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## COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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**Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

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

### **Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kimberly Alfriend, Tracey Friedlander, Chris Jennison, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Kevin Redden, and Thomas Squire.

**AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joanna Bonner, Amy Daum (Gerald Mcfarland substituted), Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Patty Lyman (Dalbin Osorio substituted), Steve Miller, Steve Neff (Tia Scott substituted), Mary Siegfried (Stephanie Joseph substituted), Nathaniel Tipton, and Carlotta Woodward (Margaret Burrowes substituting).

**EMERITUS MEMBERS PRESENT:** None.

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Diana Barney, Dan Gaskill, Wendy Pulliam, Melanie Rush, Vernon Scott, Ebony Stoutmiles and Angela Tolliver.

**STAFF LIASON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger.

**GUESTS:** Gerda Goodman, Oneil Ormsby, Dr. Rolando Santiago and Tom Smith

- I. **Welcome** – Chair, Christopher Jennison, welcomed members, called meeting to order, and communicated goals of the meeting to present members and guests.
- II. **Attendance** – Diane took attendance and asked all attendees to mute microphones unless speaking.
- III. **Discussion on Budget Priorities for FY-22**
  - a. Focus on Juvenile Protection act – State level and possibly county
  - b. Narrow or eliminate youth being charged as adults
  - c. Youth Panel – resume work on the youth panel.
- IV. **Discussion on Speakers**
  - a. Delegate Bartlett to talk on Juvenile Protection Act and how to get the legislation passed this year and why it did not pass last year
  - b. Judge Mariela Bernard – who started her on task force on juvenile issues

c. New Maryland Juvenile Services Education board to discuss education at the youth facilities.

**V. Subcommittees for FY-22**

**a. Youth Panel – Joshua Pestaner, Patty Lyman, Erynn Penn, Dalbin Osorio and Tia Scott.**

**b. Youth charged as adults – Steve Miller and Kim Alfrend**

**C. Legislative – Francha Davis, Kevin Redden, Tom Squire and Nathaniel Tipton.**

**VI. Work Plan – Should we keep as is?**

**a. It was voted on to keep Annual Work plan as is with a few edits by Chair Chris Jennison**

**VI. New Business**

**A. May and June 2021 minutes – All were in favor of finalizing.**

**B. No Meeting in August**

**C. Next Meeting on September 21, 2021**

**d. Discussion about whether to keep meetings virtual and add one or two in person meetings – was decided to keep virtual meetings and possibly have one or two meetings in person based on the meeting and needs at the time.**

**VI. Meeting Adjourned.**