

MISSISSIPPI JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES – 2nd Quarter MEETING – May 3, 2019
Location: Adams County Juvenile Detention Center, Natchez, MS

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Alfred Martin
Katrina Phillips
Toni Kersh
Gloria Saulters
Willie Blackmon
Ta'shia Gordon
Rick Smith
Dr. Angela Robertson
Jim Maccarone
Dwayne Nelson

EXCUSED:

Judge Tom Broome
Tia Grisham
Dillon Vancor
Jackie Dedeaux
Judge Frank Coleman

GUESTS:

Marketa Motton

DPS STAFF:

Jackie Ledger
Anslem Palmer
Teresa Wash

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Martin called meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from January 18, 2019 meeting were submitted. Motion to accept minutes as written was made by Willie Blackmon, and seconded by Jim Maccarone. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Martin announced that the official letter from Governor's office had been received and Mr. Henry Upshaw, Adams County Juvenile Detention Administrator, was introduced.

DPS STAFF UPDATE:

Jackie Ledger reported that Julie Herr and Kathy Manning from OJJPD came for audit. Anslem Palmer stated that they toured Washington County Juvenile Detention Center, Greenville Police Department, Arcola Police Department, Sunflower County Sheriff's Department and Oakley Training School. They had very positive feedback regarding Oakley. There were a few recommendations but overall a positive visit. Dr. Martin thanked Jackie Ledger and Anslem Palmer for their hard work done to keep us in compliance. He also recognized Jim Maccarone for the work done to improve Oakley Training School.

Jackie Ledger reported that the education piece that was just approved by legislature has been added and will be presented to the Secretary of State's office.

Jackie Ledger requested that each SAG member complete an updated member information form. Jackie Ledger presented list of the SAG Membership requirements for 2020.

GRANTS UPDATE:

Gloria Saulters gave update on the RFP. Alcorn County Youth Court and Lowndes Detention Center were the only two that submitted and both scored very low. A summary was provided to Emberly Holmes for review with notes and recommendations from the committee and neither Grant request was approved. Motion was made by Dr. Robertson to reissue the RFP to Detention Centers, Youth Courts, Oakley, and other facilities with a deadline of May 28, 2019. The committee needs to have

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recommendations by June 7th and grant awarded by June 14th due to the limited time for funds to be allocated. Motion was seconded by Jim Maccarone; Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Katrina Phillips reported that the website is live. www.msjjac.org It was requested that SAG members submit positive articles and news to Katrina for the website and Facebook page to start generating traffic on the site and page, and for member to share the website and Facebook page to all of their friends.

Motion was made by Katrina Phillips to have SAG business cards made so that we can identify ourselves when visiting sites. Motion was seconded by Rick Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Katrina Phillips reported that the next step would be to get more publications such as flyers printed to promote awareness of the SAG.

JDAI UPDATE:

Ta'Shia Gordon reported MYDRAI training was held January 9-10, 2019 in Natchez. Conference calls had been completed with all of the JDAI sites to work through the data tool. Anna Minsky has been working with all sites to get all on the same tool. Site visits will be taking place on May 13-15, 2019.

ANNUAL REPORT:

Willie Blackmon reported that the annual report is in the final stages and should be ready for printing very soon. Committee must distribute to the Governor's office, legislature and other entities.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

2019 Youth Court Legislative Report Update passed out. Jim Maccarone gave brief update on the bills that pertained to Juvenile Justice. Ta'Shia Gordon announced that the Mental Health Task Force bill also passed. MS Save App/Students Against Violence has been launched for students to be able to get domestic violence help/information.

DMC UPDATE:

Dr. Angela Robertson wants to work on an action plan to work on DMC. She requested that a panel of facilitators have a session at the conference to begin the conversation to get an action plan in place. Dr. Martin suggested that a personal invite be sent to the individual people that strategically need to be in attendance for this session.

Dr. Martin announced that our next meeting will be on the coast at the conference. SAG members will go on July 30, 2019 to tour Harrison County Facility and the meeting will be on the morning of July 31, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Katrina Phillips
JJAC Secretary