

JJAG Minutes 9/16/2022

Members Present: Jill Ward (Chair), Ned Chester (Vice Chair), Bishop Steve Coleman, Christopher Northrop, Todd Landry (OCFS), Atlee Reilly, Bonnie Porta, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Regina Phillips, Christine Thibeault (DOC)

Members Absent: Page Nichols (DOE), Jonathan Shapiro (DOE), Lt Patrick Hood (DPS), Sienna Dana, Abier Ibrahim, Judge Mary Kelly, Tessa Mosher, Tracy Horton.

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

DOC Staff Present: Anwar Whiting (RED/DOC Credible Messenger Coordinator), Heidi L. Strassberg-Bersani, B.L.A (Juvenile Division Support Specialist), Steve Labonte (RCA Region 3).

Public Attendees: Tanya Pierson, Nick Kidwell, LaMichael Gildersleeve, Renee Bernard, Jeff Upton, Alice Preble, Luc Nya.

Call to Order: 9:19am (via zoom and in-person)

July Meeting Minutes: : Approval of the 7/15/22 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Chris Northrop; 2nd Bonnie Porta. **Adopted by unanimous vote.**

JJ Specialist Report (*Linda Barry Potter*):

Budget – Updated spreadsheet included in materials; not much new since July.

Title II Solicitation – FY21 application has been awarded (\$607,000; of that \$450,000 will be able to be awarded) and FY22 application is still pending, but expected to be similar amount.

Compliance Monitoring – Updated Compliance Monitor Manual approved by OJJDP.

CJJ RED Conference – November 1-2 in Louisville, KY. Please let Linda know if interested in attending. Deadline is September 30 to register.

Website – Proposal to hire a young man to assist with website graphics and social media did not work out. Will revisit how to engage some assistance with this; possibly through some of the new members.

Agency Presentations:

DHHS/OCFS (*Todd Landry*): Providing free training for therapists, counselors, other professionals around certain evidence-based practices, in particular the MATCH program. Part of effort to inject evidence-based practices into the landscape while rebuilding children's behavioral health practices in the state. See: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEHHS/bulletins/32cfe20>
In collaboration with Office of Maine Care Services, starting a series of feedback around rate-setting. Section 28 & Section 65 are both having their rates reconsidered. Critical aspect of work in behavioral health to help drive improvements in the system.
Maine Department of Health and Human Services Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Stakeholder Meeting will be held on Monday 9/26/2022. More information is on the website. See: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEHHS/bulletins/32c7ab6>

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DOC (*Christine Thibeault*) No updates. Request for an update from DOC re: hiring & staffing at Long Creek and for additional JCCOs. Steve Labonte reported that DOC is in the process of hiring and training a number of JCCOs this fall. Linda reported that a group of 10 finished the academy this week and will be reporting for shadow shifts at the end of the month; another class of 12 will be starting at the academy. Chair will request a more formal update.

DOE (*Page Nichols/Jonathan Shapiro*): No updates.

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

Judicial Branch (*Judge Kelly*): No updates.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee (*Jill Ward*): October 21 meeting expected to be 3 hours (9am-noon) and will include an update on the State's progress on the CCLOP report recommendations and to the extent possible an update from agencies on their budgets. November 18 meeting will be at Long Creek and involve both a business meeting and a tour and conversation with youth for the JJAG Board members. JJAG Board members should reserve the day to attend all parts of this. December 16 meeting will be a short business meeting, followed by Part 3 of Dr Carter's RED training for the Board. This will also be a full day like today's meeting and training. In 2023, meetings will continue to be the 3rd Friday of the month; dates for the first half of the year are: January 2, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16 and July 21. Committee meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30pm.

RED/DMC Committee (*Regina Phillips & Chris Northrop*): Mindbridge training for Long Creek staff and JCCOs has been delayed to January more effectively cover staff and new hires and integrate experience between in the facility and the field. DOC is working with JJAG to get a new schedule set up and to help get the word out to staff to register. It was noted that the Academy just approved the ability for the training to be spread over more than 1 set of trainings – lets people do it over time to help increase participation. Hopefully this will make a difference in recruitment and training. It's a pilot but hopefully it will help. RFA for grants to community-based organizations working with BIPOC youth is in final approval process. Once the RFA is published, we will need help getting the word out. If we are flooded with applications, we can look at expanding the project. There will be a meeting where folks can get an overview and ask questions. We hope to have it posted the week of Sept 19. Suggestion to create a flyer/standard email with information and the link to both the info session and RFA. Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm.

Governance Committee (*Ned Chester*): Jill and Linda have both corresponded with the Boards and Commissions office on the status of pending nominations submitted in May. Hope is to have decisions this month to ensure there is no hold-up our FY22 federal grant. Still need to focus on filling following seats: young people (under age 28); directly impacted youth and families (this is our biggest gap as they are supposed to make up 1/3 of our membership); local elected official (preferably a school board member); and a tribal representative; and a clinician to replace Deb Baeder who just

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retired. It was also noted that we have to be mindful that no more than 50% of sitting members are government employees. Noted that the stipend for youth member participating is \$25/per hour.

Nomination Policy was proposed and discussed. Ned Chester moved that the draft policy be adopted; 2nd by Bonnie Porta seconded. **Adopted by unanimous vote.** Policy will be added to the website.

Committee is still working on the Paul Vestal Award process. Recommendation to bump allocation from 5K to 10K. Ned will finalize process and Board will vote on that and final funding level at the October meeting. Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 4pm.

Legislative Committee (Atlee Reilly & Elizabeth Ward Saxl): First meeting was Sept 8. Priorities will be (1) Introducing JJAG to important committee (Criminal Justice, HHS, Education, Judiciary) and (2) Creating a policy and have it in place by beginning of legislative session that would guide our ability to provide guidance and information to policymakers and the administration. Committee will meet the 1st Tuesday of the month from 8am-9am. Anyone is welcome.

Systems Improvement Committee (Jill Ward): Committee will be working to prepare presentation on state progress on CCLP report recommendation for October meeting. We will look back at our 3-year plan to talk about next funding priority. Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4pm.

Next Meetings: Regular meetings are the 3rd Friday of the month. Next meeting is October 21, 2022 at 9am. Location TBD

Adjourned: 10:23AM