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MINUTES
September 23, 2009

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Abigail Comee-McCourt, Dalene Dutton, Margaret Longsworth, Joan McDonald, Jim Morse, Adam Royer, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Paul Vestal, Patrick Walsh

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Richard Brown, Ned Chester, Barry Delong, Nickole Demerritt, Carla Fearon, Jim Foss, Denise Giles, Jacinda Goodwin, Jamie Johnson, Hannah Kiernan, Charles LaVerdiere, Philippe McLoy, Dan Nichols, Doug Patrick, Breanne Petrini, Shelley Reed

Staff: Timothy Piekart, Kathryn McGloin, Elaine Brann

Guests: Rod Bouffard

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the June 2009 meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the June 2009 Minutes

Moved: Jim Morse/Mark Boger 2nd

Action: Approved

III Chair Report:

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, opened the meeting at 9:00. Paul discussed the Juvenile Justice Summit which will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on December 4th. Paul stated that there were several pieces of legislation that will be presented at the summit.

Paul stated that Senator Susan Collins has signed on to the reauthorization of the JJDP Act. He is working on getting Senator Snowe to do the same. The JJAG office will have an OJDDP Compliance Monitoring audit in October.

Paul also mentioned that the October 28th JJAG meeting will need to be rescheduled, since Kathryn McGloin, Tim Piekart and he would all be out of state during that time.

Kathryn will check on availability dates for the Criminal Justice Academy meeting room and e-mail everyone with new dates for the October JJAG meeting.

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There were suggestions that this meeting could be done electronically or by videoconferencing.

All members were given copies of the CPS Initiative by Dr. Ross Greene. Paul explained that the JJAG has provided funding to Dr. Greene for the implementation of the CPS approach which is now being used by the Sanford Public School system for at risk students. Paul further explained that this initiative has been very successful and is now in its third year.

Kathryn stressed the importance moving on this initiative so as not to have to send back the Title V money. The 2008 funding will run out in 2011. The process to prepare for a Title V award will take about six months.

Motion: To support the CPS Initiative.

Moved: Barry Stoodley/Margaret Longworth 2nd.

Action: Approved

IV Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

Kathryn e-mailed travel forms to all members. She also sent an Action Alert from Act 4 Juvenile Justice which is an opportunity to send a letter our congressional delegation regarding reauthorization of the JJDP Act.

Kathryn gave a brief update on the contracts that have been approved and amounts of money they received.

The JJAG's new intern is our own, Adam Royer, who will be helping out with various projects and Kathryn requested that if anyone had any suggestions on research projects to e-mail them in to her or to Adam.

The Compliance Monitoring Audit will begin on October 6th through the 8th. The monitoring will cover the northern part of the State. Kathryn gave the schedule and invited members to attend any and all of the site visits.

JJAG meeting dates were e-mailed to all members and Kathryn mentioned the December 9th JJAG meeting, which will be held in the Fallen Heroes Room at the Department of Public Safety Building.

Work on the Annual Report will need to begin after the new year.

Kathryn mentioned that Dr. Ross will be a presenter the Juvenile Justice Summit on December 4th.

Christine Thibeault gave a brief summary on the Competency to Stand Trial Training to be held on November 10th.

Kathryn asked if anyone had any other suggestions for training to e-mail her.

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V Compliance Monitoring Report – Tim Piekart:

Tim reported that the site visits at the police departments and county jails has been going well. He has received positive responses. He looks forward to the Audit, his first.

VI Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice Report – Patrick Walsh:

Patrick Walsh discussed the agenda topics of the Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice Report. This report was handed out at the meeting.

V II Welcome to Long Creek – Rod Bouffard:

Rod Bouffard welcomed the JJAG members to Long Creek and thanked them for holding the meeting here stating that it was good for everyone to see all the changes that have taken place and to see what progress has been made.

Rod stated that Long Creek had met all ACA standards and was fully accredited. Long Creek also won a second award for Performance Based Standards and someone will be traveling to Chicago to accept this award.

Focus groups were held with residents and staff. Information will be used to update the State's Three Year Comprehensive Plan for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The next meeting will be held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy date not yet set.