

Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES  
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**I. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Teresa Barrows, Behavioral Health Director, OCFS; Ned Chester, Esq., Vice Chair; Pender Makin, Director REAL School; Tessa Mosher, Victim Services, DOC; Colin O'Neill, Associate Commissioner, DOC; Sgt. Jonathan Shapiro, Maine State Police; Bartlett H. Stoodley, JJAG Chair; Patrick Walsh, Director, Prevention Services, Broadreach Family & Community Services

**Notice:** Nickole DeMerritt, Courts; Dalene Dutton, FTCTC; Jacinda Goodwin, TDAE, DOE; The Honorable Charles LaVerdiere, Maine District Court; Margaret Longsworth, Director of Mental Health and Clinical Services, OHI; Christian Muhitira, Youth JJAG Member; Christine Thibeault, Esq.;

**No Notice:** Sgt. Abby Comee-McCourt;

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

**Guests:** Bishop Steve Coleman, Pastor Williams Temple Church of God in Christ; Robert Deacon, Service Learning Team Leader The REAL School; Caleb Gilbert, SAMHS; Marta Haydym, Maine Youth Court, Candidate for Youth Membership; Tracy Horton, Assoc. Professor Forensic Psychology & Criminal Justice, Thomas College; Kaitlyn Megathlin, Maine Youth Court; Atlee Reiley, Esq., Disability Rights Maine; Page Nichols, The REAL School; Luc Nya, Mental Health Services Coordinator, OCFS; Kelsey Park, Intern Tree Street; Rachel Talbot Ross, NAACP; Jill Ward, Juvenile Justice Reform Workgroup;

**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 be the last time the JJAG meets as a full group until later this year at the September meeting. Special meetings may be called by the chair in order to conduct business.

**III. Minutes:**

The minutes for the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 JJAG meeting were approved.

**Motion:** To approve the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Minutes

**Moved:** Ned Chester, Patrick Walsh

**Discussion:** None  
**Action:** Approved

#### **IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:**

The JJAG's Three Year Plan has been forwarded to OJJDP. Approval is expected to take between four to six months.

The Senate Appropriations Committee restored funds for Title II Formula Grant at \$65.5 million. Next, it will go to conference with the House after the full Senate passes it.

Robert Deacon is the JJAG's VISTA applicant and comes highly recommended. Interview process will take place next week.

JRSA (Justice Research and Statistics Association), along with Dr. Lisa Hutchinson and the Maine JJAG have developed a survey which evaluates state advisory groups as they perform their work. SAGs historically evaluate their subgrantees with outcome measures and other various techniques and now look to this survey as a way to evaluate their own effectiveness.

Presenters. Please be thinking of presenters as we make preparations to start our work again in September.

Request for proposals will be covered in the Executive Committee.

Strategies for Youth contract will address disproportionate minority contact (DMC) in Lewiston and Portland. The program started in Cambridge, MA 10 years ago. It practices, with police officers and juveniles, assessment and training, role reversals, among other things. The plan is to start in Lewiston and move to Portland.

Attendees of the 2015 Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference delivered a few highlights from the conference. More information will become available as it is processed so keep an eye out for that.

Another Tri-State meeting is in development here in the northeast. Location TBD.

**Motion:** To authorize Kathryn to move forward with the work to organize, New Hampshire and Vermont, funds up to and not to exceed \$5,000 for the Tri-State meeting in the fall which should include both youth and adult member attendance.

**Moved:** Jonathan Shapiro, Ned Chester

**Discussion:**

**Amended:**

**Action:** Accepted

A delegation from the JJAG met with Senator Susan Collins in Washington, D.C. and delivered some of the work the JJAG has accomplished over the past couple of years –

the Annual Report, outcomes for youth and other relevant information in this productive meeting. It seems likely that she will sign on as a co-signer to the Reauthorization bill.

#### **V. CJJ Conference Annual Conference 2015:**

Barry took a few minutes to preface the amount of information participating JJAG members took home from the conference by having attendees highlight key areas from the conference. JJAG members who were in attendance at the conference are preparing a more comprehensive deliverable for the JJAG and will be available at their earliest convenience. Feedback from JJAG conference goers will expand upon the [CJJ agenda which can be read here](#). Here is the full list of resources from the [2015 CJJ Annual Conference](#).

Nathan Gagnon, volunteered to join the Northeast Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee while our JJ Specialist, Kathryn McGloin, volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee.

