

**NH JJ Reform Commission  
Executive Subcommittee**

**Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING DATE:** February 16, 2024 2pm-3pm

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**Attendees:** Mark Rolon, Parent Partner  
Steve Ranfos, Attorney  
Dr. Samantha Morin, Sununu Youth Services Center  
Alissa Cannon, Diversion Network  
Jasmine Gathright, Ethnic Racial Disparities Coordinator/Compliance Monitor  
Jennifer Archer, Juvenile Justice Services

**Absent:** Jeff Fleischer, Division of Children Youth and Families  
Renee Touhey-Childress, Dover Children's Home  
Cody Belanger, Epping Town Selectman

**Transcriber:** Jennifer Archer, Juvenile Justice Services

**Meeting Discussion:**

Subcommittee members created the agenda for full Commission meeting scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Subcommittee created the Juvenile Justice Reform Commission meeting agenda:

- Welcome with Associate Commissioner Tilley
- Vote on past meeting minutes
- Restorative Practices Contract Presentation- Jon Kidde and Marc Wennberg
- Vote MPAL funding request
- Virtual meeting protocol discussion
- Member attendance requirements
- Subcommittee and Director updates
- Open discussion

Discussion of attendance issues for members of the commission and its affect on the Commission's effectiveness and voting. The subcommittee discussed ways to address attendance issues and challenges had by members related to regular participation. The goal is to address the concerns while supporting members and still meeting the Commission's needs. JJS Archer to provide attendance records to be provided to Dr. Morin and Mr. Rolon. Dr. Morin will individually reach out to members for a discussion of their ability to continue as an appointed member. Subcommittee members would like to see inactive members step down so that the roles can be filled. Other membership needs were reviewed. Appears the child protection role is a missing element at the Commission. JJA Archer is engaging youth D.S. for participation in the Juvenile Justice Jeopardy advisory team and assessing ability to join in other areas.

All subcommittees have been discussing the mentor program Director Fleischer discussed at the last Commission meeting. The subcommittee would like an update on this as it has been highlighted in multiple subcommittee meetings.

Ethnic Racial Disparities Coordinator/Compliance Monitor Gathright will provide messaging to the Commission that the Juvenile Justice DEI Forums will be facilitated as events and engagement is encouraged. Next Forum is scheduled for Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> time to be determined.

Manchester Police Athletic League's CHOICES program was reviewed based upon their request for funding. The Executive Subcommittee discussed available Title II funding in that program area, the projects current funding, and how to support the project. Dr. Morin intends to motion to allocate \$150,000 to the pilot project with hopes that positive outcomes can lead to the project expanding to other communities.

**Next Meetings:**

Juvenile Justice Reform Commission

March 8, 2024 9am-11am Dolloff Building State Office 117 Pleasant St. Concord

Executive Subcommittee

April 19, 2023 2pm-3pm Sununu Youth Services Center 1056 N. River Rd. Manchester