RED staff training grant increase:** Approve increasing grant to cover the cost of training LCYD Staff and all community staff members on equity, bias, and racial disproportionality voted to accept. Motion by Chris Northrop; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracey Horton. **Adopted by unanimous vote.** 

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

*Budget* – Title II solicitation is out. \$600k coming to Maine in August and another \$600 shortly thereafter. Solicitations are due 7/19/22 and 8/2/22, respectively. Working on spending down FY18 award; have until 9/30/2023 to spend the remaining amount.

Compliance Monitoring – Updated Compliance Monitor Manual was accepted on 06/13/2022. No feedback from OJJDP at this time.

School Safety Summit at Windham High School (June 21-23) – 175 people are coming each day. 153 virtual. 73 schools and police departments represented. If you would like to attend virtually, email Linda.

*CJJ Conference* - May 18-21 in Washington, DC. Debriefed conference. New leadership interested in moving the fund out and working with the states; some good ideas about youth engagement

*CJJ RED Conference* – November 1-2 in Louisville, KY. If you are interested in attending, please let Linda know by July 1st.

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#### **Agency Presentations (brief):**

**DHHS/OCFS** (Todd Landry): Therapist and providers to be trained in RUBI- evidenced based model. Will be provided at no cost and the time in the training will be reimbursed. https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/provider-resources/communications

**DOE**: No updates other than School Summit.

**DOC**: Regional Care Teams has two upcoming presentations. Children's Cabinet on 6/28 and Maine Child Welfare Educator's conference on 6/30.

**DPS** (Lt Patrick Hood): No updates.

*Judicial Branch (Judge Kelly):* No updates. Concerned about the lack of resources for children in Long Creek and no mental health beds for kids. Interested in a longer discussion at a regular business meeting or in Systems Improvement Committee.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Executive Committee (Jill Ward): Website is live, final revisions should be done by the end of the month (www.jjagmaine.com). Five replacement appointments were sent to the governor's office. Expect them to be considered in August. OJJDP has asked about how these spots will be filled, but release of grant funds does not seem to be tied to this. Committee meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 4:30pm.

RED/DMC Committee (Regina Phillips): JJAG member RED training will start for JJAG members at conclusion of business meeting. Bishop Coleman is stepping down as co-chair of the RED Committee, Chris Northrop will now co-chair. Smaller working group started a conversation about SROs with intention to bring recommendations to the RED Committee and, eventually, the full Board. If people would like to participate to that, they should reach out to Regina, Chris, or Tracey. Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm.

Governance Committee (Ned Chester): Two new policies that were reviewed last month: 1) 5k Discretionary Grant Management Policy and 2) Reimbursement of Non-Members for Conference Attendance Policy. These are recommended by the Governance and Executive Committees for approval with friendly amendment to add "and voted on" to Section I(e) of the 5K Discretionary Grant Management Policy. Motion by Ned Chester to adopt these two policies with the noted amendment; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tessa Mosher. **Adopted by unanimous vote.** 

Working on the nomination process policy and should have a draft out to members by the July meeting. Membership list was updated to remove two youth who resigned (Marta Haydyn and Kaitlyn Megathlin). Committee has reached out to the 4 other members who have chronic absences to confirm whether they are interested in remaining on the Board or wish to resign. Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 4:00pm.

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Systems Improvement Committee (Jill Ward): Next issue priority to be recommended will be from the RED plan to increase support for community organizations working with BIPOC youth. Second focus will be restorative justice. At the October meeting the committee will update the Board on the progress around the recommendations from the CCLP system assessment. If you want a copy of the system assessment report or the RCT report, please let Jill or Linda know. Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4pm.

Legislative Committee (Atlee Reilly): No set meetings at this time, possibly August or September.

**Next Meetings:** Regular meetings are the 3rd Friday of the month. Next meeting is July 15, 2022

Adjourned: 10:26AM