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*Governor, State of Maine*

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## Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES  
January 27, 2010

### I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Elaine Brann, Richard Brown, Abby Commee-McCourt, Dalene Dutton, Jim Foss, Jamie Johnson, Charles LaVerdiere, Margaret Longsworth, Kathryn McGloin, Doug Patrick, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Patrick Walsh, Trish Shorey, and Paul Vestal

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Ned Chester, Barry DeLong, Carla Mitchell-Knapp, Denise Giles, Jacinda Goodwin, Hannah Kiernan, Joan McDonald, Philipe McCloy, Dan Nichols, Breanne Petrini, Timothy Piekart, Shelley Reed, and Adam Royer

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Tim Piekart, Elaine Brann

### II. Minutes:

The minutes for the December 16, 2009 meeting were approved with one correction. The GEAR booklet is from the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health not from the Midcoast Restorative Justice.

**Motion:** To approve the December 2009 Minutes

**Moved:** Margaret Longsworth/Jim Foss 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Action:** Approved with one correction.

### III DMC Discussions:

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, opened the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

Action Steps:

- Muskie DMC Proposal and Budget
- DMC Coordinator Contract

Paul discussed the DMC budget and asked for a motion to approve Muskie's proposal to address the Identification Phase of DMC research and to support the JJAG's update of data for the State Plan and approval of the DMC budget.

**Motion:** To approve the Muskie DMC Contract

**Moved:** Christine Thibeault/Margaret Longsworth/2<sup>nd</sup>

**Action:** Approved, 10 – yes, 1 abstention

The half-time position of DMC coordinator has generated quite a bit of interest. Kathryn stated that she has already had offers from the law school to provide two people to help out in our DMC research and the use of an office for the

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Coordinator. Kathryn also stated that the RFP was not complete yet but discussed some of the recommendations regarding salary and training and said the RFP would be out by mid-February.

Motion: To approve the DMC Coordinator Position RFP Capped at \$35,000.

Moved: Christine Thibeault/Margaret Longworth 2<sup>nd</sup>

Action: Approved, 10 – yes, 1 abstention

#### **IV Chair Report:**

Paul stated that Tom Murphy of the OJJDP will be coming back to Maine to do his annual visit March 9th through March 11th. He will be spending one day in the Portland area and one day along the Coast - Rockland area.

Paul discussed the Northeast Tour and stated that Barry would be on a conference call tomorrow and provide more information.

Barry gave a brief explanation of the tour and stated that he wasn't sure if it was going to happen but stated that New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine were involved. This training would be for two days, one day in Portland and one day in the Bangor area. There was a discussion on availability of conference rooms and cost. Kathryn will check to see what's available, but will wait until she hears back from Barry.

Paul stated that he wrote a letter to our two Maine Senators discussing his concerns regarding the amendments being added on to the OJJDP enactment. He received a response from Senator Collins who stated that she was aware of the amendments and will be watching this very carefully.

Paul gave a brief update on the status of the JJAG membership list, stating that Kathryn and Tiffany Bates from the Governor's Office have finally straightened out the list and it now appears to be accurate. This past month we asked the Governor to reappoint Joan McDonald, Patrick Walsh, Charles LaVerdiere, Dick Brown and Jamie Johnson. Dick Brown has already received his reappointment letter. In addition, on January 14th, the Governor's Office reviewed Patricia Shorey's resume and she was selected for appointment to the JJAG.

Kathryn stated that she is redoing the Title V RFP and it will be going out shortly. Kathryn and Tim have been working on the 2009 Compliance Monitoring Report and the State's three year plan. She asked everyone to review the needs and problems. She is also working on the JJAG Annual Report and will try to have that ready for print in the near future.

There was discussion on electronic voting. Voting will now be done giving members an opportunity to vote 'yes' or 'no' rather than 'no' voters replying

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and assuming no response is a yes.

## **V Committee Reports:**

Federal Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice. – Patrick Walsh

Patrick stated that there was not much to report at this time. The annual report is due in Mid May.

Legislation – Christine Thibeault

LD 1658 An Act to Increase Maine's High School Graduation Rates

Christine outlined some of the details of this bill and explained that the goal of this bill is to increase graduation rates to 90 %. Christine also pointed out that secondary school graduation is from a four year high school as opposed to a GED or any other adult education program. There was unanimous support for the bill and no opposition. Questions were raised on cost of this bill in relation to the cost of housing juveniles in our youth facilities.

LD 1703 A Resolve To Implement the Recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Task Force.

Christine explained that the Legislature wants the four youth agencies to implement a statewide plan for coordinating services to meet all the needs of youth and provide the committee with recommendations.

There was discussion around deferred dispositions. Judge LaVerdiere wants to be confident that the JCCOs follow the kids. Barry explained that JCCOs do not unless there is adjudication with a plea. With an agreement there is no oversight. The kid does need to meet a certain level of risk.

Three Year Comprehensive Plan Fiscal Years 2009-2011 – Kathryn McGloin

Members were given copies of the Three Year Comprehensive Plan update and asked to review it and make recommendations. Kathryn also stated that this Plan is available on the web site.

## **VI Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 10: 58 A.M.

**The next meeting will be held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on February 24, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

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