

JJAG Minutes 02/20/2025 - FINAL

Members Present: Ned Chester (Chair), Morgan Hynd, Megan Anderson, Chris Bicknell, Renee Bernard Judge Sarah Churchill, Abeir Ibrahim, Bruce King, Tessa Mosher, Christopher Northrop, Jay Philbrick, Regina Phillips, Kelly Rackler, Caroling Raymond, Jonathan Shapiro, Jonathan Solomon, Doran Wright, Jennie Yamartino, Samantha Fenderson (DOL), Bobbi Johnson (OCFS), Christine Thibeault (DOC)

Members Absent: Page Nichols (DOE) Jason Madore (DPS), Bonnie Porta Ladi Nzeyimana, Zubeyda Shute, Jacinda Goodwin, Chief Tim DeLuca, Melissa Martin,

JJAG Staff Present: Linda Barry Potter (JJ Specialist), Douglas Sanborn (Compliance Monitor), Anwar Whiting (RED/DOC Credible Messenger Coordinator)

DOC Staff Present: Steve Labonte R3

Public Attendees: Alice Preble, Juan Soto-Alvarez, Betsy Boardman, Mary Lou Michales, Charlotte Kramer, Ana Hicks, Doug Waite, Madonna Mooney, Kim Simon, Jill Ward.

Call to Order: 9:04 am (via Zoom)

Welcome & Introductions (Ned Chester) He also welcomed and introduced the new JJAG Members.

November Meeting Minutes (Ned Chester): Motion to approve by Ned Chester; Chris Northrop seconded.

Adopted 146Yeas 0 Nays 7 Abstentions

FASD Presentation: Doug Waite, M.D., Madonna Mooney: There was a presentation on the prevalence of FASD in the general population that end up in DHHS or DOC custody. Specific to MA our wealthy educated counties is where it shows up more than in our poorer counties. This Disorder can delay emotional development, can cause processing problems, math difficulties and emotion dysregulation. Doug has screened many children and birth mothers to diagnose this but most physicians and psychologists don't screen for this in the white population. It is not unusual to see a white child diagnosed with ADHD but see a similarly presenting child of color may get diagnosed as FASD. After the presentations there were many questions asked, there was interest in further education, a short assessment form, how to train attorney's, judges, LEO's about this Disorder so they can recognize it when they see it. Some interventions for FASD would be environmental assistance, working with the youth one-on-one.

JJ Specialist Report (Linda Barry Potter):

Budget & Grants Update – Per OJJDP it is business as usual with the grants and invoices, when there is different or more different instructions, they will let us know. Christine requested a TTA 360 request be placed for additional guidance with OJJDP. There was discussion surrounding is it right to lend money that may at a later date tried to be recovered? We have our first Vestal Scholarship winner, items will be purchased via purchase order and shipped to her home. There is interest in a press release as well as a public gathering to support this winner and spread awareness of this option in the communities of Maine. There were 2 \$5K requests and after discussion both matters were tabled due to the applications not having project budgets with them. They will be revisited for the March meeting.

Compliance Monitoring (Douglas Sanborn): Presentation on SFY \$34K grant request which was tabled as

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it was described as an end-run around the process. We are not able to hold the scheduled trainings in March 2025.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee (Ned Chester & Jill Ward):

R/ED Committee (Regina Phillips & Chris Northrop):

Governance Committee (Ned Chester & Bonnie Porta):

Systems Improvement Committee (Needs a Chair Doran Wright requested this position))

Legislative Committee (Need a chair Kayla Boucher requested this position):

No Agency Updates.

Next meeting will be a March 21, 2025 from 9AM to 11:00 M

Adjourned 11:36 AM