

Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
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I. Roll Call:

Present: Ned Chester, Esq., Vice Chair; Bryn Gallagher, Maine Youth Court; Jacinda Goodwin, TDAE & Homeless Education Coordinator; Marta Haydym, Maine Youth Court, JJAG Youth Member; Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Brunswick; Tamara Manzer, Youth Member; Tessa Mosher, Victim Services, DOC; Margaret Longsworth, Director Clinical Services, OHI; Luc Nya, Mental Health Services Coordinator, OCFS; Colin O'Neill, Associate Commissioner Juvenile Services, DOC; Kelsey Park, Youth Member; Sgt. Jonathan Shapiro, Maine State Police; Bartlett H. Stoodley, JJAG Chair; Christine Thibeault, Cumberland County Assistant District Attorney; Patrick Walsh, Director, Prevention Services, Broadreach Family & Community Services

Regrets: Teresa Barrows, Behavioral Health Director, OCFS; Dalene Dutton, Communities That Care Specialist; Nickole Wesley, Assistant Clerk, Portland District Court

Absent: Hon. Charles LaVerdiere, Chief Judge, Maine District Court; Kaitlyn Megathlin, Maine Youth Court

Staff: Jerome Bennett, MDOC DMC Coordinator; Jason Carey, Staff Assistant; Robert Deakin, Vista Volunteer; Nathan Gagnon, Compliance Monitor; Kathryn McGloin, Juvenile Justice Specialist

Guests: Ryun Anderson, Director of Operations, Restorative Justice Institute of Maine; Lorraine Brown, Executive Director, Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast; Steve Coleman, Bishop, Williams Temple Church of God in Christ; Caleb Gilbert, SAMHS; Abeir Ibrahim, City of Portland Refugee Services; Sarah Mattox, Restorative Services Coordinator, Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast; Page Nichols, Restorative Learning Specialist, The REAL School; Jill Ward, Juvenile Justice Reform Workgroup

II. Chair:

The JJAG meeting was called to order by Bartlett Stoodley, Chair, at 9:25 A.M. and introductions were made.

FACJJ Report – Pender Makin and Nickole Wesley, both current JJAG members, have submitted applications to serve on the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. FACJJ members each serve several non-contiguous states. Dalene Dutton, another current JJAG member, is now finishing her term as the national FACJJ chair.

Elections – Nominations for Chair: Barry Stoodley. Nominations for Vice-Chair: Ned Chester, Esq.

Motion: All in favor of Barry Stoodley continuing as the Chair of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

Moved: Unanimous

Abstain: Barry Stoodley

Discussion: None

Action: Approved, unanimous

Motion: All in favor of Ned Chester, Esq. continuing as the Vice-Chair of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

Moved: Unanimous

Abstain: Ned Chester

Discussion: None

Action: Approved, unanimous

Nominations for At Large members for the Executive Committee will be made and moved upon at the next meeting.

III. Minutes:

The minutes for the September 18th, 2015 JJAG meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the September 18th, 2015 Minutes

Moved: Luc Nya, Patrick Walsh

Discussion: Two amendments were made.

Action: Approved as amended, unanimous

IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

Budget – A review of the budget was made at this time. For more information please contact Kathryn McGloin.

Presentations – The Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group is making preparations for presenters to deliver information at meetings. This will be a scheduled allocation of time in which the JJAG will keep informed on relevant issues. If you have suggestions on which presenters you would like to see, please contact staff so your idea may be recorded for consideration.

Tri-State – New England is preparing for its second Tri-State SAG Meeting. The current point of interest is in the area of youth engagement. The working title of the historic meeting will be something like: **Youth Engagement – Sustaining Youth Voice & Youth Membership.**

Motion: To engage in the second Tri State meeting for all SAG members from

New Hampshire and Vermont. The headline of the meeting will read Youth Engagement: Sustaining Youth Voice & Youth Membership with details such as time and location to be determined at a later date.

Moved: Ned Chester, Colin O’Neill

Discussion: Each SAG (State Advisory Group) will benefit from such training as this relates directly to the core issues of youth engagement nationwide.

Action: Approved, unanimous

New member training – There will be an upcoming training for new members. This training will cover the evolution of the JJAG as it continues its work as delineated by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act).

V. Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator:

As this is a new position within DOC Jerome Bennett, the department’s new DMC Coordinator, familiarized the JJAG with the roles and responsibilities of the position. The actions taken in this position are data informed. Snapshots of Maine’s DMC issues will be available in the DMC Dashboard which is an up to date look at a few key issues such as:

- Numbers of Committed/Contained
- Reports out to stakeholders
- Identified issues
- Youth & family advisory
- Other disparities
- Positive Youth Development
- Needs Assessments in facilities

VI. Compliance Monitor Report:

Inspections Update Since Last JJAG Meeting:

- Cumberland, Penobscot, Franklin and Aroostook counties will be completed by the next JJAG meeting.

