



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Commission on Juvenile Justice Fiscal Year 2019 Work Plan

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General Statement of Purpose for Fiscal Year 2019:

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 act 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 Chris Fogleman

Members: Francha Davis (Vice Chair), vacant (Secretary), Christopher Jennison and Kim Allfriend (Government and Community Relations Committee Co-Chairs), Karen Francis and Gwen Williams (Care, Custody, and Placement Committee Co-Chairs).

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 Christopher Jennison and Kimberly Allfriend

Members: Francis Burroughs, Francha Davis, Bonnie DeWitt, Chris Fogleman, Captain Sean Gagen, Perry Paylor, Wendy Pulliam, Vernon Scott, Thomas Squire, Mike Subin and Carlotta Woodward.

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 year, 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.*
- *Research services available for female juveniles and advocate to close any gaps in services. To accomplish this task, the Committee will research the following areas;*
 - 1. Who are the females served (i.e., demographics, age, etc.)*
 - 2. What services do they need?*
 - 3. What services are currently available?*
- *Research best practices in community youth engagement and develop partnerships for engaging at-opportunity youth*
- *Research and advocate for alternative treatments for female juveniles*

The **Care, Custody, and Placement Committee: Co-Chairs Karen Francis and Gwen Williams**

Members: Diana Barney, Joanna Bonner, Gloria Bowen, Carole Brown, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Cary Fellows, Tracey Friedlander, Steve Neff, Erynn Penn, Mary Siegfried, Ebony Stoutmiles and Elijah Wheeler.

Two- year work plan for the Care, Custody & Placement Committee

The objective of the CJJ's Care, Custody & Placement Committee is to monitor and track the quality of care provided to Montgomery County Youth in Community Placement or Residential facilities which may located outside the county or the state.

The previous year's work plan was the starting place for this year's plan and informed the decision to view this as a two- year plan. This plan includes three objectives that are continuation of the committee's previous work (objectives 1, 2 and 3), with noted additions related to educational programming in the county for juvenile justice involved youth and one objective that are direct responses to needs expressed to committee over the past year (objective 4).

The plan also includes a broader objective specifically designed to ensure that the concerns of the CJJ's Care, Custody & Placement Committee are heard in the larger community and by relevant decision-makers. These objectives (3 and 4 below), will require the Care, Custody & Placement Committee to collaborate with the whole Commission and stakeholders.

Objective 1

To advocate for effective educational and vocational training programs for youth who have been detained.

I. Identify educational and vocational programs that are available at the facilities and look at the effectiveness of those programs.

(a) Strengthening capacity of evening reporting Center (ERC)

II. Identify other agencies that are providing services and look at the effectiveness of those programs within those agencies.

III. Identify and create relationships with MSDE and other agencies within Montgomery County and state-wide who have responsibility for this work to facilitate collaboration and information gathering.

(a) Focus on educational programming at NOYES to determine needs and enhancement of education programming at the facility

IV. Commit to participating in some sort of fact-gathering, community-engagement, stakeholder, roundtable event.

Objective 2

To advocate for effective re-entry opportunities for youth who have been detained and for disconnected youth.

I. Identify vocational programs that are available at the facilities and look at the effectiveness of those programs.

II. Identify other agencies that are providing services and look at the effectiveness of those programs within those agencies.

III. Identify and create relationships with MSDE and other agencies within Montgomery County and state-wide who have responsibility for this work to facilitate collaboration and information gathering.

IV. Commit to participating in some sort of fact-gathering, community-engagement, stakeholder, roundtable event.

Objective 3

Create a strong voice for CJJ & the children and the families we serve, within county and state government, and be a voice and a resource for state and county agencies.

I. We do this by sharing what we learn, what we see, what we know with elected officials, policy makers and those who are implementing those policies

II. We also do this by listening to community members, stakeholders, and policy maker about their concerns.

III. Explore opportunities to facilitate youth engagement as part of the work of the Commission, to bring youth voice and youth perspective to the Commission.

IV. Explore strategies, criteria for selection, and process of youth to participate/engage with the Commission.

Objective 4

To strengthen and support gender responsive services for girls

I. Determine what the current needs of girls who are justice involved or at risk of involvement.

II. Work collaboratively with CJJ members and other stakeholders to plan and convene a Girls Working Group

III. Communicate to findings from working group to facilitate to facilitate advocacy for gender responsive programming

IV. Specifically work with Director of Social Justice at the Collaboration Council toward— advocacy for structured gender responsive programming for girls.