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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**State Office of Restorative Justice Subcommittee**

**Date:** April 4, 2023

**Time:** 10:00AM-11:30AM

**Microsoft Teams:** [Click here to join the meeting](#) **ID:** 265 609 225 525 **Passcode:** wqWxeA

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**Agenda Items:**

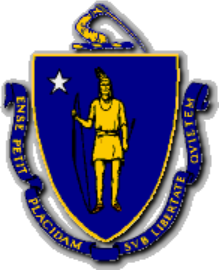
**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Susan Jeghelian at 10:24am once a quorum was established.

		Present	Absent	Meeting Minutes
1	Chair-Susan Jeghelian	X		Yes
2	Scott Taberner	X		Yes
3	Samuel Williams		X	
4	Dennis Everett	X		Yes
5	Kara Hayes		X	
6	Judge Peter Agnes	X		Yes
7	Andrew Peck (on occasion only)			

**EOPSS Staff:** Arielle Mullaney and Amy Putvinskas

**Public Members:** Karina Zeferino



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**2. Welcome**

Chair welcomed all members.

**3. Review and Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2023**

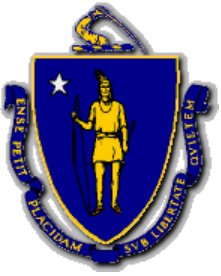
- i. Chair Jeghelian made edits to the meeting minutes. quorum was lost prior to the meeting minutes being approved. The remaining members briefly discussed Feedback on RJ Systems and Models.
- ii. A quorum was later established - Scott motioned Dennis seconded to accept the meeting minutes and the edits to the minutes. A Roll Call was taken, and the minutes were accepted

**4. Discussion of Subcommittee feedback on RJ systems and state office models**

- i. Can we recognize that judicial and legislative RJ initiatives are going on and make sure that the state RJ office can be designed to support both branches as well as executive branch? We would look to the Senator and the Rep to ultimately have this approved. Within EOPSS and then within the court system to develop capability and a coordinated effort.
- i. Susan – Municipalities and local authorities, legislative, and judicial.
- ii. Dennis – We could also look into Federal funding groups of people move regionally. People move off their interest and we can use that regional aspect to make Restorative Justice meaningful in those communities.

**5. Identification of RJ systems and state office models for further investigation**

- i. Dennis – I think we should bring someone of color who is a specialist in this area to give meaningful feedback.
- ii. Susan – that is another phase of the process where we will put together a framework.
- iii. Judge Agnes – where in the structure of government should this reside? Should it be left as the last piece of the work? If we look at the state budget, there are agencies that are independent of the group but receive funding?



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- iv. Dennis – we should think of having two groups because the cultures and the needs of the groups will be different. We need to start the framing thinking that we need to support people in those communities. networking and connecting people to the model that would best support their community rather than a certifying entity. Good facilitators coming direct from trauma there should be direct support for them
- v. Scott – what is the structure and the elements that we would recommend be in the statute?
- vi. The group went through different states with their functions and how Massachusetts could possibly adopt.
- vii. PointOneNorth – hold off on interview until the larger group approves to further investigate.

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

- i. Jo-Ann – thank you to the group and it has come a long way since the beginning of the meetings. This is an impressive space and looks forward to seeing the work and brining this back to Bridgewater state in classes in moving the school forward.
- ii. Sang Pham – works for state IT and joins state meetings periodically to see if he can provide support.

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

- i. No further discussion was held the meeting adjourned at 11:30am.