

MISSISSIPPI JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES – 1st Quarter Meeting – February 5, 2021 VIA: Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Alfred Martin
Katrina Phillips
Willie Blackmon
Judge Tom Broome
Donald Brown
Tia Grisham
Toni Kersh, by proxy
Dwayne Nelson
Dr. Angela Robertson

Eric Williams
Marketa Motton

DPS Staff:
Emberly Holmes
Jordan McMichael
Teresa Wash

EXCUSED:
Gary Davis
Dr. Lisa Nored
Justice Randy Pierce
Linda Whittington

RESIGNED:
Rick Smith

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Martin called meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from 4th Quarter – October 2, 2020 meeting were submitted. Motion to accept minutes as written was made by Don Brown, and seconded by Willie Blackmon. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Martin announced that we have a busy year planned. Our 2021 Initiatives include:
Choctaw Initiative, Chairman Tia Grisham
Moving RED to next phase, Co-Chairs – Gloria and Dr. Robertson
Judicial Training - through Judicial College, Chair Katrina Phillips
Project Save a Youth (transitional living program), Chairman Dwayne Nelson
2021 Symposium, Chairman Dr. Martin and NCADD

All of that and with a Covid twist will make this a busy year.

STAFF UPDATE:

Emberly Holmes announced that they are moving forward with filing the position of JJ Specialist/RED Coordinator.

The OJP reached out to committee members to assist with the new requirements of the JJRA 2018 for the 3-year plan. The OJP has reviewed the current plan to determine if and where changes apply inclusive of updates as needed. The new solicitation has not yet been released therefore, the application deadline is not known at this time. An AD HOC Committee for the Plan will be appointed.

2021 JJ SYMPOSIUM:

As we discussed at the retreat, we are looking at October to have our annual conference; Daisy Carter with NCADD announced that Marc Fomby, FTC Services is working on locations for the October dates. Mack Pamphley and Daisy Carter are working on what happens if the conference has to be virtual and how it looks hybrid. The problem with hybrid/virtual is the CEUS and

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making sure they complete evaluation. Several suggestions were mentioned of other conferences that had recently had success and Mack will be following up with those to get ideas.

CHOCTAW INITIATIVE:

Tia Grisham announced that the committee has been meeting weekly and has had some difficulty narrowing down to a specific initiative and what this will look like. They are going to continue their weekly meetings. Dr. Martin made some suggestions to move the committee forward.

RED/GRANTS:

Gloria Salters announced that they did meet and discussed doing the survey to find out what resources are available and what is missing in the communities. Dr. Robertson has created a draft survey she will be sharing with group to get feedback. Dr. Robertson requested email lists of persons that need to complete the survey.

PROJECT SAVE A YOUTH:

Dwayne Nelson has talked with Methodist Children's home on what they are trying to do to enhance services to those youth that are aging out of the system. Dr. Martin requested that Dwayne get with Emberly Holmes to make sure that this project fits with our scope of work before moving forward.

ANNUAL REPORT:

Willie Blackmon reported that the intern had personal issues come up and has been unable to format our 2019 report. We should have new intern and be able to have 2019 report completed soon. We are now moving on to the 2020 report and will be reaching out to member to complete their section for 2020.

LEGISLATIVE:

Judge Broome announced that there are about twenty bills that we are watching. The biggest one is the change in detention centers and Oakley training school having a minimum age of 12 to be admitted. There are also some efforts to change the age of majority from 21 down to 18. There is some discussion to have appropriations fund DHS/DYS in order to bring back the AOP (Adolescent Offender Program) or Evening Reporting Center program. If it passes, one of the ways that JJAC could possibly help is by funding a study of the impact of the program.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Katrina Phillips announced that we need more of a social presence during these times. She requested more articles for the website and Facebook. Gloria Salters suggested we do an update from Tommy Mabry. Dr. Martin suggested reaching out to Mr. Mabry to do a once a month article for us. Gloria Salters and Judge Broome suggested highlighting some of our new Judges like Judge Carlyn Hicks. Katrina will reach out to Beverly Kraft with AOC to assist with those articles. Eric Williams will be submitting articles and assisting with social media presence.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Martin reminded the members that we will need to work out our budget to make sure that we utilize the funds and he will be reaching out to some members to assist in this area. Emberly reminded everyone that the 3-year plan, Year 3 -page 27 shows targeted programs or services.

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Next meeting date is APRIL 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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JJAC Secretary