



## MISSISSIPPI JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024

**LOCATION:** 45<sup>th</sup> JJ Symposium, IP Casino Resort and Spa, Biloxi, MS

**Meeting Called to Order:** 10:11 a.m. by Chairman Dr. Alfred Martin

**ROLL CALL:** Quorum established with 13 members present; 5 excused and 1 DPS staff and 0 Visitors

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting were distributed by email before the meeting. Motion made by Don Brown and seconded by Jackie Dedeaux. Minutes approved as written.

### AGENDA ITEMS

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Dr. Martin announced that Ray Sims has retired. Keith Davis has been appointed interim commissioner and Joshua Brolen as Deputy Commissioner.

**SPECIALIST'S UPDATE:** Sharon reported that she has narrowed down to six applicants for the JJ Specialist position.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**GRANTS COMMITTEE:** Gloria reported six applications. Gloria thanked Sharon for her awesome work working with each grantee to get their information updated and request additions. Once the updates are completed, we will have all of the FY21 grant money expended. FY22 RFP is coming out shortly.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Willie reported that the annual report will be finished soon. It is finished and needs to be printed.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Toni Kersh announced that this legislative session focused more on the foster care side. There was some talk about Referees (appointed by Chancellor) vs. Youth Court Judge (County Court position) and having all youth courts be under a Youth Court Judge. AOP funding was asked for and denied. This session the plan is to ask for three pilot sites instead of full state. Tashia announced that this session the definition of neglected child has been changed in statute and now CPS will be represented in youth court processes. Definition of reasonable efforts has also been changed.



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**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Katrina thanked Lakeisha for her assistance with the FB page. Motion presented from the Committee to have Katrina and Lakeisha trained in Wordpress. Motion passed unanimously.

Dates were discussed for fall retreat of possibly November 14-15 or October 24-25. Items for the agenda listed below in action items. Dr. Martin reminded everyone to be Ambassadors during the conference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting will be our fall retreat.

Adjourned: 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Katrina Phillips*

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MSJJAC Secretary

**ACTION ITEMS:**

DESCRIPTION	Further information, documents, links:	WHO	DATE DUE/ DEADLINE
3 Year Plan			Retreat
Creating plan for marketing with university			Retreat
Meeting locations for 2025			Retreat