



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Commission on Juvenile Justice Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

401 Hungerford drive, 1st floor conference room, Rockville, MD 20855

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Bonnie Beavers, Carol Cichowski, Eddie Ellis, Tracey Friedlander Gerda Gallop-Goodman, Melissa Goemann, Michael Pinard, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Kevin Redden, Shuaa Tajammul, and Erin Whaley.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Bonner, Francha Davis, Elizabeth Emen, Steve Neff, Jordan Satinsky, Brett Lonker, Nathaniel Tipton, and Carlotta Woodward

ABSENT MEMBERS: Don Chisholm, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Ijeoma Okoro and Ebony Stoutmiles, Jonathan Scriven, Tom Smith, Heather Sweren,

PRESENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Carole L. Brown.

ABSENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Chris Fogleman, and Wendy Pulliam.

GUESTS: Diana Olson and Dr. Rolando Santiago

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting opened by Kevin Redden, Chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice (CJJ). All members gave short introduction of themselves.
- II. **Attendance** – Sign-up sheet.
- III. **Discussion**- The Executive Committee is recommending that Commission members discuss the following questions to assist the CJJ in developing plans for the next year and improving its functioning. These questions will be discussed in small groups at today's meeting in small groups convened by Executive Committee members. The CJJ Executive Committee values everyone's input.
 - a. What do you see as the strengths of the CJJ? How about any weaknesses?

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- b. What do you regard as its key accomplishments in the past year? Were there disappointments?
 - c. What might the CJJ do differently to build on its strengths and address any weaknesses?
 - d. How can the CJJ get more active participation on the part of its members? How can the CJJ tap the varied experience and expertise of its members to better inform its work?
 - e. Is there anything the CJJ can do to ensure that everyone feels comfortable in actively participating and has adequate opportunities to make suggestions, ask questions, and offer differing opinions?
 - f. Do you have any suggestions about how CJJ could better address its statutory mandates, particularly those relating to providing advice to local officials on the needs and requirements of juveniles?
 - g. Have you learned things about the needs of juveniles through your participation on the CJJ that you have shared with your networks in the community? What other strategies might we use to increase public understanding and knowledge of issues relating to justice-involved youth?
 - h. Do you have any suggestions for how the CJJ might use speakers or invited guests to further its mission and carry out its mandated functions? What specific topics or issues would you like to see the CJJ focus on in the coming year? Can you recommend speakers who may be able to inform our consideration of these issues?
 - i. Here is a link to the Enabling Legislation for the CJJ: [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/BHCS/CJJ/cjenablinglegislation\(4-29-2013\).pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/BHCS/CJJ/cjenablinglegislation(4-29-2013).pdf)
- IV. Each Breakout Group discussed the above questions.
- a. Each group provided a summary of their discussions,
 - We need to go through the budget and advocate for more funding for agencies, services, etc.
 - Need to have a google doc that captures the various documents provided to us or cited.
 - Investigate building a Youth/Family Justice Center
- V. Old Business
- a. May 2023 minutes

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- Motion to adopt the minutes, motion was seconded, and minutes adopted unanimously.

VI. New Business

- Nomination committee** - Gerda Gallop-Goodman announced the Nomination Committees slate; Kevin Redden, Chair; Melissa Goemann. Vice Chair; Michael Pinard- Secretary; Bonnie Beavers and Carol Cichowski - Legislative Committee
 - Motion adopted; motion seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.
- July Meeting**
 - Can discuss the Youth/Family Justice Center; the budget; work plan.
- August** – Do not meet.
- September** – in-person meeting again, with Secretary Schiraldi
- October** - Speakers will be Carlotta Woodward, Chief, Juvenile Court Division, Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, Brett Lonker, Supervisor, Juvenile Division, Office of the Public Defender. Montgomery County and Frank Duncan, Assistant Regional Director, Metro Region, Department of Juvenile Services

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 PM