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*County Executive*

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## COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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**Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

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

**101 Monroe Street 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Rockville, MD**

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kimberly Alfriend, Diana Barney, Bonnie DeWitt, Chris Fogleman, Karen Francis, Christopher Jennison, Erynn Penn, Wendy Pulliam, Kevin Redden, Ebony Stoutmiles, Thomas Squire, and Gwen Williams.

**AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joanna Bonner, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Steve Neff, Mary Siegfried, Elijah Wheeler and Nathaniel Tipton for Molly Vogel.

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Carole Brown, Cary Fellows, Karen Francis, Tracey Friedlander, Dan Gaskill, Sean Gagen, Kelly Harper, Vernon Scott, Michael Subin and Carlotta Woodward.

**STAFF LIASON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger

**GUESTS:** Arlene Proebsting and Joshua Pestaner

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- I. **Elections of new Executive Committee members** –Chris Jennison, Chair, Ebony Stoutmiles, Vice Chair, Thomas Squire and Kevin Redden Co-Chairs Government and Community Relations, Diana Barney, Secretary. Commission voted in favor of the new executive committee members.
  - a. **May and June 2019 minutes** – both May and June 2019 minutes were adopted and approved
- II. Vote on Proposal for Commission on Juvenile Justice meetings and structure in the upcoming year.
  - a. Commission meetings will now start at 7pm-8:30pm. – approved, no objections
  - b. We will no longer have Sub-committee meetings prior to the Commission meeting but will meet on an ad-hoc basis – approved, no objections
  - c. The Care, Custody and Placement Sub-Committee will no longer be a Sub-Committee but when issues are brought to the attention of the Commission, an Ad-hoc committee will be set up to work on that issue. – approved, no objections
  - d. The Government and Community Relations Committee will now be called the Legislative Committee and will meet during the legislative season. We will still nominate Chairs/Co-Chairs for the legislative committee – approved, no objections
  - e. We will no longer have a retreat in February – instead we will have our regularly scheduled meeting to discuss Legislation and nothing else. The meeting in February will last till 9pm if needed. Diane will provide food at this meeting. – approved, no objections
    - Discussion clarified that direct service/on-going issues, writing or proposing legislation, etc. will be discussed throughout the year. Ad hoc committees will be developed based on the issues raised throughout the year. Ad hoc and the legislative committee can meet as frequently as needed. The February meeting will focus on pending legislation to allow the commission to establish a for/against position on legislation.
  - f. June meeting will be to discuss how things are running in the Commission and if changes need to be made to existing structure. – approved, no objections
  - g. Youth member – Commissioners decided against having a youth member panel.
    - Discussion – Commission discussed the interest and need for an on-going youth voice. Concerns were raised that a single panel will not give us enough information
    - Ad hoc Committee – focused on youth involvement in the commission
  - h. Ad – hoc committee to re-write Mission statement – approved, no objections
- III. **Vote on FY-20 Annual Work-plan** – All were in favor. FY-20 Work-plan was adopted.
- IV. **Announcements**
  - a. Tour of the BCJC - General update of the visit provided including overall impressions of the physical space, feedback from facility staff on programs/services in place, and current needs in the facility which include

additional programming and partnerships as well as further support on staff retention efforts. The tour did not cover some areas including where youth are held when in seclusion. Visitors did not have much opportunity to observe staff interacting with youth.

- b. No Meeting in August
- c. Next meeting September 17, 2019 7:00pm-8:30pm

**V. Announcements from Agency Members**

- a. The County Executive has approved numerous commission/committee appointments – one is for Commission on Juvenile Justice. Nathaniel Tipton who is our new representative from Child Welfare
- b. Susan Farag shared there is a tentative joint meeting scheduled for 9/19 at 9:30am on behavioral/mental health services in Juvenile Justice System.

**VI. Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm.**