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Commission on Juvenile Justice Fiscal Year 2016 Work Plan

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General Statement of Purpose for Fiscal Year 2016:

The Commission's committee structure for the upcoming fiscal year will include three standing committees: Executive; Government and Community Relations and Care, Custody, and Placement; *Ad hoc* committees are established as needed (e.g., for naming of officers and new Commission member interviews). Committees will meet prior to the Commission meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, except in August and December. The Commission meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except in August and December. When the Commissioners feel there is an issue that needs more in-depth discussion, the Commission will hold a teleconference. Notice of such teleconferences will be given in advance.

The Commission will only take action in accordance with our enabling legislation.

The Commission will continue to be proactive in reviewing proposed legislation at the State and local level.

Each member will participate in the work of the Commission, including serving on at least one committee.

The Commission will continue to review and address how Montgomery County assesses needs and delivers treatment to its juvenile justice population.

The Commission studies, reports, monitors, and advocates for the issues identified on the attached pages.

Executive Committee – Chair Carlean Ponder

Members: Chris Fogleman (Vice Chair), Jennifer West-Porter (Secretary), Mehul Madia and Barbara Holtz (Government and Community Relations Committee Co-Chairs), Linda Currie (Care, Custody, and Placement Committee Chair).

The Executive Committee represents the Commission at meetings with the Health and Human Services Director, County Executive, and County Council; drafts and presents testimony on legislation of interest; and provides administrative support to the Commission. The Executive

Committee organizes Commission membership, orientation, the annual work plan, and the annual report.

Government and Community Relations Committee: Co-Chairs Mehul Madia and Barbara Holtz

Members: Francha Davis, Chris Fogleman, Lee Haller, Risa Mainprize, Perry Paylor, Dana Pisanelli, Wendy Pulliam, George Simms and Mike Subin .

The **Government and Community Relations Committee** coordinates and facilitates exchanges in connection with providing recommendations to the Commission's legislative Agenda; 2) monitors and tracks legislation affiliated with Juvenile Justice System; and 3) oversees the annual forum with Montgomery County Juvenile Court judges.

In furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's focus on intervention and prevention efforts for high need youth, including disproportionate minority contact, gender specific, and re-entry issues, during the next two years, the **Government and Community Relations Committee** will take the following action steps.

- Monitor report on, and make recommendations regarding relevant proposed legislation.
- Advocate for Commission budget recommendations.
- Gather and report on relevant information obtained from community stakeholders.
- Disseminate to community stakeholders relevant information obtained from other sources.

Care, Custody, and Placement Committee: Co-Chairs Linda Currie and Roberta Pieczenik

Members: Carole Brown, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Michael Gruenberg, Julia Malloy, Carlean Ponder, Jennifer West-Porter, Mary Siegfried, Ira Thomas and Elijah Wheeler.

The objective of the Commission on Juvenile Justice Care, Custody, and Placement Committee is to monitor and track the quality of care provided to Montgomery County juvenile justice youth in community placements or residential facilities, which may also be located outside of the County. The Committee's primary duties include the examination of mental and physical health care, education, programming, and transportation offered to youth in the Montgomery County juvenile justice system.

For the years 2015 to 2016, the Committee will engage in its mission by doing the following:

The Care, Custody, and Placement Committee will:

- To advocate for effective vocational training programs for youth detained in long-term facilities in collaboration with the Maryland State Dept. of Education.
- To advocate for expanded access to vocational programs for high school students in Montgomery County.
- Create a strong voice for the Juvenile Justice Commission within county and state government. Elicit from state and county agencies what they need from us to help them; Be pro-active, not reactive