**Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee**

Executive Subcommittee

February 8th, 2018

10:30AM-11:30AM

EOPSS, Transportation Building

**Meeting Minutes:**

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Minutes
3. Discussion of Goals and Objectives for Upcoming Three Year Plan
4. JJAC Update

JJAC Attendees: Ruth Budelmann, Chair; Dr. Kimberly Larson, Wesley Cotter, Dr. Mark Booher

EOPSS Attendees: Andrew Polk, Kevin Stanton, Jim Houghton, Samantha Frongillo, Patricia Bergin

Handouts: Agenda, Minutes, FY18 Three Year Plan Priorities, Goals, Objectives and Activities

After attendees introduced themselves, the subcommittee **approved minutes** from the previous meeting.

Chair Budelmann opened discussion on the **FY18 Three Year Plan Priorities, Goals, Objectives and Activities** with the intention to bring recommendations to the next JJAC meeting for approval from members. Kevin Stanton gave a brief overview of what the Three Year Plan has looked like in the past and discussed the upcoming release of a Formula Grant AGF. OGR is trying to keep FY18’s plan as realistic as possible, due to the low level of funding available.

Kevin Stanton said that there is less federal money available, with 500K formula grant money available and JAIBG has expired. Members were informed that there could be an AGF for about $320,000, which would be competitively bid and there would be a grant review committee formed to review proposals. There was discussion about collaboration between the JJAC DMC Subcommittee and JDAI on reducing racial and ethnic disparities. JDAI and the JJAC have similar goals with regard to reducing disparities in the juvenile justice system. One goal for the JJAC and EOPSS is to facilitate the completion of a DMC assessment study as is required by OJJDP about once every five years.

There was discussion about whether subawards should only go to evidence based programs. It was determined that funding should include evidence based programs and promising programs.

In an effort to address the Administration’s ongoing priority to affect the opioid crisis, there is a continued desire to make youth substance use a priority within the new three-year plan. Andrew Polk reminded the group of the five priority areas that were approved at the last JJAC meeting which included Youth Substance Abuse as well as Sight and Sound Separation, Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), Delinquency Prevention, and Trauma-Informed Practices. There are currently few juveniles (under 18) heavily involved with opioids within the Juvenile Court & DYS systems but there could be some additional goals made to contribute toward reduction efforts.

Chair Budelmann expressed her desire to review the existing subcommittees and make changes as needed as well as possibly adding new subcommittees such as one for youth members to more actively engage them and to give them more of a voice. Once subcommittees are reviewed and organized, chairs will be instructed to provide updates to all members at the quarterly JJAC meetings. Dr. Kimberly Larson, Chair of the Best Practices Subcommittee, said that it has not been meeting regularly but is keeping members up to date with what other states are doing and suggests working with other states to find out what works best. Mr. Cotter, Chair of the Compliance Subcommittee, discussed the lack of member participation. This is the core of the JJAC mandates and understanding the core requirements often takes a number of meetings to fully understand. Dr. Mark Booher, co-Chair of the DMC Subcommittee, said that it had been meeting regularly. They had been discussing racial differences in data on statewide school discipline and JDAI data while waiting for data from MASS Court for the DMC Assessment Study.

It was greed by members that reviewing subcommittees would be a good idea since subcommittees ebb and flow at different times.

Mr. Polk explained his role with regard to compliance monitoring. OGR is required to strive to visit one-third of the total number of facilities in our monitoring universe each year and it does. OGR staff will provide more substantive updates on compliance monitoring activities and findings at the JJAC meetings; especially with regard the court holding facilities projects. This will give members an idea of exactly what remedies are needed and how realistic they are.

There was discussion about shortening the length time for JJAC meetings to an hour but some expressed concern that there wouldn’t be enough time to cover everything, especially if there will be guest speakers participating in the meetings as planned.  After discussion, the group decided and agreed to one hour and a half.

The meeting was adjourned.