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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

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

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Tracey Friedlander, Chris Jennison, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Kevin Redden, Ebony Stoutmiles and Thomas Squire.

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

EMERITUS MEMBERS PRESENT: None.

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

STAFF LIASON PRESENT: Diane Lininger.

GUESTS: Bruce Clarke, Carol Cichowski, Corey Fink, Melissa Goeman, Gerda Goodman, Tom Hoopengardner, Michael Pinard, Mia Reed, Jonathan Scriven, Dr. Rolando Santiago, Tia Scott, 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 - Speaker Corey Fink**, Executive Director, Juvenile Services Education Program (**JSEP**), Department of Juvenile Services – spoke about the Maryland Juvenile Services education board.

Presentation link - [Presentation Juvenile Service Board of Education CF.pdf](#)

VI. Old business

- a. **Vote to finalize July minutes** – The Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice (CJJ) approved July 2021 minutes.
- b. **Annual Work-Plan vote** – The CJJ approved Annual Work Plan with edits by Tracey Friedlander.
- c. **Annual Report** – There is a need for commissioners who are interested to author articles about the Commission's work (e.g., Judges meeting, School Resource Officers (SRO) meeting, Legislative session last year). Diane agreed to send a list of needed articles (requested by Francha Davis). Francha Davis volunteered to write an SRO article.

V. New Business

- a. **Frank Duncan** – Provided an update on the Alfred D. Noyes Advisory committee. Members recommended that the Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice serve on Alfred D. Noyes Advisory Committee.
 - Tracey Friedlander volunteered to be a representative for CJJ on the Advisory Committee
 - Still dealing with Covid outbreaks and working with policies about shutdown and youth coming in and out of the facility. This also affects family or parents being able to come in. When visitation is less, more video or phone call time approved. Facility is doing their best under these circumstances.
 - Facility is hoping to bring in different organizations, groups to do various activities and educational programming with the youth.
 - There has been approval for, and work being done to, expand recreational activities both inside and outside of the facility. The recreation area is currently under physical expansion.
 - The purchased or replacement of new Noyes equipment is currently under the consideration.
 - The CJJ has not made a final decision about the Noyes Annual Thanksgiving. There was no event in 2020, but there is hope there can be one this year (2021).
 - Approximately 10 youth are currently residing in Noyes. However, the Children's Center usually averages 20-30 youth (in previous years).
 - Noyes is currently experiencing a staff shortage. The Center would like to be able to retain good and experienced staff.

- b. Subcommittees** – Diane will wait to set up meetings after the October meeting due to an influx of new Citizen Commissioners being appointed
- c. Next Meeting - October 19, 2021-** The Honorable Marielsa Bernard will speak at the upcoming meeting. Please submit any questions you may have to Diane prior to the meeting.
- d. Thank you** – Gratitude was extended to Francha Davis and Joanna Bonner, who assisted with 22 interviews for new CJJ applicants. Hopefully, the Commission should have 14 new members appointed by October 2021.

VI. Meeting Adjourned