

JJAG Minutes 11/18/2022

Members Present: Jill Ward (Chair), Ned Chester (Vice Chair), Bishop Steve Coleman, Christopher Northrop, Tessa Mosher, Bonnie Porta, Lt Patrick Hood (DPS), Melissa Martin for Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Regina Phillips, Christine Thibeault, Atlee Reilly (remote)

Members Absent: Todd Landry (OCFS), Jonathan Shapiro (DOE), Judge Mary Kelly, Page Nichols (DOE), Sienna Dana, Abier Ibrahim

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) (remote).

Public Attendees (via zoom): Tanya Pierson, Sarah Branch, Alice Preble, Doran Wright, Chris Bicknell, Swathi Sivasubramanian, Ladi Nzeyimana

Call to Order: 9:07am (via zoom and in person at Long Creek)

September Meeting Minutes: Approval of the 10/21/22 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Chris Northrop; 2nd by Christine Thibeault. **Adopted by unanimous vote, with two abstentions due to being absent at October meeting** (Tessa Mosher and Christine Thibeault).

JJ Specialist Report (*Linda Barry Potter*):

Budget – Received notice from OJJDP that our FY22 award was approved. Now waiting to formally receive the FY21 and FY22 awards which will be just over \$600K each.

BIPOC youth RFA update: Please share information about the RFA widely. Flyer was circulated to help get the word out. Deadline to apply is November 30.

OJJDP State Training and Tribal Youth Conference in San Diego on December 13-15. Linda looking to confirm attendees from the JJAG Board. Jill will attend and be presenting with John Coyne, MDOC on the RCT initiative at the state conference on Wednesday, December 14th at 3pm.

- Fenton Jones presented on opportunity to use \$15K previously allocated for Tribal Youth Summit in Maine to be reallocated to send delegation of tribal youth to the OJJDP Tribal Youth Conference. Might be able to have up to 15 people attending, including the tribal youth and chaperones. Fenton will have the youth report out at the January JJAG meeting. Motion by the Chair to approve using the previously allocated funds to send youth from the tribes. 2nd by Bonnie Porta. Friendly amendment offered by Christine Thibeault to allow additional funds to be used to ensure all tribes are represented and those youth interested can attend. 2nd by Bishop Coleman. **Amended motion adopted by unanimous vote.**

Agency Updates:

DOC (Christine Thibeault): Working on the STEPS building renovation for female youth, both detained and committed. Utilizing First Place Apartments. Two youth (male) now at Unity place.

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Reported that 1.4 million from unspent staff positions to community programs FY 23 was put out to providers to submit proposals for one-time funding requests and all the requests were able to be fulfilled. Christine will provide an itemized list to the January meeting.

DPS: (*Lt. Patrick Hood*) – Reported on law enforcement response to the November 15 hoax shooting threats that occurred at several high schools across the state. Even though it was a hoax, police need to respond as if it is not and that is traumatizing to the students. Discussion about SROs and JJAG role followed. Commitment to continue to discuss at future meetings.

DHHS/OCFS: No updates.

DOE: No updates.

Judicial Branch: No updates.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee (Jill Ward): Website has been updated. Folks are encouraged to take a look and if you see anything that needs to be added/corrected, please let Linda know. No December meeting. Next meeting dates for 2023 are as follows: 1/20, 2/17, 3/17 and 4/21. Note the January meeting will include session 3 or the JJAG Board DEI training with Dr. Carter.

RED/DMC Committee (Regina Phillips & Chris Northrop): Report out on the RED CJJ national meeting in Louisville; credible messengers from other states and gave Maine's a lot of new information to utilize. Will get together and bring a better update to the JJAG at the next meeting.

- Training with MindBridge was postponed from October to allow for better coordination with DOC and more participation of DOC staff. There is additional cost for this delay. Committee recommending Board approve Mindbridge request for an additional \$18K to be added to their contract to cover associated costs from this delay. Ned Chester made a motion to approve the \$18K addition to the Mindbridge contract; 2nd Bonnie Porta. **Adopted by unanimous vote.**

Governance Committee (Ned Chester & Bonnie Porta): 11 new names before the governor, 5 youth members, Governor will make a decision by Monday the 21st. Will send out a memo with all the names and credentials of the potential new members when they have been approved.

Systems Improvement Committee (Jill Ward): No meeting this month but will have it in December to talk about next funding priorities/opportunities.

Legislative Committee (Atlee Reilly): Presentation of the draft JJAG Legislative Action Plan for 131st Maine Legislature (2023-2024). Highlighted six items on the report for the meeting. Please provide Atlee or Elizabeth with any feedback.

Adjourned: 10:19 AM