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Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
October 27, 2010

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Richard Brown, Ned Chester, Jim Foss, Margaret Longworth, Trish Shorey, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Paul Vestal and Patrick Walsh

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Barry DeLong, Nickole DeMerritt, Denise Giles, Jacinda Goodwin, Jamie Johnson, Joan McDonald, Hannah McMullen, Abigail Comee-McCourt, Charles Laverdiere, Carla Mitchell-Knapp, Jim Morse, Dan Nichols, Doug Patrick, Shelley Reed, Adam Royer, Jonathan Shapiro

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Damon Lefferts, Elaine Brann

Guests: Kimberly Wood, Student Intern and Staff and Youth from MVYDC

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M and welcomed the JJAG Members and asked JJAG Members to introduce themselves.

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the September 22nd meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the September 22nd, 2010 Minutes

Moved: Mark Boger/Barry Stoodley 2nd.

Action: Approved

III. JJAG Staff Reports:

Kathryn McGloin – JJAG Specialist CPS RFP

Kathryn stated that the CPS RFP is now ready to go out. The Ad will run for three days, November 3rd, 4th and 5th and will include a broader reach of areas including Presque Isle and Downeast. Kathryn explained that the RFP will be a little easier by the elimination of the requirement that a Policy Prevention Board be in place at the time of the RFP. It now states that the Board must be in place and up and running six months after the award. Kathryn asked all members to get the word out regarding the RFP to all interested parties and encourage them to apply.

Paul Vestal announced the appointment of Representative Anne Haskell by the Governor's Office, effective October 26th. Representative Haskell will be taking the place of Barry DeLong who resigned.

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Damon Lefferts – Compliance Monitor – EPIY Training

Damon gave an update on the EPIY Training stating that it may have to take a different route. The training for Train the Trainers will be in Westbrook and training for any officer in Bangor.

Damon gave his report on the CJJ Conference Training – Compliance Monitoring Section - that he attended on November 2nd, in New Jersey. Damon compared Maine's compliance monitoring to those of other states and found that Maine is in great shape. Some states had so many counties and county jails that it was hard for them to meet the standards and many states were out of compliance. Damon also expressed his sincere gratitude and thanks for Barry's work on the standards which made his job easier. Damon passed around a copy of his Performance Based Standards form that he was using for county jail inspections.

IV. CJJ – Ned Chester:

Ned gave a report on the CJJ Conference held in Jersey City and stated that about 430 people attended. CJJ seems to be alive and well. Ned stated that the focus was on the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. There is no administrator yet. Ned suggested the JJAG send out a letter to the House and our Senators thanking them for their assistance and support.

Nina Boulard, Psychologist – SBT Program

Nina gave an update on the CPAI review and stated that the feedback on improvements in 2008 were met at 73% which was very good. Nina also stated that their second CPAI review in August showed a 12% improvement of 85%. Nina gave some examples of the areas of improvement, Recidivism, Readiness, Staff training, How well we use tools that we should be using and Overall Performance. Barry commented that the work of Nina and staff at Mountain View has been a step above and they have done an excellent job.

Christine stated that she attended a meeting at the Biddeford Tri County Mental Health Services on Sexual Behaviors and stated that she would like to see this training expanded for the rest of the state. Christine expressed her concerns that many of her colleagues were not aware of the huge differences between adult and juvenile sex offenders and the need for training in this area. A suggestion was made that this training could be part of the next Prosecutor's Conference.

Ned Chester stated that he attended the National Juvenile Offender Summit which was held in Washington, DC, and gave an update on compliance. Only four states were in compliance. Nine states have created their own criteria. Ned expressed his concerns that each state had a different interpretation of the Act's requirements. Ned stated that there were problems in trying to get all states

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together to create one registry all with the same criteria.

Patrick Walsh – Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice

Patrick stated that he is near completion of his two-year term representing the JJAG on the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. He discussed FACJ and asked for comments and information as to what the JJAG wished to bring to the committee for recommendations.

There was a lengthy discussion on FACJ and its benefit to the State. The discussion centered on the need of the FACJ and some wondered if it was just a waste of federal resources. Other members though it was worth supporting and offered suggestions on changes that would be make it more efficient.

- FACJ work together to get on real issues.
- Work Group or Ad Hoc Committee might be more efficient.

Paul Vestal gave an update on the first meeting of the Implementation Council and stated that he still had a number of concerns regarding representation of the Northern Area and the Shared Vision Council.

The Education Stakeholders Meeting - legislation that required 90 % graduation rate. Truancy and Expulsion Team working on a formal procedure process for Truancy and Expulsion to include:

- Include Parents
- Meeting with Superintendent
- Create Reentry placement
- Follow-up with family
- Education services provided to students who have been expelled

Goals of JDAI:

- No more beaurocracy.
- What effect is going to be different in Maine to improve outcomes.
- Not lose sight of bringing change into real communities.
- Technical assistance statewide effective alternatives. Mark Stewart available for consultation.

Kathryn McGloin announced that the SAG Training will be held at the Public Safety Fallen Heroes Room on November 18 from 9:00 to 3:30 PM. Vickie Blankenship will be the trainer and she will have information on FACJ. Kathryn suggested that the members could e-mail her on any other areas that would be of interest. The OJJDP National Conference will be held in Maryland on October 10-14, 2011. No response from OJJDP on the Compliance Monitoring audit of 2009.

The Committee broke for lunch and at 1:00 PM continued the rest of the agenda.

V. Focus Group – MVYDC Youth:

The JJAG members met with some of the juveniles at Mountain View. After introductions, Ned Chester explained the role of the JJAG and what the purpose of the visit was and then asked a series of questions prepared by the JJAG members. The juveniles at Mountain View were very responsive and provided helpful information.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

The next meeting will be December 1, 2010 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.