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Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee

January 25, 2021

3:00PM-4:30PM

Virtual GoToMeeting Webinar

Minutes

JJAC Attendance: Chair Ruth Budelmann, Judith Bevis, Maureen Leal, Duci Goncalves, Kanchana Fernando, Lisa Braude, Janelle Ridley, Peter Forbes, Elisha Willis, Cecely Reardon, Marlene Sallo, Laura Ames, Robert Ferullo, Margie Daniels, Alisa Yang, Carson Domey, Sheila Gallagher, Thula Sibanda

EOPSS Attendance: Lynn Wright, Jim Houghton, Samantha Frongillo, Elizabeth Flynn

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions – Ruth Budelmann, Chair
2. Approve September 2020 Meeting Minutes – Ruth Budelmann, Chair
3. New OJJDP Certification Course for Juvenile Justice Specialist and Compliance Monitoring Update – Jim Houghton, Senior Program Manager, Justice & Prevention Division (JPD), OGR
4. Upcoming RED Certification Course – Patricia Bergin, Senior Research and Policy Analyst, OGR
5. FFY17 Formula Funds Update – Jim Houghton
 - a. Expiration of funds
 - b. Use of remaining funds to renew current/most recent programs
6. FFY21 Formula Grant Solicitation Update – Jim Houghton
 - a. New 3-Year Plan
 - b. JJPAD Reports/Recommendations
7. FY21 (Potential) Summer Retreat – Lynn Wright, Division Director, Justice & Prevention (JPD), OGR

8. Compliance with FY20 award/Virtual Meeting with Federal Grant Manager Update – Jim Houghton
9. Meeting Adjourn

Handouts: Agenda, Meeting Minutes

Chair Budelmann introduced herself and informed members that attendance would be taken after the meeting. It was noted that the minutes from the September meeting had incorrect statistics and needed to be updated. Minutes were sent to Patricia Bergin for editing.

Jim Houghton informed members about the new certification program for Juvenile Justice Specialists and Compliance Monitors through OJJDP and CCAS. Mr. Houghton informed members that Alex Marcus will be taking on the role of Compliance Monitor and Samantha Frongillo will be taking on the role of Juvenile Justice Specialist. Once the training is complete, OGR will make official changes.

Mr. Houghton informed members that the OGR has already received an extension for the FY17 Formula Grant funding, and is unable to receive another extension. The OGR will combine the remaining FY17 and FY18 funds for renewal grant opportunity. Five subgrantees will be offered the Title II Formula Grant renewal opportunity.

Mr. Houghton informed members that the federal government has not yet released the solicitation due to complications with JustGrants. The website is still not operational, and with COVID-19 delays, a date for the solicitation has not been posted.

Mr. Houghton informed members that the OGR is putting together a subcommittee for developing Massachusetts' JJ Formula Grant three-year plan and welcomes any new members that would like to participate.

Cecely Reardon informed members that there is a rapid turnaround in the change of administration in OJJDP. Ms. Reardon informed members that a report was done in November 2019 that took a deep dive into diversion. The report noted that diverting youth was effective and that juvenile justice specialists are aware of this and are adopting various best practices to address this. There is a strong need for more infrastructure and communication. Diversion coordinators across the state agree that the best way to do this is to a) test and refine with a 3-site learning lab, b) prioritize evidence based treatment, and c) address transportation barriers among youth and family members.

Peter Forbes informed members of DYS's involvement and that they were approached by a children's advocate to see if DYS would be willing to pilot a program to address diversion. DYS has identified CPS, Police and other agencies as key partners. DYS put out a bid for counties interested in strengthening their diversion programs. DYS would serve as the administrator; non-profits may submit proposals to DYS and must work with their local PD. Lynn Wright asks if the JJAC can assist DYS in this process. Mr. Forbes informed members that the JJAC can assist for the proposal review process.

Ms. Wright informed members that the OGR would like to hold a planning/training retreat for the JJAC. In January 2020, the JJAC participated in a technical assistance training with the hope of continuing the technical assistance opportunity and kick off the JJ Formula Grant 3-year planning

process during a summer retreat. Due to COVID-19, the OGR was unable to hold a retreat; however, the OGR will continue to work with the JJAC and subcommittees to plan a future retreat for later in 2021. Ms. Wright asks members for their input, informing them that we can invite subgrantees, federal grant managers, guest speakers, etc. The OGR would like to plan something with DYS to identify a site to hold the retreat.

Mr. Houghton informed members that Massachusetts is in compliance with meeting the reporting requirements for the FY20 Formula Grant award. The Commonwealth came back into compliance thanks to the help from OJJDP and the monitoring efforts of Alex Marcus, OGR Compliance Monitor. The OGR federal grant manager, Didier Moncion is interested in visiting Massachusetts to help train court officers on proper reporting related to compliance with sight and sound separation; the assumption is that MA is over reporting non-compliant incidents. Didier is also interested in attending/participating in the pending retreat.

Meeting adjourned.