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Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
April 28, 2010

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Ned Chester, Abby Commee-McCourt, Jim Foss, Denise Giles, Jacinda Goodwin, Jamie Johnson, Joan McDonald, Shelley Reed, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Paul Vestal and Patrick Walsh

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Richard Brown, Barry DeLong, Nickole DeMerritt, Dalene Dutton, Hannah Kiernan, Charles Laverdiere, Margaret Longworth, Carla Mitchell-Knapp, Jim Morse, Doug Patrick Dan Nichols, Trish Shorey and Adam Royer

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Damon Lefferts, Elaine Brann

Guests: Michael Brennan and Julia Reddy

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the March 24, 2010 meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the March 2010 Minutes

Moved: Jim Foss/Ned Chester 2nd

Action: Approved

III. Chair Report:

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, opened the meeting at 9:07 A.M.

Paul stated that the JJAG membership is current and the list is up to date and we are now at full capacity.

Paul stated that the JJAG received a letter from the OJJDP passing us.

Paul gave an update on OJJDP State allocations and stated that all remains intact. Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act is moving slowly.

Paul asked for a motion to approve Regional CJJ Group dues of \$200 for the Northeast Region.

Motion: To approve dues of \$200.00 from CJJ for Northeast Region.

Moved: Ned Chester/Jim Foss 2nd

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Action: Approved

Jacinda Goodwin gave a report on a grant that OSA will be applying for. It's a three year grant in the amount of \$800,000. Jacinda is looking for a letter of support from someone from the JJAG. Jacinda explained that whether or not they received this grant, they were still going to move forward on forming a Task Force for Underage Drinking and would like a JJAG member to sit on this committee. Paul volunteered to be on this committee and will send a letter of support for the application of the grant.

Motion: To support OSA's application for the \$800,00 Grant.

Moved: Ned Chester/Christine Thibeault 2nd

Action: Approved

IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

Kathryn stated that the CJJ Conference in Washington, D.C. was fabulous. The next one will be in New Jersey and it will be a DMC conference. OJJDP will partner with CJJ and offer training for Compliance Monitors, JJ Specialists and DMC Coordinators. SAG members are encouraged to attend as well.

Kathryn discussed the interviews that were conducted for the DMC coordinator position and stated that Noël Bonam was selected.

Christine Thibeault and Ned Chester gave a brief summary of the interviews of the three candidates and why Noël Bonam was selected.

Motion: To offer the DMC position to Noël Bonam.

Moved: Christine Thibeault/Jonathan Shapiro 2nd.

Action: Approved

Kathryn also introduced Damon Lefferts to the JJAG members as our new Compliance Monitor who is replacing Tim Piekart.

Damon stated that it was good to be back with the Department of Corrections and he is looking forward to the work ahead. He gave a brief update on the status of compliance stating that we only had three violations for 2009.

V. Committee Reports:

Christine Thibeault – Legislative Committee – Governor Baldacci signed Juvenile Task Force bill and the Maine's High School Graduation Rates bill.

Patrick Walsh – Communications – Patrick thanked all who worked on the Three Year Plan and explained that the group worked on a list of priorities.

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They are in numerical order and Kathryn will be sending those out.

Ned Chester – Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Conference Report – Ned gave an update on the 4 day conference.

Ned provided information on the CJJ and stated that it has formed a strong relationship with OJJDP again. Ned also discussed whether or not CJJ would return to its former status. CJJ will apply to once again offer TA to OJJDP grantees. This will allow CJJ to get back in with OJJDP. It was a very positive meeting with lots of enthusiasm for the state of juvenile justice in the nation.

Ned also gave an update on the Adam Walsh Act. Ohio was the first State to come into compliance. All states have been granted a waiver through July of this year. Ned handed out funding information.

Abby thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to attend the conference.

Kathryn asked Christine to explain the Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ).

Christine reported that each state has a SAG representative appointed by the Governor. She explained that there is tension between CJJ and FACJJ regarding a power struggle over who gets to write recommendations to the President and Congress and advises the OJJDP Administrator.

Shelley Reed provided information to the JJAG on the upcoming Summer Institute and discussed funding for this program. The training will be from July 26 through the 28th. Shelley asked for \$5,000 from the JJAG to help support the Summit.

Motion: Request for \$5,000 to support follow up to Dropout Prevention Summit in the Summer Institute.

Moved: Christine Thibeault/Joan McDonald 2nd.

Action: Passed

There was further discussion on the funding of this Institute and the motion was amended to include scholarships for juvenile justice workers to attend at no cost. The motion was amended to include the Rider and a vote was taken. The amendment passed, with one abstention.

VI. Presentation of Juvenile Justice Task Force Michael Brennan and Julia Reddy:

Michael Brennan discussed the Juvenile Justice Task Force Report and handed out an Executive Summary outlining the work of the task force.

VII. Adjourn

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The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

The next meeting will be a Subgrantee Luncheon held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on May 26, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.