

Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
March 20th, 2015



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Governor, State of Maine

Bartlett H. Stoodley, Chair
Edwin P. Chester, Esq. Vice Chair

I. Roll Call:

Present: Ned Chester, Esq., Vice Chair; Margaret Longworth; Pender Makin; Tessa Mosher; Colin O'Neill; Sgt. Jonathan Shapiro; Barry Stoodley, JJAG Chair; Christine Thibeault, Esq.; Patrick Walsh

Absent with notice: Dalene Dutton; Nickole DeMerritt; Jacinda Goodwin; Teresa Barrows, Director of Children's Behavioral Health

Absent without notice: Sgt. Abby Comee-McCourt; The Honorable Charles LaVerdiere; Christian Muhitira

Staff: Jason Carey, Staff Assistant; Nathan Gagnon, Compliance Monitor; Kathryn McGloin, Juvenile Justice Specialist; Miranda DiMartino, Intern

Guests: Jill Ward, Juvenile Justice Reform; Page Nichols, The REAL School; Luc Nya, Mental Health Program Coordinator, DHHS

II. Chair:

The JJAG meeting was called to order by Bartlett Stoodley, JJAG Chair, at 9:00 A.M. and introductions were made.

Barry welcomed guests and continued on with regular business.

When interim ex-officio member, Teresa Barrows is unable to attend, Luc Nya will be representing DHHS.

Announcements:

- April is child abuse prevention month. There will be a display in the Hall of Flags at the State House on Tuesday, March 24th covering child abuse prevention. There will be a summit held in Belfast on Friday, April 17th from 8:30 to noon. The Adverse Child Experience and Promoting Resilience Summit will feature guest speakers Sue Mackey Andrews, co-facilitator at Maine Resilience Building Network, and Chris Trout, founder and president of Strengths in Focus. Waldo county has partnered with NAMI to provide Youth Mental Health First Aid Training with Dr. Felliti – a one day 8-5 training equipping people with a 3 year certification, held on March 26th.
- 3rd week in April is National Crime Victim's Rights week. Maine Department of Corrections is supporting the 1 in 5k walk/run again this year. Join the Supporters of Victim's Services Team. Join us for April 26th!

- The workgroup is working with Representative Dion on a bill that would codify a ban on the indiscriminate use of shackles on kids while before a judge in court.
- [The Maine Event!](#) Positive School Climate & School Safety. The Commissioner from Maine’s Department of Education will be speaking along with very special guest speakers: Frank DeAngelis, former Principal of Columbine High School, Columbine, CO; Karen Williams, Nationally Recognized Writer and Speaker on Developmental Neuroscience and Education; Dr. Ross Greene, author of The Explosive Child and Lost at School; Dr. John Mark Froiland, noted author, lecturer, and expert on happiness and the importance of intrinsic motivation. The event will take place at the Westin Harborview Hotel in downtown Portland, Maine July 7th and 8th, 2015.
- The fifth year of “[An Improved Police Response to Juveniles in Crisis](#)” is coming to a close. Data will be available from that project. Currently there is an interest hiring a graduate student to process the data. The outcomes from this program will be available after the data from the past five years has been processed.
- The number of cases filed in juvenile court has dropped dramatically in the last 5 years. A large percentage of those still coming into the courtroom are for possession of alcohol, marijuana, and or paraphernalia and may be unrelated to high levels of criminality. These should be diverted.
- Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma has a dramatic likelihood of producing sickness down the line.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the JJDP Act.

III. Minutes:

The minutes for the February 20th, 2015 JJAG meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the February 20th, 2015 Minutes

Moved: Sgt. Jonathan Shapiro, Luc Nya

Abstention: Tessa Mosher

Discussion: -

Action: Approved

IV. Youth Membership: Recruitment, Retention, & Training:

We as a JJAG need to find a way to recruit and engage new youth members. If you have someone who may be interested, please contact Ned Chester, Esq., chair of the Nominating Committee.

Kathryn read from a list of candidates that she has generated through ongoing discussions with community leadership.

Youth may become JJAG members or work within committees.

V. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

Karen Williams will be coming to Maine from March 30th through April 5th to offer trainings to juvenile defense attorneys, prosecutors, guardians ad litem, victim's advocates, school boards representatives, clinical and line staff at youth facilities.

Subgrantees have all gotten extensions.

No solicitation has been received.

We received a letter from OJJDP requesting a letter from our Governor to address the status of PREA in our state.

Requests for travel to the 2015 CJJ Conference will be sent in this Monday.

Administrator Listenbee would like to come to Maine to visit a couple of our facilities.

Kathryn is working with Lisa Hutchinson and the JRSA in order to perform a self-evaluation of the JJAG. After the process completes, the JJAG will have some data to work with.

Miranda DiMartino, JJAG intern, has been working on the annual report.

Anne Haskell has committed to sponsoring the JJAG's "Five Facts in Forty Seconds" informational flyers.

VI. Compliance Monitor Report:

Since Last JJAG Meeting:

- Site visits conducted in Washington County: Machias PD, Gouldsboro PD, Milbridge PD, Winterport PD, WCJ, WCDC-Machias
- Will return to WC in July/August to inspect renovations made to the DC, adding holding cells
- Cumberland PD, Falmouth PD, SPPD, PWM PD

Meetings attended:

- Juvenile Justice Collaborative meeting for March, was held 3/20/15 at LCYDC. I provided a tour of the facility with explanations of programming.

Update on ICE case:

I have spoken with ICE, they are telling me they have no policy as it pertains to

juveniles in custody, but I am waiting to receive an updated Statement of Work from ICE. LCYDC has the right to refuse any federal ward, and at any point can ask for ICE to come and remove the juvenile from the facility. Under the Act, a federal ward must be removed within 24 hours, the SOW I have on file from 2013 is an agreement for a 72 hour hold. It is ICE responsibility to remove the juvenile within 72 hours and the facility responsibility to make sure contact has been made and arrangements made to have the juvenile removed.

