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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

7:50 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

101 Monroe Street 9th floor conference room, Rockville, MD

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Bonnie DeWitt, Chris Fogleman, Karen Francis, Tracey Friedlander, Christopher Jennison, Wendy Pulliam, Kevin Redden, Ebony Stoutmiles, Thomas Squire and Elijah Wheeler.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Bonner, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Cary Fellows, Sean Gagen, Steve Neff, Mary Siegfried, and Carlotta Woodward.

ABSENT MEMBERS: Diana Barney, Carole Brown, Francha Davis, Kelly Harper, Dan Gaskill, Erynn Penn, Vernon Scott, Michael Subin, Gwen Williams and Molly Vogel.

STAFF LIASON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

SPEAKERS: Jennifer Gauthier, Lead4life

GUESTS: Michael Shawn, Ron Villalobos

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- I. Speaker- Jennifer Gauthier, Director, Lead4life – to discuss topics talked about at meeting with the Judges in April, i.e. Girls services, Evening Reporting Center and services for Disengaged youth.
 - A. Lead4life – Jennifer started this organization 11 years ago and organization now has services in Baltimore city, Frederick County, P.G. County and Calvert.
 - B. Has Therapeutic Services that take Medical assistance, Psych Rehab program, Diversion services for youth involved with DJS (Frederick), Re-engagement program, Restorative Justice program, and Evening Reporting Center. All of these services are located in Montgomery county.
 - C. Evening Reporting Center – is an alternative to detention for youth involved with DJS. They pick up the youth from school during the school year and from home in the summer. They are then brought to the Evening Reporting Center. Have structured time which includes a snack, restorative circle, distress check, daily groups, and a meal. Each day they have different events occurring, which include; a mentor coming in and talking about political events, Going to local recreation center, playing sports, competency development, substance and mental health topics, Street Law, cooking, learning life and coping skills, learning job readiness skills, homework time – kids never seem to have any homework. This program lasts 90 days and if the youth do not attend, probation officer is alerted.
 - D. Ron Villalobos, Peer connector – Ron reported that he started with Lead4life in the Evening Reporting Center while involved with DJS, he then became a youth leader and was able to pay back his restitution for his crime. After getting a job, Jennifer contacted him and asked if he would be interested in a job as a peer connector. Now he is also a Spanish interpreter and a Case-manager.
 - E. Ron spoke about the youth possibly being members on the Commission on Juvenile Justice – Ron stated that he thought youth would not be interested without a payment for their time. He felt that youth would not be interested in volunteering without some sort of payment.
- I. **Old Business**
 - A. **March 2019 and April 2019 minutes were approved by motion to accept, seconded and all were in favor.**
- II. Announcements –
 - A. Elections of new Executive Committee members – Diane sent out email several times with information on Executive positions, the vacancies and expectations of the position. If you are interested in positions for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Co-Chairs of Care, Custody and Placement committee and Co-Chairs of Government and Community Relations committee.
 - B. Trip to Alfred D. Noyes Detention Facility – Kevin Redden reported that he was impressed with the changes at the facility i.e. the school trailer updates, security updates and MCPS is taking over the school system. He was interested in learning that the biggest problem at the facility is Gangs. Tracey Friedlander stated that she would like the Commission to advocate

for more outdoor time for the youth at the center and would like the sleeping quarters to be updated.

- C.** June meeting will be to discuss ongoing committees and how the Commission would like to function in the upcoming fiscal year.

III. Subcommittees

- a.** Care, Custody and Placement would like a tour of the Baltimore City Juvenile Center. Diane will set this up. They worked on their work-plan and will submit a few changes to Diane
- b.** Government and Community Relations had no report and also will submit changes to their work-plan to Diane.

IV. Meeting Adjourned 9pm.