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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

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

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Bonnie Beavers, Carol Cichowski, Bruce Clark, Don Chisholm, Eddie Ellis, Tracey Friedlander, Gerda Gallop-Goodman, Melissa Goemann, Chris Jennison, Ijeoma Okoro, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Michael Pinard, Kevin Redden, Jonathan Scriven, Tom Smith, Ebony Stoutmiles, Heather Sweren, Shuaa Tajammul, and Erin Whaley.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Bonner, Amy Daum, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Steve Miller, Steve Neff, Mary Siegfried, Nathaniel Tipton, and Carlotta Woodward.

EMERITUS MEMBERS PRESENT: None.

ABSENT MEMBERS: Thomas Squire.

STAFF LIASON PRESENT: Diane Lininger.

GUESTS: Mia Reed, Dr. Rolando Santiago and Tia Scott.

- 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. **Speakers:** State of Maryland Delegate Sandy Bartlett and James L. Dold, J.D., CEO & Founder of Human Rights for Kids. To discuss Juvenile Interrogation Protection Act and how the Commission on Juvenile Justice can assist in getting bill passed this year. Also, a discussion on upcoming Juvenile Justice legislation.

- CJJ helped by penning op-eds in Maryland Matters to discuss the topics of the bills and expressing those viewpoints for change.
- Article 37 of the UN Convention on the rights of the child which the US is not ratified but specifically states that at the point that criminal legal proceedings begin, ie., when a child is arrested, they are to be afforded access to prompt legal assistance and that does not happen in the state of Maryland.
- “Black and brown lives don’t matter until black and brown children lives matter. In the black lives of children cannot matter unless we're willing to protect their basic human rights.”
- Justice Reform Council will submit supplemental reports on its findings and recommendations, but it will not come in at the deadline, but reports are available on the Maryland Department of Legislative Services site.
- Minimum age will continue to be looked in bills to be pushed, but the big argument is, when does a child’s brain develop enough to the point where we are going to hold them accountable in the legal system?
- Bartlett: Believes schools do need the conflict resolution vessel; restorative justice, and need some SROs available in schools, but need to continue to train them in their capacity of what they can do is not finite. Does not believe the solution is to rid of all SROs.

8:00 p.m. V. Old business –

a. Vote to finalize October 2021- minutes approved

8:05 p.m. VI. New Business

b. Chris Jennison, Chair met with Health and Human Services Committee of the County Council to discuss Commission priorities for FY-22. Document attached

c. No Meeting in December

d. Next Meeting January 18, 2022 – Speakers will be Captain Amy Daum, Director, Special Victims Investigations Division, Montgomery County (MD) Police and Carlotta Woodward, Chief, Juvenile Court Division, Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office to speak on Constitutional policing, juvenile arrests, and juveniles charged as adults. We will also be having all of our Ex-Officios/Agency members introduce themselves and how their work is related to CJJ.

e. Subcommittee/Ad-hoc Subcommittee meetings

- **Legislative Subcommittee –** Francha Davis, Chair and Erynn Penn, Vice Chair. Subcommittee has already met to go over logistics
- **Youth Charged as adults –** Meeting is being held on December 6 at 5pm. Let Diane know if you have not received an invite and would like to attend. Will Need a Chair or Co-Chairs.

- **Youth Panel** – Meeting is being held on December 7 at 5pm. Let Diane know if you have not received an invite and would like to attend. Will Need a Chair or Co-Chairs.

VII. Announcements – from either Commissioners or members of the public-
No Announcements were made

VII. Meeting Adjourned