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2025 – 3rd QUARTER MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, August 6, 2025

LOCATION: IP, Biloxi, MS

Meeting Called to Order: 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Dr. Alfred Martin

ROLL CALL: Quorum established with 14 present, 4 excused, 1 guest

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the 2nd Quarter meeting were distributed. The motion was made by Dr. Robertson and seconded by Willie Blackmon. Minutes approved as written.

AGENDA ITEMS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Dr. Martin welcomed Josh Broman and thanked him for the way we are building and working together. Dr. Martin asked that members submit agenda items for the 4th quarter to either Katrina or him within the next 60 days so we can make arrangements for the retreat.

Dr. Martin noted that we have the need to add a few members as stakeholders due to the retirement of Judge Frank Coleman and Dr. Lisa Nored, as well as the passing of Judge Broome. Several possible stakeholders were mentioned, including Judge Hicks, Judge Favre, Judge Dickinson, D'Marius Jones as a Youth member, and Steven Jones, who works for JPS truancy.

The conference is different this year. FTC Prevention took this on this year, and it is tight. We need to decide how we want to move forward with the conference.

Dr. Robertson gave an update on the initiative. They are working with the Alliance for Nonprofits and Philanthropy, which hosts a webinar every Wednesday. If you know a nonprofit or faith-based organization that works with youth, have them send a letter to Dr. Robertson to request a waiver for the webinars. The website is juvenilejustice.ssrc.msstate.edu.

STAFF UPDATES: Josh Broman announced that he has secured all grant awards and that bookkeeping has been digitized. They are planning an Implementation Training on August 26 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the DPS Office in Canton. We need to make the future three-year plan more flexible to allow for adjustments if necessary. Additionally, we must work to award larger grants to utilize the available funds effectively. He also shared that the RED Report and Monitoring tool were submitted on time for the first time in many years, with no extension needed. The work was completed in-house by Kirby Wilson instead of outsourcing. Dr. Martin asked Josh to provide accurate figures and a three-year spending plan through 2026. Josh suggested informing the



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Sheriff's Association and Chiefs' Association about the available funds, encouraging them to share the information with organizations in their areas and motivate them to apply.

Mr. Broman announced that the Ole Miss Division of Outreach also hosts conferences, and Josh will ask them to attend the retreat to share with us the services they offer.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Dr. Martin reported that DPS has sent out the award letters, and contracts have been sent to the recipients. Once we receive the necessary information from DPS, we will follow up with everyone to announce the next round of grants.

R/ED: Dr. Robertson mentioned receiving feedback from the Feds, and we discovered that there's more we need to do moving forward – focusing on more data-driven performance.

ANNUAL REPORT: Mr. Blackmon announced that we are nearing the print stage for the annual report. He will be getting in touch with the people he still needs information from, and then be ready to print.

LEGISLATIVE: Toni Kersh reported that she is a member of Core 4. There was some legislation passed regarding MYCIDs and the implementation of a new system. There will be further discussion about Youth Court Conformity. Another issue concerns Youth Court Intake and who is responsible for handling it. Truancy issues also remain a significant concern.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Stina is officially -Dr. Christina Jacobs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tentative dates:

4th Quarter - October 10th. Tentative Retreat dates: October 8-10 - Possibly in DeSoto County.

Adjourned: 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Katrina Phillips

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