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## COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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Tuesday, October 18, 2016

**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

101 Monroe street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

Rockville, Maryland 20850

### **Meeting Minutes**

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shezhad Akhtar, Maria Blaeuer, Bonnie DeWitt, Chris Fogleman, Karen Frances, Jessica Markham, Erynn Penn, Carlean Ponder (Chair),

**AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gloria Bowen, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Captain James Humphries, Risa Mainprize, Mary Siegfried, George Simms (Amy Bills), and Michael Subin.

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Francha Davis (Vice-Chair), Mike Gruenberg, Stacey Gurian-Sherman, Perry Paylor, Roberta Pieczenik, Wendy Pulliam, Elijah Wheeler and Tisha Wiley.

**STAFF LIAISON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger

**EMERITUS MEMBER:** Dr. Lee Haller

**GUESTS:** Karyn Gross, Marji Josh, Crystal Brice, Jonathan Brice and Mara Parker.

## **I. Announcements:**

A. Meeting with the HHS committee of the County Council on October. Priorities attached are adopted from the work plan

B. Task force for strip searching and shackling – Marji Josh, JJMU; reported that three meetings had taken place. Maria Blaeuer spoke at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to give the Commission on Juvenile Justice's point of view concerning strip searching

C. Annual Report – We will have to vote on this at the November meeting

D. Dr. Lee Haller, Emeritus Member – this is Dr. Haller's last meeting with the Commission on Juvenile Justice. Dr. Haller has retired and will no longer be seeing patients. Dr. Haller has been with the Commission since 2003. He served two full terms and has been an emeritus member since 2009. Dr. Haller has been an influential member of the Commission. He has provided us with numerous educational materials and was one of the major players in helping to write the legislation for competency for youth. The Commission along with other legislators wrote the law and Commission members were strong advocates for its passing. Dr. Haller has made Montgomery County a better place for our youth.

## **II. Old Business:**

A. September 2016 meeting minutes approved.

**III. Speaker:** Crystal N. Brice, Field Director, Instruction & School Support, DCCR- Juvenile Services Education, Maryland State Department of Education to update us on how the educational system is working in the juvenile detention facilities.

- Has a goal of providing juveniles with education that allows them to be certified within various industries or trade.
- There is an initiative to provide students with I-pads, teachers have access to I-pads.
- DJS provides interpreters for Spanish speaking students.
- Students are now only receiving 1/2 credit or a whole credit (this allows them to transfer credits)
- Juveniles take GED ready test online
- DJS is working on a Memorandum of Understanding with community colleges so juveniles can attend once they leave the DJS system.

## **IV. Care & Custody:**

- Discussed Noyes escape and are planning on writing a letter to address the escape

- Discussion on salaries of Noyes employees and how they cannot afford to live in Montgomery County.

#### Government & Legislative Committee

- Maryland Parole Commission to hold hearings for juveniles and how in Maryland the Governor has the power to deny parole hearings for juveniles serving life sentences.

**VI. Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**