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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

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, Kevin Redden, Melanie Rush, Vernon Scott, Ebony Stoutmiles, Thomas Squire, Angela Toliver, and Gwen Williams.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Bonner, Amy Daum, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Steve Miller, Tia Scott for Steve Neff, Mary Siegfried, Nathaniel Tipton, Carlotta Woodward, and Dalbin Osario for Elijah Wheeler.

EMERITUS MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Fogleman

ABSENT MEMBERS: Carole Brown, Bonnie DeWitt, Joshua Pestaner, Wendy Pulliam, and Michael Subin

STAFF LIASON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

GUESTS: Jennifer Gauthier, Gerald McFarland, Oneil Ormsby Liana Ventimiglia,

- I. **Welcome** – Chris Jennison, Chair, introduced the judges at 7:05pm. Briefly discussed the Teams platform and how to ask questions.
- II. **Attendance** – Diane will take attendance. Please Mute your microphone unless you are speaking.

III. Speaker: Carlotta Woodward, Chief Juvenile Court Division, Montgomery County States Attorney Office – spoke on criminal justice reforms in Maryland including:

- **2020 Legislative Session** – Ms. Woodward provided an overview of the variety of juvenile related bills that were passed during the 2020 legislative session as well as the numerous bills that were not passed. The “Child Interrogation Protection” bill [SB0593/HB0624](#) which did not pass was of particular interest to commission members.
- **Teen Court & Diversion** – Montgomery County does have a Juvenile Diversion Program that is a multi-agency program with a mission is to divert first and second time misdemeanor offenders. Program involves multiple levels including assessment by a licensed clinical social worker, SASCA, Teen Court, Truancy Prevention, etc. Teen court is suspended currently due to COVID-19. The Truancy Prevention program is suspended for Fall 2020 due

to COVID-19 but the program is slated to resume when schools resume in-person operations.

- **Drug Court for Juveniles** – Montgomery County does not currently have a juvenile drug court. There was a previous attempt to implement a juvenile drug court over a decade ago however it was not successful and any future implementation would require significant consideration to ensure it was appropriate/successful for juveniles.

7:50 p.m. IV. Old Business

- a. Minutes from May, 2020 and June, 2020 – approved

7:52 p.m. V. New Business

a. Nomination committee election slate – full slate approved

- a. Chris Jennison, Chair
- b. Ebony Stoutmiles, Vice Chair
- c. Kevin Redden and Tomas Squire, Co-Chairs Legislative Committee

b. Report on Montgomery County Youth Town Hall – Francha Davis

- a. County Council Members and Montgomery County Recreation Department hosted a town hall on 6/17 to provide a space for youth voices to discuss topics including youth's experiences of racism and contact with police in the schools. The town hall was a success and there may be future town halls conducted as well.

- c. Detention Updates (re: COVID)** – Commission members asked for updates if available on how youth in detentions are faring during the pandemic. Public Defenders Rep shared that youth have been experiencing disrupted education as well as very restricted visitation with few to no in-person visitations occurring. DJS Rep provided an updated that detention centers are allowing visitations when possible but this varies by facilities and may be impacted by youth or staff testing positive at any time. DJS Rep encouraged commission members to reference the DJS website for specific COVID related updates.

d. No meeting in August

- e. Next meeting September 15** – Discussion on priorities for the upcoming year, Speakers and work that needs to be done.

- f. Annual Report and Annual Work Plan** – A reminder was provided that the work plan will be discussed in September and that volunteers will be needed to write articles for Annual Report.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

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