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**2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER MINUTES**

**DATE:** October 21, 2022

**LOCATION:** MS Public Safety Planning

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:07 am by Chairman Dr. Alfred Martin

**ROLL CALL:** Quorum established with 15 members present; 2 excused

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting were distributed by email before the meeting. Motion made by Gary Davis and seconded by Judge Tom Broome. Minutes approved as written.

Dr. Martin began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting and for the work between meetings on the different committees.

**JJ SPECIALIST UPDATE:** Erin Favorite announced that the 2021 funds have been awarded and accepted. The DPSP office is relocating to 146 West Center, Canton, MS 39046. We will need to update our business cards at some point.

**GRANTS:** An update was given by Erin Favorite. The Boys & Girls Club grant has been completed. They are looking into a mentorship program for an 8-month program for 2019 monies. Someone will need to reach back out to them and follow up.

**CONFERENCE PLANNING:** Dr. Martin communicated that there is an issue with the contract so we are once again on hold. More details will come as they are ironed out.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Willie Blackmon declared that he still needs updated to complete the annual report. He will recirculate the email to everyone. Deadline is approaching.

**LEGISLATIVE:** The Legislative Update was given by Judge Tom Broome. He announced that the AOC has been awarded a grant in partnership with NCJFCJ to review procedures around delinquency in Mississippi. Erin Favorite has reached out to OJJDP regarding the interest of justice issue surrounding children that have been charged as adults. A meeting will be held soon to address this issue.

Toni Kersh reported that MS Department of Human Services has been working diligently with state personnel board to realign the salaries for juvenile workers in the state.



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Don Brown stated that the AOP money was awarded to DMH and they made available \$200,000 for each region. Each Region has applied and now it is being held up through a vetting process by the Horne Group and accountability of the money.

Judge Broome also announced that stakeholders in the community are having conversations about the uptick in guns being carried by children, thefts of guns, etc. UMC got a grant to study interpersonal violence among children. Dr. Martin suggested we think about how we can impact this area and plan to discuss it at the 1st Quarter meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

**November 18, 2022 – Conference Planning (if contract has been approved)**

**January 6, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

**April 11, 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

**July 7, 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

**October 6, 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

Respectfully submitted by:

*Katrina Phillips*

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