



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 16, 2015**

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carole Brown, Linda Currie, Chris Fogleman (Chair), Michael Gruenberg, Barbara Holtz, Mehul Madia, Perry Paylor, Roberta (Birdie) Pieczenik, Dana Pisanelli, Carlean Ponder, Wendy Pulliam.

**AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Madeleine Jones for Risa Mainprize, Amy Bills for George Simms, Michael Subin, Ira Thomas, Jenny West-Porter and Elijah Wheeler.

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Francha Davis, Julian Haffner, Julie Malloy, and Mary Siegfried.

**STAFF LIAISON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger

**GUESTS:** Margi Josh, Nora Ludden and Antoinette McLeod.

**Commission on Juvenile Justice**

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I. **Announcements –**

- A. Report from Carlean who attended quarterly BCC meeting. Carlean said we need to be more visible to the County Executive commissions and boards if we are to achieve the Juvenile Justice goals. Diane will email the budget presentation to the Commission.
- B. FY-16 meeting dates were distributed
  - Discussion on date of 2016 Retreat – First choice is February 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Meeting with judges is set for April 19, 2016
- C. The sign up sheet to write articles for the annual report will be distributed tonight.
- D. Antoinette McLeod, Superintendent of the Noyes school addressed the group. Ms. Noyes was invited by Michael Gruenberg to speak to the group about increased youth assaults at the school. According to Supt. McLeod, there is no single factor to explain the increased assaults. She did point out the following:
  - There has not been an increase in the number of youth detained at Noyes.
  - There has been a shift in the type of youth coming in to Noyes.
  - At this time, there are 11 adult holding cases, which is unusually high for that facility.
  - During the unrest in Baltimore, some of those youths came to Noyes.
  - All vendors doing business with the school had to go through a mandatory recertification process which caused some programs used by the youths to be temporarily suspended.
- E. Ms. McLeod announced that Noyes would be closed for 60 days or more beginning in July 2015 due to needed renovations to be made to the facility. Noyes will transfer youths and staff as follows during the renovation: Females to Waxters and Males to Hickey. Ms. McLeod and staff will split their time between the two facilities while the renovations are in progress. A formal announcement of this will be issued by Ms. McLeod.
- F. Carole Brown gave an update on the CJCC from their January and April meetings. In April, Rep Kathleen Dumais spoke about human trafficking in Montgomery County.

II. **Old Business -** May 2015 minutes approved with edits.

III. **New Business-**

- A. Nominees for FY-16 were approved
- B. Work Plans were presented; Care & Custody will present an amended plan at next meeting.
- C. Discussion of potential field trips for the next year. Noyes and the Evening Reporting Center (ERC) were noted as possibilities.
- D. Commission reviewed Judge Callahan's response to the inquiry of having quarterly meetings with community and county agencies. CWS and DJS will have quarterly

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meetings with the CINA and DJS judges and attorneys, and SAO. Commission members expressed an interest in attending as interested parties.

IV. **Adjourn** – meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm