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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING
RESTORATIVE JUSTIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Third Meeting – The Funding Subcommittee

Place: Hampden County Sheriff's Department
627 Randall Road
Ludlow, MA 01056

Date and Time: November 6, 2019 from 11AM – 1:00PM

1. Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at 11:17AM.

	Board Members	Present	Absent
1	Chair-Sheriff Nicholas Cocchi	X	
2	Scott Taberner	X	
3	Ret. Chief Fred Ryan	X	
4	Susan Jeghelian	X	
5	Erin Freeborn	X	
6	Allison Cartwright		X

EOPSS Staff:
Anjeza Xhemollari

Others in attendance:
Monica Dominique (HCSD), John D'Angelo (HCSD), Denise Mason (HCSD)

2. Welcome

Members give a quick introduction

3. Work on Funding Request

- Why money is needed
- What it would support
- The anticipated duration of the project

The meeting commenced with an initial review of the rough draft of a letter by John D'Angelo written on behalf of the RJAC, requesting \$90,000 to hire new staff and oversee the process of inventory and data tracking. See attached appendix.

Susan Jeghelian started to talk about the Supplemental Budget for FY2020. She passed out a draft of a chart she created "Budget Request Breakdown for Fiscal Year 2021" which tracks a longer term plan of infrastructure and includes hiring of a staff person dedicated only to RJAC. The chart includes 9 line items and is divided into two sections. See attached appendix for a full breakdown. (Original document and updated)

Susan suggested hiring a dedicated staff member to oversee the partnership with the educational institution and to assist in implementing the necessary work. This was discussed in the previous meeting. Susan asked the members if this was a possibility. Sheriff Cocchi answered that the Funding Subcommittee should put a request for 2020 and start developing a mission. The funding would go under EOPSS line and EOPSS would make the request through A&F.

Susan thought that the \$90,000.00 outlined in John D'Angelo's letter should increase to \$100,000.00. She based the increase on previous studies she's been part of and felt it was reasonable. She felt that a staff member should be hired first because the study cannot be launched without any additional support.

Susan asked the members if, after presenting a comprehensive plan, they should request a portion or percentage of the money to start. Sheriff Cocchi adds that if there is a pre-existing line item that would enable them to start spending. After some discussion it was felt that they should present a quarter by quarter allocation. They should request specific funds and explain how to initiate them, describing to EOPSS and A&F precisely what is needed. It was felt that this plan would inspire confidence and may insure continued funding. It is also suggested that more columns be added to Susan's chart to indicate start date of the 9 line items.

This discussion then turned to the hiring of a RJAC Administrator with substantive expertise. Sheriff Cocchi suggested initially hiring from a Temporary Agency, and eventually hiring the person on to a state payroll if they prove to be an asset. It is also suggested that the Committee could tap into EOPSS for a possible Temp. Agency. Another suggestion is to hire a consultant to do the planning, which EOPSS could authorize.

The members then discussed additional line items such as inventory, research of RJ programs in other states, data base and tracking. It was decided to make changes to Susan's chart, specifying the Quarterly piece to be ready for the full committee meeting. Susan will also include suggested changes to John D'Angelo's draft letter. Susan will include footnotes for each line items to further describe their purpose. She will email the changes to the members for their input.

Ret. Chief Fred Ryan expressed concerns in which way we were approaching this funding request. He was worried that the funding subcommittee was building a bureaucracy. Members acknowledged his input.

4. Public Comment

N/A

5. Open Session for topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting

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