Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
May 15th, 2015

I. Roll Call:

Present: Teresa Barrows, Behavioral Health Director, OCFS; Ned Chester, Esq.,
Vice Chair; Nickole DeMerritt, Courts; Pender Makin, Director REAL School;
Christian Muhitira, Youth JJAG Member; Colin O’Neill, Associate
Commissioner, DOC; Bartlett H. Stoodley, JJAG Chair; Christine Thibeault,
Esq.; Patrick Walsh, Director, Prevention Services, Broadreach Family &
Community Services

Notice: Dalene Dutton, FTCTC; Jacinda Goodwin, TDAE, DOE; The Honorable Charles
LaVerdiere, Maine District Court; Tessa Mosher, Victim Services, DOC; Sgt.
Jonathan Shapiro, Maine State Police; Margaret Longsworth, Director of Mental
Health and Clinical Services, OHI

No Notice: Sgt. Abby Comee-McCourt;

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

Guests: Pious Ali, Portland School Board; Ash Black, Assistant, Muskie; Robyn Dumont,
Research Analyst, Muskie; Kelsey Park, Intern Tree Street; Page Nichols, The REAL
School; Luc Nya, Mental Health Coordinator, OCFS; Prosper from Tree Street;
George Schaler, Research Associate, Muskie; Jill Ward, Juvenile Justice Reform;
Chris Williams, Staff Writer, Sun Journal

II. Chair:

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

Today’s meeting will focus on the finalization of the 2015-2017 Three Year Plan.

III. Minutes:

The minutes for the April 17th, 2015 JJAG meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the March 20th, 2015 Minutes
Moved: Luc Nya, Ned Chester
Discussion: None
Action: Approved
IV.  Muskie School of Public Policy Presentation:

George Schaler and Robyn Dumont, Muskie School of Public Policy, presented their 2015 Disproportionate Contact: Youth of Color in Maine’s Juvenile Justice System report. This presentation included technical explanations of nomenclature and terms employed by the researchers, outlined points of contact in the system, and made recommendations for the future of DMC reduction in Maine.

Adoption of Muskie DMC Report.

Motion: To adopt report as for JJAG use.
Moved:  Ned Chester, Pender Makin
Discussion: Update the term “affidavit warrant” to an appropriate term
Amended: to include “bench warrant” illustrating who’s making decisions to detain.
Action:  Adopted as amended

V.  Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

N/A

VI.  Compliance Monitor Report:

N/A

VII. Three Year Plan:

Participating members took full advantage of this THREE YEAR PLAN work session. In order for the JJAG to produce its final plan, problem statements need to be developed into narrative form and delivered to Kathryn no later than 5 p.m. on Monday the 18th of May in order to leave time for final assembly and DOC approval process before forwarding to OJJDP.

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

No report.
B. Systems Improvement Committee
   No report.

C. Training and Education Committee
   No report.

D. Youth Engagement Committee
   No report.

E. Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee (DMC)
   No report.

F. Marketing & Outreach Committee
   No report.

G. Legislative Committee
   No report.

IX. Other Business:

   Title II Funding

   Jill Ward discussed the move congressional move to zero out Title II funding due to tight discretionary funding caps. It is necessary to communicate the importance of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act detailing why it is important to Maine youth and families to Senator Collins. The expectation is for the Act to be marked up over the summer of 2015. Senator Grassley & Senator Whitehouse are both pressing for the renewal of the JJDPA.

2014 Annual Report

Motion: To accept 2014 JJAG Annual Report.
Moved: Christine Thibeault, Ned Chester
Discussion: Update letter to Governor.
Amended: to include updated information.
Action: Accepted as amended

X. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
The next meeting will be June 19, 2015 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
MDOC Boardroom, 25 Tyson Dr., Augusta, Maine