

JJAG Minutes 01/20/2023

Members Present: Jill Ward (Chair), Ned Chester (Vice Chair), Megan Anderson, Renee Bernard, Chris Bicknell, Bishop Coleman, Brody Haverly-Johndro, Morgan Hynd, Dr. Todd Landry, Tessa Mosher, Chris Northrop, Ladi Nzeyimana, Jay Philbrick, Regina Phillips, Tanya Pierson, Bonnie Porta, Kelly Rackler, Atlee Reilly, Christine Thibeault

Members Absent: Page Nichols (DOE), Lt Patrick Hood (DPS), Sienna Dana, Abier Ibrahim, Jonathan Shapiro (Vacation), Zubeyda Shute (School conflict), Micheal Gildersleeve (Snow day); Elizabeth Ward Saxl

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). Sonja Morse (Manager EBP's), Steve Labonte (RCA)

Public Attendees:, Sarah Branch, Brandon Brown, Sara Derrigan, Nick Kidwell, Mary Lou Michael, Jamie Nohr, Luc Nya, Alice Preble, Swathi S, Allie Smith, Jeffery Upton Doran White

Call to Order: :am (via zoom)

November Meeting Minutes: Approval of the 01/20/2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Christine Thibeault, 2nd by Regina Phillips. **Adopted by 15 votes and 4 abstentions.**

JJ Specialist Report (Linda Barry Potter):

Budget – 2022 Award is accepted and available \$606,853, \$477 less than 2021 award, will pass \$518,570.00 into Maine communities within the next three years. Brief explanation of the new budget layout and how to read the funding on the bottom of the budget.

BIPOC youth RFA update: Waiting on 2 of the reviewers to submit their scoring notes, we have award letter ready but are held up waiting for those notes.

OJJDP State Training and Tribal Youth Conference in San Diego on December 13-15 (travel dates December 12 and December 16) – Excellent conference, well received by the Youth Tribal Members . cost to send 6 adults and 6 youth are about \$28,000.00. Presentation in February. Jill was asked to present on the RCT's as a solution to assist in rural counties around America about sharing resources. <https://georgetown.app.box.com/s/mbamtdmc4ogbxar6n9z4v0lygikb1j0l>

CJJ Conference – May 24-26- Staying at the Marriott Marquis in DC. Would like members to attend “Hill Day” May 24, 2023. Those wishing to attended, please let Linda know by 1/30/2023, at 5 PM. Arrangements made by Linda/ JJAG, need to be done 6 weeks prior to traveling. “Reenvisioning Youth Justice and Emerging Leaders”. Annual Youth Summit in August more detail will be announced as they come out. <https://www.juvjustice.org/events/conferences/cjj-annual-conference>

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Dr. Carter Training Recap for new members -January 30th or 31st, 2-3 hour block. Let Linda know if you want to attend. Provide a mailing address to Linda, so materials can be sent to you next week.

LCYDC Visit Debrief – Visit once a year, then meet with youth. Meeting with them was good. Lots of comments about more staff and their connections with their JCCO's in the community. Regional Care Teams as a resource as the youth transition to community reintegration. Staff were unable to be interviewed during this visit. Jill Ward, Chair, pointed out that some of the resident's interviewed disliked the differences between the detained and committed youth regarding discipline, level systems, etc. Associate Director Thibeault shared that lockdown have not happened since October 2022, as staffing has been much better. New hires are still coming onto staff here.

Committees:

Members are encouraged to pick a committee that they would like to become apart of. Members of the public are welcome to attend committee meetings. Please let Linda know what your committee of choice is by the end of January so you can have the correct meeting links to begin attending in February.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee (Jill Ward): Web site is up and running and up to date.

- *Officer Election* - Chair and Vice-Chair. Entertain a motion to move Ned Chester to Chair, and Jill Ward to Vice Chair. Atlee motioned; Bonnie seconded. **16 yes votes.**

Orientation of new members has been conducted with Jill and Linda. Youth Council, Jay Philbrick spoke about trying to organize a time for new youth to meet to discuss the structure they want the Youth Council to take, (email jay_philbrick@brown.edu). Jay was thanked for his organization of this group and willingness to speak about this to the Board.

RED/DMC Committee (Regina Phillips & Chris Northrop): Dr. Carter reworking his training schedule with more people from his group to help train. Need to augment the current contract increase the contract by \$28,800, to include the new members. *Vote* -Bishop motioned. Seconded – Christine. **14 yes votes 2 abstentions.**

Mindbridge – Christine – Started this month on the 23rd, directive to field staff to sign up for the training. Training will continue for the next two years.

Governance Committee (Ned Chester & Bonnie Porta): Now have a Youth Award, Paul K. Vestal award. On the JJAG website and available for download. www.jjagmaine.com

Systems Improvement Committee (Jill Ward, Luc Nya): MSU requests for funds to pay up to 6 youth for participating in Budgeting classes and receive a stipend. **16 yes votes.** Downeast Restorative Justice requested funds to replace those cut by Hancock County. **16 yes votes.**

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Legislative Committee (Atlee Reilly):

LegislationTracker:<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bB7k84zAlptUlXqI1oahk9MOOsky2No5F0zR3r-6Xlk/edit#gid=0>

Legislative Process will be adopted as a policy as there are no objections or comments on the policy.

Agency Updates

DOC – Christine Thibeault 20 youth as of today, Opened ACER on December 28th, staff secure, can house 6 females. The 2 that are there now are committed. Unity Place in Auburn, available to boys, up to 6. Revisiting the Good Will Hinkley site for possibly committed and detained males that are from central and northern Maine. 1.4 million moved over to programming in the community (Sonja's budget) from Long Creek. Need political support to open the programs.

DHHS- Dr. Todd Landy He was not available to speak but let the Board with these two links to announcements made by DHHS and he will be available in February if there are any questions.

Blog announcement on historic payment reform for behavioral health.

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/blog/maine-dhhs-announces-historic-payment-reforms-behavioral-health-2023-01-11>

Children's initiatives to improve behavioral health evaluations.

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/data-reports-initiatives/system-improvements-initiatives/childrens-behavioral-health-evaluation-improvement>

DOC and DPS were not present for Agency Updates today.

Adjourned: 11:22 AM