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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfrend, Tracey Friedlander, Chris Jennison, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Kevin Redden, 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 (Margaret Burrowes substituting).

EMERITUS MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole L Brown.

ABSENT MEMBERS: Diana Barney, Dan Gaskill, Wendy Pulliam, Melanie Rush and Angela Tolliver.

STAFF LIASON PRESENT: Diane Lininger.

GUESTS: Tom Hoopengardner, Antoinia Reagan, Mia Reed, Mary Soed 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. **Speaker:** Antonia McCloud, Superintendent Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center.
 - a. The Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center is presently managed and operated by a full staff.
 - b. Occupancy during the pandemic was as low as 8-9 youth whereas prior to the pandemic, the Center housed 16-20 youth.
 - c. Family member visitation was recently re-instated to seven days a week. Visitation, supervised by two Noyes staff members, is now available in-

person or virtually. Except for inclement weather, residents have in-person visitations outdoors.

- d. Recreation – staff provides a variety of activities promoting physical health and wellness. Volunteers can now report back into the Center to assist with recreational activities.
- e. Noyes is now administering COVID-19 vaccinations. However, youth under 18 years old must receive a signed consent from guardians.
- f. Noyes has a quarantine unit for new residents upon their initial entry to the Center.
- g. The mental health staff was instrumental in working with the youth during the pandemic.
- h. In the past, Commissioners dropped off donations of supplies, which can now resume.
- i. There have been no issues or concerns with the LGBTQ residents since the pandemic.
- j. There have been no issues with gang activities this year.
- k. Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center received a recent audit. The results indicate Noyes is operating effectively and in accordance with policies and select areas deemed critical to its protocols.
- l. The Commission will set up a time to tour the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center this year.

V. New Business

- a. Nomination Committee – Patty Lyman presented the nomination slate for FY-22. Chris Jennison, Chair, Tracey Friedlander Vice-Chair and Francha Davis for Legislative committee chair. The proposed schedule received a vote and received favorable approval by Commission members.
- b. July meeting – coming up with priorities and subcommittees for the year. Diane will send out Annual work-plan and budget priorities for the Commissioners to review prior to the meeting.
- c. Committee members should contact Chris or Diane if they would like to submit an article about our meeting with the judges for the annual report.
- d. The Program Manager has released vacancy notices for new commissioners. Please inform Diane if you are interested in serving as a CJJ interviewee panel member.
- e. The May 2021 meeting minutes have not finalized and will require a vote during the CJJ July meeting.

VI. Meeting Adjourned.