I have been working with the YAOP at MVYDC to receive updated reports every month on any sight/sound separation violations that they have. They've done a much better job in recent months keeping violations to a minimum, and most violations happening now are incidental and not due to staff/policy.

VII. Department Reports:

A. Department Of Public Safety

1. JCRB in Old Orchard is up and running. As out of area kids come back to the area for the summer, the Juvenile Community Review Board is working to develop a streamlined restorative justice diversion at the police department. This will offer an opportunity to expedite the hearing and resolution of cases.
2. The fifth year of "[An Improved Police Response to Juveniles in Crisis](#)" is coming to a close. Data will be available from that project. Currently there is an interest hiring a graduate student to process collected data. The outcomes from this program will be available after the data from the past five years has been processed.
3. Sgt. Jonathan Shapiro will be speaking with emergency management directors in each town in York county. "Safe schools" is on the front end of these conversations. A good healthy school climate is a barrier to school violence.

B. Department Of Education

N/A

C. Department of Corrections

1. There are two vacant JCCO positions. Positions have been interviewed and hired. Training will start at the end of the month.
2. Regional collaboratives designed to identify and capture local issues are being funded. Region 3 has a newly designed pre-commitment program using Carlton as a hub. Region 2 has created a service works freeing up detention space by employing community service programming. Region

- 1 is focusing on Sanford and Biddeford and looking at suspensions and expulsions.
3. The DMC Coordinator's position has been approved by budget and the hiring process will start soon.
 4. The Department is looking forward to working with DHHS in the near future.
 5. Community Reintegration Specialist is now a permanent position that will be spending one third of his/her time in facilities with kids to maximize success for community reintegration.

D. DHHS

1. James Martin, the new Director of Child and Family Services, offers positive change.

VIII. Three Year Plan:

Please think about a selection of Program Areas based on what committees are projecting for work to be done in the JJAG's new 2015-2017 Three Year Plan.

As we work toward a plan outline, these items are to be considered:

- ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences)
- JJAG connectivity diagram
- Contemporaneous real time information from schools
- Restorative Justice, the community needs and involves the victim
- Policy and procedures relating to zero tolerance
- Data on truancy, dropouts, suspensions, and expulsions
- School to Prison Pipeline or the Birth to Prison Pipeline
- Review of criminality and risk factors of kids in the deep end
- Develop and overarching quality assurance plan for juvenile justice, do we know what is going on in residential treatment centers is the best program possible, who is judging it, and what is the quality assurance plan? How do we know, as a system, that these kids are getting what they need in the best possible way? Those facilities are designed to treat mental illness in a traditional sense but they are not necessarily designed to treat and contain severe acute disruptive behavior.
- Criminality vs. mentally ill.
- Positive Youth Development. Focus on positive activities by supporting funding for biking, hiking, and other positive activities that keep kids from using and help them organize their mental health.
- Gather and focus on research related to the JJAG's work and present it to the JJAG in a meaningful way – one that supports the work being done by the JJAG under the new plan.

- Cost of treatment vs. incarceration plus the cost of victim treatment.
- The resources Maine devotes to treatment and management of pre- and post-adjudicated youth can be reallocated to be more effective in addressing the needs of those youth.
- SRO's (School Resource Officers) may be variable in terms of training and operation throughout the state. One area kids may be presenting themselves to SRO's before arrest. How is that managed to the benefit of the kid and the family as opposed to the benefit of maintaining the order of the schools?
- Homelessness. When kids are away from their home for more than 2 days they quickly get absorbed into the street. How many homeless kids are there in Maine? How many homeless kids find their way into corrections? What are options and alternatives for them? How does it relate to attendance, expulsion, and school attendance generally? How does it relate to sexual perpetration and drug abuse?

Sgt. Shapiro has offered to work on the Restorative Justice component, Ned Chester will work on reallocation of resources which might be developed and included as 1G, Jill Ward will expand on the section dealing with SRO's, Page will work on 2 A and B and also assist Ned with G, Nate Gagnon will look at E, Patrick Walsh will work with Marketing Committee on ACES, Patrick Walsh > definition of 3A, Luc and Nickole will continue work on improving access to services when there is a language barriers,

VIII. Committee Reports:

Please forward all committee minutes to Kathryn for distribution to all members. Minutes will be ratified at regular meetings and committee minutes will be included in the full JJAG meeting minutes and posted at mainejjag.org.

When committees have work to move forward they will send the work product along to Kathryn who will send it to the Executive Committee to be evaluated and reviewed.

A. Nominating Committee

Three candidates are needed for each available JJAG position. There are several great candidates eagerly awaiting membership positions with the JJAG.

B. Systems Improvement Committee

No report.

C. Training and Education Committee

The Committee will move back the "think tank" event at University of Maine (Orono) until end of April or early May.

D. Youth Engagement Committee

Youth Engagement continues to hold monthly meetings with youth at Long Creek and Mtn. View. Both facilities were able to communicate via teleconference. Another meeting has been scheduled. JJAG representatives should be present at both facilities in order to engage all youth.

E. Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee (DMC)

DMC report from Muskie will be released soon. Staff from Muskie will be interested in presenting the report at an upcoming JJAG meeting.

F. Marketing & Outreach Committee

No report.

IX. Other Business:

The National Alliance of Mental Illness in Maine is offering juvenile mental health first aid training. One, eight hour training carries a three year certification.

X. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**The next meeting will be February 20, 2015 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
MDOC Board Room, 25 Tyson Drive, Augusta, Maine**