Meetings attended:

- Standards committee meeting as well as a Standards Sub-Committee meeting.
- Met with Lisa and David, along with Kathryn to go over the Strategies for Youth contract.

Strategies for Youth:

Juvenile Justice Jeopardy Development (Sept-Nov)

Juvenile Justice Jeopardy roll-out (Jan 2016)

- 2-day on-site train-the-game-leader and pilot demonstration effort with 2 groups of youth in Lewiston, ME

Assessment of City Law Enforcement Agency (Dec 2015 - January 2016) (Report submitted mid-January 2016)

- Anticipated 4 man-days of assessment work
- Assessment report to detail strengths, identify trends, and provide suggestions.

Policy Review & Recommendations (Nov - December 2015)

- Conduct in-depth review of policies and procedures and produce report, recommendations, and policy models.

Policing the Teen Brain Train-the-Trainer (Late January 2016)

- 4 Day Train-the-Trainer for up to 25 officers
- 2 SFY Coached Trainings
- Provision of Curricula, Materials, Training
- Evaluations & Summary of Evaluation Responses
- On-going technical assistance
- Curricular updates

Policing the Teen Brain Coached Trainings (March 2016)

- Two 2-day coached training events with Psychologist/Psychiatrist & SFY Trainer provided

VII. Departmental Reports:

Dept. of Education – [National Center for Homeless Education](#) training for the [McKinney Vento](#) homeless education liaison for the state of Maine. More training around the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act is happening later this month in Texas.

Dropout data is posted on the department's website via the [Data Warehouse](#).

Dept. of Corrections – The Department welcomes Jerome Bennett, the new full time Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator. The JJAG was formally thanked for its funding of the [DMC Report](#) which is now used as the basis for the coordinator's strategic plan.

DOC will have no bills that feature Restorative Justice in this Legislature.

Colin, along with his Regional Correctional Administrators, will be attending a fifty state forum this November set by the Council of Governments. Designed as a platform upon which will be heard the shared perspectives of correctional and juvenile correctional issues. This is a response to the growing trend nationally of the reduction of deep end commitments and incarcerated youth. Colin plans to deliver a presentation on findings from this forum at the next JJAG meeting.

Colin noted that he will attend the CJCA Positive Youth Outcomes conference in October.

Dept of Health & Human Services – The department looking into the need for a forensic unit for youth who are difficult to place. Funding is a problem and they are considering what might be done at this time with available resources.

Luc Nya will be attending the [ACES to Resilience Conference](#) in Northport this November and looks forward to reporting back to the JJAG at the next meeting.

Dept of Public Safety – Nothing new to report.

VIII. Committe Reports:

No reports

IX. Other Business:

Paul Vestal Scholarship Award – This will be an award to honor Paul Vestal’s position as the JJAG chair for over a decade. This award will serve system involved youth. For more information you may request a copy of Barry’s proposal.

New Members – New youth members have been appointed to the JJAG and they are: Bryn Gallagher, Kaitlyn Megathlin, Kelsey Park, Marta Haydym, and Tamara Manzer.

Transport to and from courts – This discussion centered on who provides oversight and training to insure youth are not being traumatized during transfer to and from the court and a juvenile facility.

October is Youth Justice Awareness Month – For more information on this presidential proclamation please [visit the website of the White House](#). If you are inclined to share this in your social media to help raise awareness around kids who are at risk of being systems involved or are systems involved the hashtag is #YJM.

ReAuthorization of the Act – The House Education and Workforce Committee held its first meeting in over a decade on reauthorizing the law. Good testimony was provided to inform the reauthorization of the law. It has passed out of committee in the Senate and has a lot of bipartisan support. [Learn more here.](#)

Suggestions for JJAG Presentations –

- Restorative Practices

- Concealed Carry Legislation – target training around brain development.
- Now is the Time (OCFS)
- RJ Project, RJJ, Youth Court, REAL School (open discussion)
- Maine Inside Out
- What’s Happening at Long Creek, transition from Mountain View
- Drug abuse/prevention
- Mental Health
- Kids who have been released
- Shared risk & protective factors
- Hunger: Juvenile graduation rate (Justin Alford)
- Brain development & trauma: making the best decisions with available resources (include culturally appropriate training)
- Residential centers and how they are interacting with police
- My brother’s keeper (Portland)
- Building resilience and acquisition of skills
- Challenges of the rural community

**Executive Committee will weigh the above list*

Suggestions for JJAG Presentations –

Motion: To differ the election of at-large Executive Committee members pending the appointment of new members and an in depth discussion.

Moved: Ned Chester, Jonathan Shapiro

Discussion: none

Action: Approved, unanimous

Three Year Plan – [view the JJAG’s Three Year Plan online](#)

VIII. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at noon.

**The next meeting will be December 4, 2015 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Kaplan University, 14 Marketplace Dr., Augusta, Maine**