

# MISSISSIPPI JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting – April 17, 2020 VIA Gotomeeting

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Dr. Alfred Martin**  
**Jaqueline Dedeaux**  
**Katrina Phillips**  
**Willie Blackmon**  
**Judge Tom Broome**  
**Donald Brown**  
**Ta’Shia Gordon**

**Tia Grisham**  
**Toni Kersh**  
**James Maccarone**  
**Dwayne Nelson**  
**Dr. Lisa Nored**  
**Dr. Angela Robertson**  
**Gloria Salters**

**Rick Smith**  
**Eric Williams**  
**Marketa Motton**  
  
**DPS Staff**  
**Emberly Holmes**  
**Jackie Ledger**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from 1st Quarter – January 17, 3030 - meeting were submitted. Motion to accept minutes as written was made by Judge Tom Broome, and seconded by Jackie Dedeaux. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Chairman’s Report:**

Discussion was had regarding conferences and current COVID situation. It was decided that we cancel 2020 conference and will look at July or August 2021.

Jackie Ledger announced that 2017 funds are eligible for extension. They are reviewing budgets now. Gloria Saulters stated that RFP’s are out and the deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Robertson stated that she had reached out personally to someone and couldn’t get her to apply and suggested that we pull someone or find some way to train people on how to complete the RFP. Gloria Saulters stated that the application is very streamlined but that a lot of the people that we wanted to complete the applications are not sure how they are even going to be in existence in the future due to the Covid Pandemic. It was suggested that we may need review and change what we are doing based on current situations; Dr. Robertson suggested a free webinar that explained the process and what we are trying to do and give them assistance with what we are needing them to complete. It could also explain what DMC and RED looks like now. Dr. Martin asked Jackie Ledger to go ahead and work on the extension and the team be working on webinar idea.

#### **Staff Update:**

Jackie Ledger announced that Kathy Manning is no longer our point person at OJJDP. She has moved on to a new position. Ms. Ledger thanked everyone for their assistance with the Title II application and announced that compliance monitoring audit findings have been received. She also announced that OJJDP has required some updating of our procedures and our monitoring plan. They have also requested spot checks on adult facilities to make sure that we aren’t operating “scared straight” programs. Jackie Ledger praised the compliance monitoring team and thanked them for their hard work!

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## Public Relations:

Katrina Phillips reported that she would update our Facebook and Web pages to show that the conference for 2020 is cancelled. She requested Spotlight articles to be submitted and also asked that information such as webinars or ideas for new ways of handling things be submitted so that we can get them on our pages. Still need content from others to make the pages successful.

## JDAI:

Tia Grisham announced that things are on hold because of the Covid situation. She plans to reach out to other tribal sites to see how they are working during this time.

## Annual Report:

Jackie Ledger stated that she and Willie Blackmon have been working on the annual report and it has been formatted into a newsletter form. They requested that pictures to be submitted to them as soon as possible.

## Legislative committee:

Judge Broome announced that the Legislature is currently on hold due to pandemic. He stated that they are going to let everything die except appropriations bills that they have to have in place. The revenues will be down and not sure how this is all going to play out in the long run. James Maccarone announced that the Governor had extended shelter in place for one week through April 27<sup>th</sup> and will probably be going week to week.

## RED:

Dr. Angela Robertson announced that Dr. Gardner completed the report with the numbers. They are working with the grants committee to identify the counties that need assistance in this area.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter meeting changed to August 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Information will be forwarded soon for Virtual meeting.

Dr. Martin stated that we are going through a complete paradigm change. Be thinking about how you want to be a part of that change. Take this seriously and take care of yourself!

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Katrina Phillips*

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JJAC Secretary