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MEETING MINUTES
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: February 21, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Virtual Location: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only) [857-327-9245](tel:857-327-9245) **Phone Conference ID:** 340 146 417#

Agenda Items:

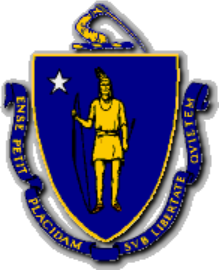
1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andrew Peck at 10:17 am.

		Present	Absent	Meeting Minutes
1	Chair-Andrew Peck	X		Yes
2	Scott Taberner	X		Yes
3	Rep. Sean Garballey*	X		
4	Sen. James Eldridge**	X		Yes
5	DA Marian Ryan		X	
6	Allison S. Cartwright		X	
7	Lorna Spencer		X	
8	Ret. Chief Fred Ryan	X		Yes
9	Diane Coffey**	X		Yes
10	Andrea Berte		X	
11	Judge Peter Agnes		X	
12	Kara Hayes	X		Yes
13	Vacant			
14	Vacant			
15	Dennis D. Evertt Jr.	X		Yes
16	Susan Jeghelian	X		Yes
17	Samuel Williams		X	

*Derek Keenan ** left at 11:00 am

EOPSS Staff: Anjeza Xhemollari and Arielle Mullaney.



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2. Welcome

Chairman Andrew Peck welcomed all Committee members and attendance was taken.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023

Fred Ryan made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kara Hayes. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Presentation: RJAC and RCC Inventory Update by Jeff Van Dreason

Jeff Van Dreason introduced Dr. Mya T. Bowen and Esq. Theresa Coney as presenters and team leaders who have been tasked with the inventory and RJAC partnership.

Both presenters provide a detailed overview of the ongoing work led by RCC and its students who are dedicated to tracking the Restorative Justice programs in the Commonwealth.

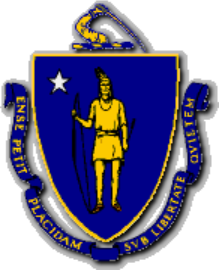
The presenters go over the Alignment of Learning and Project Objectives overall.

The scope of the project consists of:

1. qualitative and quantitative outcomes for participants;
2. recidivism rates for responsible parties;
3. criteria for youth involvement and training;
4. cost savings for the Commonwealth;
5. training guidelines for restorative justice facilitators;
6. data on gender, racial socioeconomic, and geographic disparities in the use of community-based;
7. guidelines for restorative justice practice best practices;
8. appropriate training for community-based restorative programs

The students' learning objectives are to:

1. Develop skills to analyze and evaluate effectively
2. Identify Restorative Justice Programs within the Commonwealth
3. Evaluate Restorative Justice Programs within the Commonwealth
4. Explore the benefits of restorative justice principles for stakeholders



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5. Compare and contrast different approaches to restorative justice via case studies
6. Report findings regarding the impact of Restorative Justice Programs throughout the Commonwealth
7. Incorporate technology through database creation and management for qualitative and quantitative research methodologies

Students are divided by region:

Two students are assigned to Boston and Southeast due to the amount of Restorative Justice Programs in the Commonwealth. The remaining regions have one student only.

Regions	Boston & Southeast	Northeast	Central & MetroWest	Western
Students A+B	X			
Student C		X		
Student D			X	
Student E				X

Questions and Feedback:

Kara was grateful to learn that the work is victim-centered.

Dennis was appreciative of the hard work!

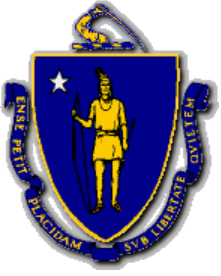
Susan-how will you evaluate the program and develop criteria??

Theresa-the student needs to understand the program. Everything is self-reported. The work might take more than one semester and we might need to circle back on best practices.

Chairman Peck-suggested to have students present at a future meeting or attend RJAC meetings to see how the committee functions.

5. State Office of Restorative Justice Subcommittee Update

Chair of the State Office of Restorative Justice Subcommittee, Susan Jeghelian provided a full update of the first meeting. The subcommittee will convene monthly every Tuesday on Microsoft Teams from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The subcommittee discussed its charge, work product, and future timeline. The subcommittee reviewed past annual reports and extracted information on the need for building an Office of Restorative Justice in the Commonwealth.



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The current membership:

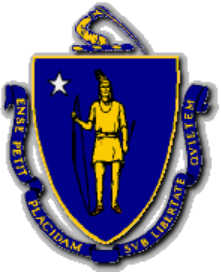
1	Chair- Susan Jeghelian
2	Scott Taberner
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Kara Hayes and Dennis Everett were added to the Subcommittee for future meetings.

6. Grant Update

Anjeza Xhemollari provided the grant update. The press release was announced on 02.02.2023. All awardees have been notified by OGR. Link here: [Healey-Driscoll Administration Awards \\$380,000 to Restorative Justice Programs | Mass.gov](#)

Grant Recipient(s)	Award
1. BeHeard.world / Trendstream	\$ 40,000.00
2. Fresh Start Wellness / Seven Hills Foundation	\$ 40,000.00
3. Legacy Lives On / Center for Restorative Justice	\$ 40,000.00
4. Pa'lante Transformative Justice / Restore Circles	\$ 40,000.00
5. Transition House / Boston Area Rape Crisis Center	\$ 40,000.00
6. College Bound Dorchester	\$ 20,000.00
7. Communities for Restorative Justice	\$ 20,000.00
8. Legendary Legacies	\$ 20,000.00
9. Lighthouse Holyoke	\$ 20,000.00
10. Maverick Landing Community Services	\$ 20,000.00
11. Metropolitan Mediation Services	\$ 20,000.00
12. Transformational Prison Project	\$ 20,000.00
13. Tufts University	\$ 20,000.00
14. UTEC	\$ 20,000.00
Total Funds Awarded	\$380,000.00



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Senator Eldridge inquired about the list of entities that did not receive any funding.
Anjeza shared the list with the Committee via online chat:

1	The Resolution Center
2	Northeastern University
3	LIFT/LAHA
4	Brazilian Working Center

7. Public Comment (10 minutes)

A quorum was available until 11:00 am. The decision was made to extend public comment at the next meeting.

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

9. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 11:05 am.