**Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee**

March 5th, 2018

3:00PM-4:30PM

Transportation Building, Boston

**Minutes**

**JJAC Attendance:** ChairRuth Budelmann, Vice Chair Cecely Reardon, Dr. Judy Bevis, Dr. Mark Booher, Jeff Butts, Margie Daniels, Kanchana Fernando, Dr. Kim Larson, John Millet (on behalf of Commissioner Dolan), Janelle Ridley, Glenn Daly

**Guests:** Josh Dankoff, Sana Fadel, Mark S. Kennard, Alona Weimer

**EOPSS Attendance:** Angela Davis, Kevin Stanton, Doug Levine, Andrew Polk, Jim Houghton, Samantha Frongillo, Patricia Bergin

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve December Meeting Minutes
3. Guest Speaker on Opioid Epidemic – Mark S. Kennard
4. Executive Subcommittee Update (Final FY18 Three-Year Plan Priorities)
5. Dissemination of Compliance Monitoring Report
6. Other Business-Conclusion

**Handouts:** Agenda, Minutes FY18 Three-Year Plan Priorities, Compliance Monitoring Update

Chair Ruth Budelmann welcomed those in attendance and attendees introduced themselves.

Guest speaker, Mark Kennard, introduced himself and gave a brief description of his prior work experiences and informed the members that he would be **discussing the opioid epidemic**. Mr. Kennard described the value that diversion has had in saving a large number of youth from reoffending. The abuse of opioids became an epidemic beginning in 2010. Narcan is a useful tool in reducing overdose deaths. Opioids are popular because they offer people relief from stressors in their lives. Caucasian males, ages 22 to 45, are the most at risk of using and becoming addicted to opioids. Increasing collaboration between primary care physicians, hospitals and addiction treatment providers is helping to reduce the problem. Recovery coaches use their own experiences to help others suffering from addiction to resolve their addiction. Hospitals that are working with other medical facilities to gain knowledge on the patient’s background are having recovery coaches come in and speak with the patient to help find what the next best course of treatment is. Mr. Kennard stated the federal government is not providing adequate resources to battle the epidemic. The target needs to be diversion, getting physicians certified in MAT, educating all of their patients and collaboration with medical providers. Lastly, Mr. Kennard discussed the political stigma surrounding injection sites. These really should be seen as harm reduction, avoiding fentanyl overdoses. This epidemic is one Mr. Kennard believes we won’t see an end to for at least five more years.

A **motion to approve the minutes** from the December meeting was made and passed.

Kevin Stanton gave a brief update on where EOPSS stands with the **FY18 Three Year Plan Priorities, Goals, Objectives and Activities** and asked for members’ opinions. Cecely Reardon suggested that members may want to vote to delegate final authority to the JJAC Executive Subcommittee to finalize decisions on activities relating to the priorities. Chair Budelmann stated that OGR would email the members a copy of the current draft. Members will have two weeks to provide any suggestions to OGR via email. EOPSS will look at suggestions and bring them to the Executive Subcommittee meeting for finalization.

A **motion was made and passed** to allow members two weeks to provide suggestions relating to priority activities to OGR and to delegate final decisions regarding the Three Year Plan to the Executive Subcommittee (with EOPSS oversight).

Andrew Polk gave an **update on compliance monitoring efforts** including the JJDP Act core requirements, the responsibilities and activities of the compliance monitor, and what has been accomplished to date for work relating to the annual Compliance Monitoring Report due on April 2. (A compliance update handout was provided as part of the presentation.) In addition, Mr. Polk provided an update on the court holding facilities project. Mr. Polk will provide a more comprehensive update at the June meeting after there has been more opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the remedies that have been implemented in many of the facilities. Glen Daly asked what the total cost would be to renovate all facilities. Mr. Polk responded that it is difficult to determine a specific number due to multiple factors and contingencies being in play and dependence on other, currently uncertain, macro-level planning by DCAMM and the EOTC. In addition, in many facilities, renovation is not feasible. It may be possible to provide a general estimate at the June meeting.

As part of the decision to pay membership dues to the **Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ),** Ms. Reardon provided information about its purpose and value. OJJDP and CJJ work hand in hand with each other on several different initiatives relating to juvenile justice policy on a national level, including those relating to the JJDP Act. CJJ sponsors conferences that SAG members and other stakeholders from almost all states regularly attend, as has also been the case with JJAC members.

With one abstention, a **motion to pay the CJJ dues** ($5,000) was made and passed.

Lastly, Chair Budelmann informed the committee that OGR has funds available for some members to attend the annual CJJ conference and, if individuals are interested, they should wait to hear from OGR about the proper next steps.

The meeting was adjourned.