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Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee

September 27, 2021

3:00PM-4:30PM

Virtual GoToMeeting Webinar

Minutes

JJAC Attendance: Chair Ruth Budelmann, Glenn Daly, Laura Ames, Margie Daniels, Peter Forbes, Cecely Reardon, Kanchana Fernando, Elisha Willis, Shiela Gallagher, Duci Goncalves, Janelle Ridley, Robert Ferullo, Tracey Vasile, Elizabeth Englander

EOPSS Attendance: Lynn Wright, Jim Houghton, Samantha Frongillo, Elizabeth Flynn, Alex Marcus, Patricia Bergin

Guests: Dawn Gigante-Masterson

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions – Ruth Budelmann, Chair
2. Approve May 2021 Minutes – Ruth Budelmann, Chair
3. Review of Upcoming Meeting Dates – Samantha Frongillo, Program Coordinator II
4. Programmatic Desk Review Update – Samantha Frongillo, Program Coordinator II
5. Upcoming Webinars & CJJ's 2021 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Conference – Samantha Frongillo, Program Coordinator II
6. Summer JJAC Retreat Planning – Lynn Wright, Deputy Director of Programs
7. Other
8. Meeting Adjourned

Handouts: May 2021 Meeting Minutes, Agenda

Chair Budelmann introduced herself and informed members that we will not be doing introductions during the meeting due to the difficulty of the platform setup, and that anyone willing to speak up may introduce themselves.

A motion to approve the May 2021 meeting minutes was made and minutes were approved. Elisha Willis mentions her appreciation for how detailed the meeting minutes were and that she was able to recall much more from the previous meeting. Ms. Budelmann informs members that Samantha Frongillo is now recording all the meetings to transcribe the meeting minutes more accurately.

Ms. Frongillo asks members if they have had a chance to look over the tentative meeting dates for the upcoming year and if any members have conflicting issues with the dates to please let her know, as the OGR is flexible in moving dates around to accommodate members. Lynn Wright informs members that we can have meetings with subcommittees in between the JJAC meetings, if necessary.

Ms. Frongillo informs members that the OGR recently underwent a programmatic desk review for the Title II Formula Grant program with our federal grant manager Didier Moncion. Ms. Frongillo informs members that The Salvation Army and the Middle DA participated in the review and both spoke for an hour each, providing lengthy information on each of their programs. Ms. Frongillo informs members that the OGR has hopes to visit subgrantees and see their programs firsthand, adding that if there is any interest in attending, JJAC members are more than welcome to attend. This will all be dependent on the status of the pandemic. Seeing as virtual meetings will most likely remain in effect for some time, Ms. Frongillo adds that she will communicate with her subgrantees to see if they would be willing to join us on one of our JJAC meetings to give members an overview of their programs successes. Ms. Frongillo informs members that the OGR will be receiving their report from Didier within 30 days of the end of the review and will keep the committee informed.

Ms. Frongillo informs members that there isn't anything for Alex Marcus to report on compliance, as the state is just starting to open, and most agencies still aren't allowing people to visit. Ms. Frongillo informs members that Didier would like to set up a call with herself and Mr. Marcus after his site visit report is complete to discuss the status in which Massachusetts is reporting and see if there is a way to remedy the process making it easier on the state and the departments themselves.

Patricia Bergin informs members that the Bristol County Sheriff Department came and spoke about their programs a few years back, and that the information provided was very helpful in understanding what they do for and with youth, adding that this would be great to do again.

Cecely Reardon informs members that with respect to the upcoming monitoring visit, she is more than happy to be a resource if any questions come up about the legal intersection of our compliance requirements at the state level.

Ms. Frongillo informs members of upcoming CJJ 2021 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Conference, which will be held virtually on November 2-3 and if any member is interested in attending to please email her by COB Friday and the OGR will cover the registration fee. Ms. Frongillo informs members that Commissioner Forbes and Ms. Reardon will be speaking at the upcoming webinar, *Removing Youth from Adult Jails: Learning the Successes in the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, and North Dakota*. Ms. Frongillo adds that she will send the committee an email with all this information and any other information of upcoming learning opportunities. Ms. Reardon informs members that she would be willing to talk with anyone that is interested in participating in the webinar, however is unable to make it, adding that they will be discussing the new sections of the reauthorized juvenile justice and delinquency prevention act.

Ms. Reardon informs members that Janelle Ridley was voted the Regional Chair for the Northeast Region for CJJ.

Ms. Wright informs members that the OGR received information on a virtual event on young adults, focusing on our youth members. Ms. Frongillo will email JJAC youth members with this information after the meeting.

Ms. Wright informs members that the OGR is still trying to plan a retreat that stemmed from our technical assistance and training we received in January 2020. Ms. Wright adds that we were unable to accomplish our original goals of having a retreat to discuss our three-year planning next steps, however we would still

like to hold a retreat where we can discuss how we arrived at our priorities and the data that we used to support our decisions. Ms. Wright adds that we would also like to give members more background information on our compliance monitoring—where we are with that, why we do it and the results. Ms. Wright informs members that we do need assistance with planning a retreat and that Didier would be happy to assist us in the process and be available for answers to any questions that may arise. Ms. Wright adds that we would also like the trainers that helped facilitate the SAG training in January to be a part of the retreat. Ms. Wright informs members that the training staff and OJJDP members aren't traveling at this moment, so we are waiting on clearance from them to start planning. We will also need to provide OJJDP with an agenda, location, number of participants, etc. to get approval to start planning a retreat. Ms. Wright adds that the earliest we could possibly do a retreat would be in the Spring, but we will keep the committee informed.

Ms. Budelmann asks if anyone has additional topics that they would like to discuss. Ms. Wright thanks The Salvation Army and the Middle DA for being able to participate in our desk review, acknowledging how important it was for Didier and ourselves to hear their programs in much greater detail. Ms. Wright adds that we would like a few subgrantees to attend our retreat and share information on their programs with the whole committee. Kanchana Fernando informs members that she would be more than happy to present on behalf of Middle DA at a retreat.

Jim Houghton reminds members and Mr. Marcus to consult with Ms. Reardon and her knowledge and experience and legal expertise regarding compliance, adding that Didier mentioned items with the courts and jail removal with the courts. Mr. Houghton adds that the possibility of creating a compliance monitoring subcommittee soon would be beneficial. Ms. Reardon added that she would be happy to be a part of that subcommittee.

Ms. Budelmann reminds members that Ms. Frongillo will send an email with information regarding upcoming conferences and learning opportunities.

Meeting adjourned.