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JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF GOTO MEETING

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March 23, 2020

Present: Andrew Allen, Chair; Megan Adam; Christy Burkhart; Alexandra Byrnes; Hon. Susan Cox; Patrick Garcia; John Hirl; Kristen Hixenbaugh; Chad Jensen; Jeremy Kaiser; Trevor Lynn; Alan Ostergren; Tony Reed; Aaron Sewell; Jennifer Tibbetts; Jeralyn Westercamp; Doug Wolfe

Staff: Steve Michael; Dave Kuker; Scott Musel; Kathy Nesteby; Julie Rinker

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Andrew Allen called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. A quorum was present. Allen welcomed those in attendance.

[All members and staff participated via conference call due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing.]

II. Approve Minutes – *Action*

Alan Ostergren moved to approve the minutes from the December 5 meeting, seconded by Judge Susan Cox. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Title II Formula Grant Application Budget – *Action*

Scott Musel reported that the budget to be submitted is the same as the past several years. The total award would be \$400,000 (also the same as in the past several years). The funds will be distributed to the eight judicial districts, Council activities, priority areas (compliance monitoring, DMC, gender-specific services), and administration.

Musel noted that additional funding may be allocated from a distribution of funds from states that are not in compliance. Last year that amount was \$6,000 and was distributed amongst the judicial districts. [Note: Funding is distributed based on child population in each judicial district.]

Chad Jensen moved to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Patrick Garcia. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Annual Conference and Business Meeting

- Hill Day Message

Musel reported that the CJJ conference will be held in early June. He and Andrew Allen will attend. In the past, when meeting with legislators, an emphasis was on reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Since the Act was reauthorized in late 2018, Musel asked Council members to provide suggestions for discussion topics.

Allen asked members to provide information on what's working, as well as needs, in order to provide emphasis.

The following was discussed:

Jennifer Tibbetts requested an emphasis on gender equity with regard to the allocation of funding for gender-responsive services. She and Kathy Nesteby will provide information.

Garcia noted the current coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). [Note: federal legislators are currently developing a stimulus package for industries and individuals.] Garcia noted the importance of advocacy and funding for non-profit providers of community-based and residential services. He proposed sending a letter now or as soon as possible.

Allen agreed. This advisory council could provide information on a 12-24 month forecast without federal assistance. He asked for additional comments regarding content of a letter.

Tibbetts agreed and suggested including provider services for gender, racial, and ethnic disparities. Cox suggested noting the level of stress on workers and providers, income loss, and potential closure.

Musel offered to contact CJJ for a united voice in speaking with legislators. A template was sent recently. He will forward the information again so that members can contact legislators individually.

Garcia moved to send a letter to federal legislators requesting assistance for those who provide services to youth in the juvenile justice system. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Kaiser and was unanimously approved.

A draft letter will be shared with Council members prior to being sent.

- **Mid-West Committee Chair Position – Action**

Musel reported that Allen was interested in applying for the CJJ Midwest chair position. Steve Michael noted the importance of unified support for one individual. A list of CJJ committees was reviewed. It was suggested that members apply to serve on one of those committees.

Tibbetts moved to endorse Allen’s application for Midwest Chair, seconded by Christy Burkhart. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. JJAC Retreat

- **Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 – Friday, September 25, 2020**
- **Where: Chichaqua Bottoms Longhouse, 8600 NE 126th Avenue, Maxwell**

Musel reported that the Retreat will be held September 24-25 and that the Chichaqua Bottoms Longhouse was selected as the location. Information on hotels in the Altoona and Ankeny area that offer state rates was sent with the meeting materials. He encouraged eligible members to reserve their room as soon as possible.

- **Facilitator: Request/TA into OJJDP**

A request for a facilitator will be sent to the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

VI. Iowa Task Force for Young Women Update

Tibbetts reported that training sessions were held prior to the Department of Human Rights’ “Day on the Hill”. Training focused on education and advocacy when meeting with legislators. Members met with several state legislators that day. One legislator is interested in the Iowa Girls’ Justice Initiative report. Follow up has been conducted regarding next steps and ways to move forward in the state legislature. Other efforts include working on the development of the protocol publication.

VII. DMC Subcommittee Update

In the absence of Wayne Ford, DMC Chair, Dave Kuker reported that he is working with Juvenile Court Chiefs regarding a new set of planning requirements related to DMC compliance. A webinar was held in early February. The information is required as part of Iowa’s application for funding discussed earlier and sets standards and goals for DMC compliance in Iowa.

VIII. Adjourn

Allen expressed his appreciation for everyone’s efforts during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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