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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

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

Teams Meeting

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Diana Barney, Tracey Friedlander, Dan Gaskill, Chris Jennison, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Kevin Redden, Melanie Rush, Vernon Scott, Thomas Squire, Angela Toliver, and Gwen Williams.

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

EMERITUS MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole Brown

ABSENT MEMBERS: Bonnie DeWitt, Chris Fogleman, Wendy Pulliam, Ebony Stoutmiles, and Michael Subin

STAFF LIASON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

GUESTS: Gerald Mcfarland, Oneil Ormsby, Tom Smith and Liana Ventimiglia.

- I. **Welcome** – Chris Jennison, Chair
- II. **Attendance** – Diane will take attendance. Please Mute your microphone unless you are speaking.
- III. **III. Discussion regarding priorities, ideas, and speakers for the upcoming year.**
 - A. **Youth Forum** – While we did have a subcommittee for the youth forum, we were unable to make it happen due to the COVID during FY20. Discussion held to assess continued interest in this for the current year. Revisited that the general intent of this is seeking a way of bringing youth perspective to the commission. Discussion focused on confidentiality and protection for youth as a priority. The subcommittee will work on the logistics and make a proposal to the commission at a future meeting.
 - B. **Priorities for the Commission during the upcoming year**
 - a. Commission discussed areas of advocacy that might be of priority this year including:
 - i. Youth in solitary confinement

- ii. youth in adult jails
- iii. child interrogation act
- iv. services for older youth (18-21-year-old)
- v. education for youth in detention
- b. After discussing the pros and cons of tackling many issues versus focusing on a few specific issues, the commission voted and approved focusing on two topics - youth in adult facilities and the child interrogation act. The vote was taken and all member except two were in favor of working on the two topics. There were two abstentions: Carlotta Woodward, States' Attorney Office, and Captain Amy Daum, MCPD.

C. Legislative committee – Kevin and Thomas

- a. This subcommittee will continue to monitor juvenile justice legislation in general.

D. Speakers –

- a. Delegate Moon will be visiting the October meeting to share about the previous and upcoming legislative session

E. Renewal of terms and vacancies – Diane shared an update that for anyone whose term has ended, you remain an active member. Diane stated that she is waiting for a vacancy notice from the County Executive's office, they are behind in advertising for all Commission vacancies.

8:10 p.m. IV. Old Business

- a. Minutes from July 2020 – minutes were approved

8:15 p.m. V. New Business

- a. **Annual Workplan** – draft will be distributed to commissioners for review. The workplan must be voted on at the next meeting.
- b. **Annual Report** - volunteers to write articles for Report. Will need articles by the end of October. Need articles from executive committee, article on judges meeting and any other ideas?
- c. **Announcements from Commission members or Members of the Public –**
 - a. Commission members asked for brief updates on how youth are doing currently at Noyes –
 - 1. DJS representative shared that virtual learning has been implemented and there have been efforts to open programs/services in general across DJS as well as some occasional setbacks if things have to reclose.
 - b. Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad is offering a drive through food pantry as a resource – check out their website for more details

8:30 p.m. VI. Meeting Adjourned

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