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MEETING MINUTES
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: November 14, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Andrew Peck at 11:08 am.

		Present	Absent	MM	RJ Office Report
1	Chair-Andrew Peck	X		Abstain	Abstain
2	Scott Taberner		X		
3	Representative Simon Cataldo		X		
4	Senator Robyn Kennedy		X		
5	DA Marian Ryan		X		
6	Allison S. Cartwright	X		X	X
7	Dianne Fasano	X		X	X
8	Ret. Chief Fred Ryan		X		
9	Stephanie McCarthy	X		X	X
10	Andrea Berte	X		X	X
11	Judge Peter Agnes	X		X	X
12	Kara Hayes	X		X	X
13	Vacant				
14	Vacant				
15	Dennis D. Evertt Jr.	X		X	X
16	Susan Jeghelian	X		X	X
17	Samuel Williams	X		X	X

EOPSS Staff: Anjeza Xhemollari and Arielle Mullaney

2. Welcome

The chair welcomed all Committee members and attendance was taken.

3. Review and Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2023

Peter Agnes made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kara Hayes. The meeting minutes were approved.

4. Review and Approval of proposed MA State RJ Office enabling statute, budget, program design, and research report

Subcommittee Chair Susan Jeghelian presented the comprehensive research report prepared by the State RJ Office Subcommittee which had been distributed to the Committee in advance of the meeting. She explained that the report sets forth research findings and the recommendations of the RJAC for the creation of a statutory, state-sponsored state RJ office in the FY25 budget process. She went over the various sections of the report including the recommendations, enabling statute, budget, program design for the proposed new office, and the proposed implementation plan that provides a role for the RJAC in helping to set up the office.

RJAC members commented on and discussed the Subcommittee's report which was presented for adoption by the full Committee. Members noted their appreciation for the extensive work done by the Subcommittee. Several mentioned that the report was outstanding and noted that it was a real time response to an important initiative in the state. Overall, RJAC members felt comfortable adopting the report as a whole rather than voting on the components separately.

Undersecretary Peck had some reservations due to members of the legislature not being present and deferred to the Committee.

Peter Agnes made a motion to adopt the RJAC recommendations to establish the MA Office of Restorative Justice as embodied in the report, which was seconded by Kara Hayes. All Committee members present voted in favor and Andy abstained.

Susan mentioned that the State RJ Office Subcommittee would continue to meet in the coming months to prepare job descriptions and other logistical arrangements for the new MA RJ office.

As part of the conversation, the RJAC also discussed engaging with the public this spring in the ongoing work of RJAC through regional dialogues. Dennis, Kara, and Sam all weighed in to support this idea which was also met with support by other members. It was decided to create a new working group for this outreach and engagement. Dennis, Sam, and Kara agreed to be in the working group. Andy asked that the group create a summary statement of its goals and objectives to share with the Committee.

5. Plan for presenting MA State RJ Office FY25 budget request to the Governor & Legislature

Anjeza Xhemollari has scheduled a meeting with Senator Eldridge, Senator Kennedy, Representative Garballey, and Representative Cataldo for the end of November.

6. Update on RJAC 2023 Annual Report

Susan and Sam have taken the lead in drafting the 2023 Annual Report. The annual report should be ready for review at the next meeting.

7. Public Comment (10 minutes)

Brenda was appreciative of the work by the subcommittee and is looking forward to reviewing the final draft of the research report.

8. Open Session for Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting

N/A

9. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 12:30 pm