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## COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

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

**101 Monroe Street 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Rockville, MD**

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kimberly Alfriend, Dan Gaskill, Christopher Jennison, Erynn Penn, Wendy Pulliam, Vernon Scott, Ebony Stoutmiles, Tracy Friedlander, Thomas Squire, and Gwen Williams.

**AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joanna Bonner, Frank Duncan, Steve Neff, Margaret Burrowes for Carlotta Woodward, and Dalbin Osorio for Elijah Wheeler.

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Diana Barney, Bonnie DeWitt, Karen Francis, Kevin Redden, Susan Farag, Chris Fogleman, Sean Gagen, Mary Siegfried, Michael Subin, Francha Davis, and Nathaniel Tipton.

**STAFF LIASON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger

**GUESTS:** Joshua Pestaner

**Speaker:** Alyson Clements, Director of Advocacy for National Justice Network

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7:00 p.m. I. Welcome – Chris Jennison, Chair

7:05 p.m. II. Speaker- Alyson Clements, Director of Membership and Advocacy. She spoke on recruitment of Youth members.

- National Juvenile Justice Network
- Changed from adults to juveniles – during the last three years, they have been trying to become more youth oriented
- Three steps to change to be youth oriented
  - Peer to peer connections
  - Youth adult partnerships
    - Have adults bring in young people for boards and decision-making level
  - Stipends
- Youth Counsel on transformative justice
- Youth adult partnerships
  - Youth involvement was hard, because members are all over the country
- Community Law and Action (MD)
- ACY (MD)
- Questions:
  - Translatable
    - Relationship building after engagement of a few
    - Started at 10 youth members, was stagnant for a few years and then more youth members wanted to join
    - Peer to peer recruitment
  - Recognize type of youth you want – how do you engage the people you want?
    - Being flexible to help with barriers for youth members (i.e. probation, work, etc.)
    - Building out support systems for them to help with the barriers
  - Who are your members? – working to change the juvenile justice system
    - Parents with kids in the system
    - Legal aid organizations
    - Faith based organizations
  - How has your experience been working with undocumented youth?
    - Haven't really worked with undocumented youth
  - Age range?
    - The youth range from 16 – 24
  - Do you ever get information from adults who were in the system about what they would have wanted?
    - Inform advocacy work with those who have aged out or are much older
  - Faith based organizations
    - Been integral in the process of engaging youth

7:35 p.m. II. Old Business  
a. September 2019 meeting minutes

- a. Edits: Tracey was at last meeting
  - b. Dan made a motion to approve, Thomas seconded
  - c. Minutes were unanimously approved
- 7:37 p.m. III. New Business
  - a. Annual Report – Diane
    - a. Not here, because the internet and phones were down at Diane’s office – we will vote next month
  - b. Meeting with HHS committee of the county council – Chris went
    - a. Talked about
      - i. Vocational training
      - ii. ERC
        - 1. Praised the ERC
      - iii. Worksource Montgomery – criticism
        - 1. Some of the Council members do not feel it’s effective
    - b. Frank met with County Council members recently: They talked a lot about diversion – “one stop shop”
  - c. HHS committee hearing Behavioral and Mental Health Services in the Juvenile Justice System – Tracey went- Link to document [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190919/20190919\\_HHSPS1.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190919/20190919_HHSPS1.pdf)
  - d. Quarterly meeting of Boards/Committees and Commissions with Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director of Health and Human Services – Ebony went
    - a. She updated them on what the commission did in July and September
    - b. Talked about our restructuring
    - c. Talked about our ERC visit
    - d. Discussed our meeting about getting rid of juvenile fines across the country
  - e. November meeting – Delegate Moon will be speaking about upcoming Juvenile Justice legislation. Please forward any questions you have to Diane
- 7:45 p.m. V. Announcements from Agency Members, Commissioners and Members of the Public.
  - a. We are waiting for new member appointments
  - b. County council youth town hall meetings
    - i. Clarksburg high school 10/30
    - ii. Wheaton high school 11/13
- 7:50 p.m. VI. Meeting Adjourned