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**NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**  
**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Place:** Parole Board  
12 Mercer Road  
Natick, MA 01760

**Date and Time:** January 14, 2020 from 11:00AM-1:00PM

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Call to Order**

At 11:10am, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Spencer Lord. Undersecretary Andrew Peck was unavailable.

	Board Members	Present	Call-in	Absent
1	Chair-Spencer Lord	X		
2	Scott Taberner	X		
3	Rep. Sean Garballey			X
4	Sen. James Eldridge			X
5	Becky Michaels		X	
6	Allison S. Cartwright	X		
7	John Millett	X		
8	Ret. Chief Fred Ryan	X		
9	Diane Coffey	X		
10	Monica Dominique (*)	X		
11	Judge Rosemary Minehan	X		
12	Kara Hayes			X
13	Carolyn Boyes-Watson		X	
14	Erin Freeborn	X		
15	Cheis Garrus	X		
16	Susan Jeghelian	X		
17	Strong Oak Lefebvre	X		

(\*) Designee for Sheriff Nicholas Cocchi

**EOPSS Staff:**

Anjeza Xhemollari

**Others in attendance:**

Brenda Nolan, Mary Quinn and Jo-Ann Della Giustina

**2. Welcome**

Chairman Spencer Lord welcomed board members and members of the public.

**3. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2019**

The motion was made by Scott Taberner to approve the draft meeting minutes. The motion was second by Allison Cartwright and approved unanimously.

**4. Presentation by Maria V. D'Addieco, U.S. Probation Officer, U.S. District Court  
District of Massachusetts "*Rise-Repair, Invest, Succeed, Emerge*"**

Maria D'Addieco provides an overview of the RISE program within the U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts. In order to participate in the RISE program, the defendant must agree to plea guilty to the charges, prior to being accepted to the RISE program. Maria details the restorative components within the program and the different workshops that are held within the year. The circle of introduction, trust building, harm and accountability and reintegration and making amend. She talked about the informal sessions of planting the seeds and assessing the needs. Board members also watched videos and were able to hear from participants on how the RISE program changed their lives for the better. In the end, members had countless questions about the RISE program and Maria provided great feedback in a dialogue with each member.

Maria indicated that getting buy-in at the federal level from probation/parole was challenging. It took 7 years to get the program off the ground – took key help from a committed judge. It was really difficult to get the defense bar on board; initially they were very skeptical. What helped was telling them that the program does not report back to judges other than to say whether the participation requirement was met and inviting defense counsel to participate as community members in other workshops to broaden their understanding. Typically, the program starts seeing people around ages 20-22 but some in the substance abuse disorder category are older. US attorneys are saying that their recommendations are different now in that they account for the community perspective.

This program infrastructure if replicated could be housed in community-based RJ programs, probation offices or victim advocate programs. This is not yet a national model at the federal level. Program evaluation has not been done to date but the potential for one is currently being explored.

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**5. Addressing the memo of Carolyn Boyes-Watson and Susan Jeghelian, RJAC Members**

Since Carolyn participated by phone, this item on the agenda was moved to February 11, 2020.

**6. *Follow-up: Documentary "Circle Up" by Director Julie Mallozz***

Even though this item was not on the agenda, the Chair allowed board members and members of the public to participate in a talking piece circle and provide input about the documentary. Each member used the talking piece, provided by Strog Oak, and spoke freely and open about their own experience within Restorative Justice. Overall, the circle conversation was well received by everyone.

**7. Public Comment (10 minutes)**

Members of the public were satisfied with participating in the circle and providing feedback about the documentary.

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

N/A

**9. Adjourn**

Fred Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00pm. Diane Coffey seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.