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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Bonnie Beavers, Carol Cichowski, Bruce Clark, Eddie Ellis, Gerda Gallop-Goodman, Melissa Goemann, Ijeoma Okoro, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Kevin Redden, Jonathan Scriven Tom Smith, Ebony Stoutmiles, Heather Sweren, Shuaa Tajammul, and Erin Whaley.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Bonner, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Elizabeth Emen, Susan Farag, Steve Neff, Jordan Satinsky (Kevin Parker), Mary Siegfried (Brett Lonker), Nathaniel Tipton and Carlotta Woodward

ABSENT MEMBERS: Don Chisholm, Tracey Friedlander and Michael Pinard

PRESENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Carole L. Brown.

ABSENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Chris Fogleman, and Wendy Pulliam.

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

GUESTS: Catherine Gammage, Nicole Nicharot, Mia Reed and Tia Scott

Speaker: Kimberly Pogue, Superintendent of Education for Department of Juvenile Services.

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was officially opened by Kevin Redden, Chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice (CJJ).
- II. **Attendance** – After taking attendance, Diane Lininger asked everyone to mute their microphones unless they were speaking.

III. Speaker: Kimberly Pogue, Superintendent of Schools, Department of Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP).

- Introduction on Ms. Pogue and her history with JSEP.
 - Education:
 - 1. Enrollment: 296 students across the state of Maryland. They range in grades from 7-12. 102 of them receive special education services. Rolling enrollment. 16 current graduates.
 - 2. MD curriculum alignment
 - 3. Career and Tech Educations available
 - 4. Post-Secondary options: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's) with community colleges, OSHA, CPR, and other certifications
 - 5. Looking for more options close to home to assist with transitions.
 - 6. Looking to enter into more inter-agency agreements with community colleges, particularly Prince Georges Community College and Baltimore City Community College.
 - HB 1607 Pilot with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and the Alfred D. Noyes Childrens Center.
 - 1. Professional development for staff was provided by MCPS. This gave the teachers a feeling of belonging and were able to learn more about working with MCPS.
 - 2. Unfortunately, the Alfred D. Noyes facility closed this year and there are no Juvenile facilities in Montgomery County.
 - Credits should transfer when students return to school. Trying to tighten up communication with schools through counselors.
 - Differences among facilities: most staffing and facilities vary based on enrollment of school. Larger schools may have 2 math or English based on enrollment. No difference in materials.
 - Service-learning activities are available, i.e. gardening.
 - Struggles: staffing is very difficult due to the low pay and teachers not interested in working with the population at the Juvenile Facilities.
- Questions for Ms. Pogue
- Special education concerns
 - Improving communications with students and schools
 - There seems to be communication issues with MCPS now that the Alfred D. Noyes Children's facility is gone. Girls strictly detained at Cheltenham. Others at Cullen. Some at Eastern Shore. Counselors who have taken overflows need to know who the contacts are at mcps to make sure students receive the same level of service.
 - How fast can you implement special ed? The Individual Education Plan must be reviewed within 24 hours of receipt.
 - In touch with students once every 6 months after transition

IV. Old Business

- a. The minutes were approved and adopted for February 2023

V. New Business

- A. April** – April meeting will be used to discuss questions for the Circuit Court Judges. Will also look at inviting the Collaboration Council for Children Youth and Families to talk about the drop-in center for youth 16-24.
- B.** Commissioners requested that Diane invite the new Secretary for the Department of Juvenile Services Vincent Schiraldi to speak at an upcoming CJJ meeting – Frank Duncan, DJS asked for Diane to email him a request.
- C. May** – Circuit Court Judges
- D. June** – In person meeting to discuss upcoming plans for the Fiscal Year 2024.
- E. Committees/Subcommittees**
 - Executive Committee – After the February meeting, there were concerns by commissioners regarding the scope of mission, voting procedure, etc., questions. The County Attorney provided the following guidance:
 1. Because HB 385 does not directly impact juvenile needs and requirements, juvenile affairs, juvenile delinquency, and the general welfare of juveniles, the Commission should not support or oppose the bill.
 2. Voting procedure: section 1238 of code says 1/3 of commissioners is quorum for doing business. 12 members needed for quorum; 23 members were at last meeting. Under Robert's rules, majority vote is not in an affirmative vote of those present and voting, not including members who abstained. That means of the 23 present - 5 who abstained =18 present voting members, and a majority would be 10 votes. Since 15 voted in support, this is a vote in support of the legislation.
 3. Letter that was sent to the Maryland Legislature regarding bills does not need to include each vote recorded, but minutes must include the recorded votes.
 - Prevention (Heather Sweren) – No update.
 - Legislative – Worked on the questions for Ms. Pogue that were presented today at the meeting.
 - Work Force – No update
 - 4. **Announcements** - Neither Commissioners nor members of the public had any announcements.
 - 5. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.