

MISSISSIPPI JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES – 3rd Quarter MEETING – July 31, 2019 Location: Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, Biloxi, MS

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Martin called meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from May 3, 2019 meeting were submitted. Motion to accept minutes as written was made by Rick Smith, and seconded by Ta'Shia Gordon. Motion carried unanimously.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW:

Alfred Martin announced that Caren Harp, Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will be here. Everyone from SAG needs to be in her session at 10:00 tomorrow morning. Be ambassadors. Gloria needs volunteers to help at luncheon and final session to hand out evaluations. Networking event will have Karaoke first and then One Man Band. Spread the word.

STAFF UPDATE:

- A. Jackie Ledger reported that we received letter administrator stating that we are in compliance for Title II funding and the recent audit went well. Jackie also announced that Anslem Palmer has resigned from the agency for personal reasons.
- B. Lora Hunter announced that the standards are now at the Secretary of State's office. She will send email once they are published for public comment. Toni Kersh and Lora Hunter discussed a joint roll out of regulations in possibly late October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Grants Committee: Gloria Salters announced that Washington County and Oakley were awarded the grants. Jackie Ledger reported that Washington County has already returned their documents and should be up and running shortly; Oakley is still working on their documents but should have them completely shortly. She also reported that she is continuing to reach out to other agencies. These are 2015 monies and has to be spent by September 30, 2019. Alfred Martin asked the chairman, Gloria Salters, to move forward with the next monies that will be available so that we can get a head start on the process now. Jackie Ledger announced that OJJDP really wants to see programs.
- B. Public Relations Committee: Katrina Phillips announced the hashtags for the conference #msjjac #msjusticeforall youth and requested that everyone utilize Facebook and the hashtags during the conference and encourage others to take pictures and post also. She also announced that we are in the process of getting business cards and new stationary for the SAG and requested that everyone send their information to her by email.
- C. JDAI Update: Ta'Shia Gordon reported that Anna Minsky has been working with the sites on the Data Tool. The next JDAI meeting is next Friday and Anna Minsky will be sharing about things learned from the data. Site visits were held recently and all sites except Rankin were visited. Meeting will be held at Rankin next week for their update. National Conference will be held October 16-18 in Seattle Washington. Representatives from all sites will be going. Peer committee with legislature has reviewed and has discussed taking JDAI statewide.
- D. Annual Report: Willie Blackmon reported that he is excited about how the annual report turned out. Now we are at the stage that we need to get them out. SAG members need to get a copy today. Letter included with every book.

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- E. Legislative Committee: Ta'Shia reported the change to commitment laws. Committee is reviewing the resource guide submitted by DMH.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Robertson wants everyone to come to session on Friday morning. OJJDP wants us to actually do something about it not just review the data. In researching for conference session, the research assistant found successes in other states and many of them are things that we are already doing such as JDAI and Electronic Monitoring. After the session she would like for us to get back together and discuss the next steps. We need to document the good things that we are doing.

Alfred Martin expressed thanks to all who helped with the conference planning and announced that the SAG will meet after the conference to discuss evaluations and ideas for future.

Alfred Martin also reported that six members from the SAG toured the Harrison County JDC hosted by Steve Furby and it was a great visit.

The next meeting will be October 11, 2019 at Oakley Youth Development Center, Raymond, MS.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Katrina Phillips
JJAC Secretary