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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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

Teams Meeting

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Diana Barney, Tracey Friedlander, Dan Gaskill, Chris Jennison, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Kevin Redden, Melanie Rush, Vernon Scott, Ebony Stoutmiles and Thomas Squire.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Bonner, Amy Daum, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Patty Lyman, Steve Miller, Steve Neff, Mary Siegfried, Nathaniel Tipton, and Carlotta Woodward.

EMERITUS MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole Brown

ABSENT MEMBERS: Chris Fogleman Wendy Pulliam, and, Gwen Williams,

STAFF LIASON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

GUESTS: Mary Gies, Dr. Rolando Santiago, Tom Smith, and Sara Rose.

- I. **Welcome** – Chris Jennison, Chair
- II. **Attendance** – Diane will take attendance. Please Mute your microphone unless you are speaking.
- III. **Old Business**
 - a. **Minutes from November 2020** – approved, no objections.
 - b. **Annual Report** – approved, no objections.
- IV. **Legislative Subcommittee**
 - a. Discussion on Child Interrogation Protection Act ([House Bill 315](#)) – A motion was made to support the act (Letters, Testimony, Advocacy). A roll call vote took place (17 for yay, 5 abstentions from Ex-Officio's from Maryland Circuit Court, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, Montgomery County Council, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Maryland States' Attorneys' Office, Montgomery County Police Department, and Montgomery County Child Welfare) and the motion passed. Discussion took place around possible testimony; there is limited space for testimony at both the Senate and Housing hearings. Subcommittee will draft testimony language.

- b. Youth in Adult Detention Facilities – This bill did not pick up steam this legislative floor this session so there is no additional follow up currently.
- c. Other Legislative Subcommittee Activities – The subcommittee shared they have been meeting routinely to review various legislation and provided updates to the committee on updates.

V. Discussion on Student Resource Officers

- a. Policing Advisory Commission – Susan Farag & Francha Davis
 - The SRO bill was sent to the Commission's SRO Subcommittee who is currently in favor of the bill (their statement can be found [here](#)). The full commission is expected to discuss the SRO Subcommittee's recommendations at the next full meeting.
 - The Board of Education has delayed their full discussion until May pending full reports from the MCPS/MCPD review committee and are seeking further input from parents/students/community through additional town halls and testimony.
 - Various Committee/Commissions positions if known:
 - Commission on Children & Youth – have not taken a formal position at this time; some recommendations are included in the [2019-2020 Annual Report](#)
 - Teachers Union – has not taken a formal position at this time.
 - Principals Union – has come out in favor of keeping the SRO program.
- b. County Council Bill 46-20 (Police – School Resource Officers – Prohibited) –
- c. Legislative Information Management System record can be found [here](#) and full bill language can be found [here](#)
- d. Public hearing is scheduled for 2/4. The bill is unlikely to go to committee review until March.
- e. Discussion - Commission members discussed various perspectives and information known at this time but did not come to consensus regarding this bill. Motion was made to not take a position for or against Bill 46-20 at this time and establish a subcommittee to outline concrete recommendations for the SRO program if it remains in place – roll call vote took place (14 yay, 3 nay, 4 abstentions Ex-Officio's from Montgomery County Council, Maryland State's Attorneys' Office, Montgomery County Child Welfare and Montgomery County Department of Health and Human services.

VI. New Business

- a. Youth Town Hall – Joshua Pestaner.
- b. February meeting will be going over legislation and Commissioners will vote on actions. Meeting will be from 7pm-9pm to allow for discussion.
- c. Public Hearing on Bill 46-20, School Resource Officers, will be February 4, 2021, at 7:30pm.
- d. Annual meeting with the Circuit Court Judges will be on May 18, 2021. Judge Callahan is retiring in June. Invitation has been extended to the Circuit court judges.

VII. Announcements from Commission members or Members of the Public – events or items that would be of interest to the Commission on Juvenile Justice. No announcements were made.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned.

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