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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Bonnie Beavers, Carol Cichowski, Bruce Clark, Don Chisholm, Eddie Ellis, Tracey Friedlander, Gerda Gallop-Goodman, Melissa Goemann, Chris Jennison, Ijeoma Okoro, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Michael Pinard, Kevin Redden, Jonathan Scriven, Tom Smith, Ebony Stoutmiles, Heather Sweren, Shuaa Tajammul, and Erin Whaley.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Bonner, Amy Daum, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Steve Miller, Steve Neff, Mary Siegfried (Brett Lonker) Nathaniel Tipton, and Carlotta Woodward

ABSENT MEMBERS: Thomas Squire

ABSENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Carole L Brown, Chris Fogleman, and Wendy Pulliam.

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Lininger.

GUESTS: Julia Angel, Viviana Azar, Carmen Facciolo, Shauna Kay Jorandby, Michael Pratt, Dr. Rolando Santiago, and Tia Scott.

- I. **Welcome** – Chair, Christopher Jennison, welcomed members, called meeting to order, and communicate the goals of the meeting to present members and guests.
- II. **Attendance** – Diane took attendance and asked all attendees to mute microphones unless speaking.
- III. **Speaker - Julia Angel**, Senior at Richard Montgomery High School. Young People for Progress's teach-in on policing in schools and Lead Organizers of MoCo Against Brutality

(Use of clinical social workers in MCPS) Clinical social worker model aims to integrate learning supports instruction, school management and facilitate

multidisciplinary collaboration. It also allows for flexible use of funding and education, mental health services.

- Team-based framework to help facilitate effective coordination of services during a crisis.
- Begins with proactive leadership.
- Reduce police presence in schools, and use other role models, other adults, and other qualified mental health support workers
- More effective & healthier way for students to communicate and resolve issues
- Licensed clinical social workers can develop staff and service training, programs, assist with behavior management
- Support, parents and families
- Move away from policing and punitive discipline.
- Interrupts the school to prison pipeline

Active problem: SROs do not promote a culture of Restorative Justice and instead criminalize students

What MCPS lacks:

- Strong RJ culture
- *Not much change seen from SRO to CRO change
- RP data not collected; implementation varies from school to school.
- *Doesn't believe most students are aware of the mental health professionals in the school

Speaker: Shauna-Kay Jorandby: Director, Student Engagement, Behavioral Health & Academics – to discuss the MOU between MCPS and Restorative Justice in MCPS.

- Hiring of mental health professionals was reduced from 50 to 33 to use the same funding to extend salary to 12-month salaries
- Includes one social worker supervisor: really important in building a career ladder to having future social workers
- Can also take LMSWs or LGSWs; licensed master's social workers, who are earning their clinical licensure; broaden the number of mental health supports and professionals that they can hire.
- Take on interns (25 spaces)
- Social workers receive Restorative Justice (RJ) training. Several of them have already attended IIRP, which is a restorative justice institution (Bethlehem, Pa.)
- They will also be responsible for divergent services for court involved youth as a part of their caseload.
- RJ is something that implementation takes time. Studies that you look at; some say from 3-5 years, recent ones say up to 10 years: deep level implementation of this cultural shift.

V. Old business –

a. Vote to finalize March 2022 minutes – Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as is.

VI. New Business

b. May Meeting – Annual meeting with the Juvenile Judges. Please submit any topics you may have for the judges to Diane asap.

c. June Meeting – Youth Panel – Please submit any questions you may have for the youth by Monday, April 25th. Elections for new Executive board.

d. July –Work-plan for FY-23.

VII. Subcommittee/Ad-hoc Subcommittee meetings

- **Legislative Committee** – Francha Davis – Is compiling questions/topics for the Judges meeting next month.
- **Youth Panel** – Joshua Pestaner/Tia Scott – Youth Panel is going to be at June Meeting. Have youth and they will be recorded prior to meeting answering questions from commissioners.

VIII. Announcements – Commissioners or members of the public – No

VII. Meeting Adjourned.