#### **VI. Compliance Monitor Report:**

Inspections Since Last JJAG Meeting:

- Holden, Brewer, Bangor PD-Airport Substation, Bangor Game Warden Station, Cumberland County Jail, Cumberland County District Court-Portland, York County District Court-Biddeford, York County District Court-Springvale, Bath, Phippsburg, Two Bridges Jail, Wiscasset, Lincoln County District Court-Wiscasset.
- Point of interest: The Cumberland County Sheriff has put an apparatus over the window to block the view of the male juveniles from the female juveniles. This has been a problem in the past with some inappropriate sexual behavior going on between the two, with this window covering, this has been fixed.

Meetings attended:

- Juvenile Justice Collaborative meeting for May was held 5/21/15 at Community Concepts in Lewiston. During this meeting we discussed the United Front Community Conversations held at The Root Cellar. The members of the Somali community were invited to talk about the Lewiston community, they were split into men/women/children, which seemed to have a great effect on everyone opening up and speaking freely about what was on their minds.
- Restorative Justice Think Tank held in South Portland on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Washington DC Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference held June 10-13<sup>th</sup>. I was able to take part in several workshops, Reinvesting in Young People's Futures:

Using Data Driven Practices to Improve Outcomes While Reducing Costs, Increasing Positive Relationships between Police and youth, Partnering for Results: Understanding How OJJDP & States Work Together, Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline Through a Continuum of Supports, Youth & Law Enforcement Engagement: A listening Session, CJJ Northeast Regional Meeting, Being a Victim is Not a Crime: Improving Community Response to Trafficked Youth, Tackling Truancy: National Perspectives & Promising Models, Ending Racial & Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System: A Federal & State Partnership, DMC Coordinators and CJJ Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee.

- Juvenile Justice Collaborative Meeting on June 18 at Community Concepts in Lewiston. Erica King presented the DMC Report to the JJC.

Nathan Gagnon, the JJAG's compliance monitor, has joined the CJJ Northeast Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee.

## **VII. Implicit Bias:**

Robert Potts, the JJAG's summer intern for 2015, assembled a [power point](#) to open a discussion about implicit bias at today's meeting. [Click here to view the presentation online](#) where you can download it as a PDF or power point.

Before today's meeting, Robert emailed this [implicit association test](#) from the website of Harvard University. This test measures the relative subconscious assumptions we carry as they relate to race. Most explicit biases have been minimized at this point so we are looking to the area of implicit biasing where DMC issues are emerging.

## **VIII. Three Year Plan:**

The JJAG's Three Year Plan has been recently submitted to OJJDP for review. The plan was gone over line by line at this meeting so committee members and guests could get a feel for what will be guiding our work for the next three years. This sequence also created an opportunity for responses and recommendations to be immediately submitted to the JJAG.

**Motion:** To accept the JJAG's Three Year Comprehensive Plan for 2015-2017

**Moved:** Teresa Barrows, Ned Chester

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Accepted, Unanimous

## **IX. 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](http://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

The Nomination Committee provided a description of its process and discussed JJAG membership positions that are set by statute.

B. Systems Improvement Committee

No report.

C. Training and Education Committee

No report.

D. Youth Engagement Committee

The Youth Engagement Committee has invited more members to participate in the committee's meetings and activities.

E. Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee (DMC)

No report.

F. Marketing & Outreach Committee

No report.

G. Legislative Committee

No report.

**X. Departmental Reports:**

*Dept. of Public Safety* – The Dept. has contributed to the curriculum for training law enforcement officers as they progress through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. New curriculum might also include mandatory bias training for every law enforcement officer.

There is a new Restorative Justice process for the summer at Old Orchard Beach that will help deal with the influx of young offenders and expedite turnaround time.

*Dept of Corrections* – Both youth facilities have just been through ACA audits. Each facility has been re-accredited at a 100% rating.

The Department has just posted a position for a full time Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator (DMC). The position was partially informed by the [2015](#)

[DMC report](#) recently released by the Muskie School of Public Policy.

*Dept of Health & Human Services* – The Dept. has formed a committee to move work forward as it deals with placement for challenging youth.

**XI. Other Business:**

**Maine Youth Court Summit**

On August 11<sup>th</sup> Maine Youth Court will be hosting a youth led summit at the Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport, Maine. The event will take place from 1-4 p.m. on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Funding for Youth Court reached its terminus this year.

**XII. Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**The next meeting will be September 18, 2015 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
MDOC Boardroom, 25 Tyson Dr., Augusta, Maine**