

# MISSISSIPPI JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter MEETING – October 11, 2019**  
**Location: Oakley Youth Development Center, Raymond, MS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Alfred Martin  
Katrina Phillips  
Rick Smith  
Willie Blackmon  
Ta'shia Gordon  
Jim Maccarone

**GUESTS:**

Marketa Motton  
Annie Edwards  
Corey Gerber

**DPS STAFF:**

Jackie Ledger

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Martin called meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. and a quorum was not established.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – July 31, 2019 - meeting were submitted. Motion to accept minutes as written was made by Rick Smith, and seconded by Ta'Shia Gordon. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

Dr. Martin thanked the visitors for coming and all introduced themselves. Mr. Maccarone gave overview of the day. He described the facility and areas that would be toured. Oakley is a place for rehabilitation. They are set up on a level system and get more privileges as they earn them and move up the levels. The agency, in conjunction with Medicaid, have drafted a letter to get AG opinion regarding classification of students as inmates. Medicaid won't cover if they are classified as inmates. If they are classified as students then Medicaid can remain in force while they are here and they can utilize Medicaid dollars. Things are constantly changing and improving and there are several things on the horizon to be excited about. The members present discussed having Oakley as our First JJ Highlight Facility on the website.

Legislative update: Mr. Maccarone reported that he and Judge Broome discussed having a meeting later in the year to discuss upcoming legislation opportunities. Jackie announced that we need to make sure that the state law and JJRA match up this year.

Retreat: Dr. Martin announced that we need to have a two day retreat to work on the 3 year plan, conference update and new conference. Looking at Monday and Tuesday at possible site for conference this upcoming year. We also need to review the RFP to streamline and make it more user friendly. Possibly having a workshop for explanation of the RFP and answering questions and be able to get it out earlier.

Detention Regulations: Jackie announced that they are out for public comment. Encouraged everyone to review and make comments if needed. Link is on our website. They are looking to do training in conjunction with MDE to update on new regulations from MDE also.

Conference update: Marc Fomby announced that IP is very interested in us moving there. Participants were overall pleased. The conference was a big success; Clark Flatt has reached out and apologized and offered to do something for us in the future.

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Public relations: Need ideas for updates on the website and FB Page. Rick Smith announced that he would get the word out to the facility administrators about the need for positive articles for the website and to submit for the JJ Facility Highlight.

Willie Blackmon requested that we come up with a timeline for SAG and conference planning in order to have a direction for 2020. Discussed and added to the topics to work on during the retreat.

JDAI: Ta'Shia announced that eight representatives from Mississippi plus four from the tribe will be attending the National Intersite conference in Seattle, Washington next week. Dr. Robertson will be co-presenting at the CJJ Racial and Ethic Disparities conference.

Next meeting date will be the retreat. – to be announced

Jackie Ledger announced that once we get dates for 2020 we can do travel for all the dates so that nobody will missed on getting paid.

Adjourned 10:55 to tour facility and grounds.

Respectfully submitted by:

Katrina Phillips  
JJAC Secretary