



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2014

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole Brown, Linda Currie, Chris Fogleman (Chair), Jennifer Gauthier, Michael Gruenberg, Barbara Holtz, Julie Malloy, Perry Paylor, Dana Pisanelli and Wendy Pulliam.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Farag, Mary Siegfried, George Simms, Michael Subin, Ira Thomas, and Jenny West-Porter.

ABSENT MEMBERS: Blaine Clarke, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Julian Haffner, Christopher Jackson, Mehul Madia, Risa Mainprize, Roberta (Birdie) Pieczenik, Carlean Ponder and Elijah Wheeler

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

EMERITUS MEMBERS: Dr. Lee Haller

GUESTS: Robyn Gross and Margi Josh

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I. Announcements /Preliminary business

A. The retreat is going to be on February 21st with a back-up date of February 28th. It will be held at 1301 Piccard drive, Rockville, MD. The Executive Committee is suggesting that we have a speaker for the retreat. It could be a motivational speaker or someone knowledgeable about a topic of interest to the Commission. There is no money to pay the speaker. Dr. Pollard of Montgomery College was suggested. Another suggestion was adults who have been through the juvenile system. If you know of anyone who is willing to speak for free, please email Diane or let her know at the end of the meeting. Also a sign-up sheet for the retreat committee was passed around.

B. Executive Committee met on October 28th. The minutes from that meeting are attached to the November, 2014 agenda and minutes.

C. Our annual meeting with the Juvenile Judges will be on April 28 at the EOB. This will replace our April 21st meeting.

D. The Commission is visiting the Thomas Edison High school of technology where the county has many vocational programs. The visit is on November 19th at 11am.

E. Reminder: The Commission does not meet in December. We will reconvene on January 20th.

F. Committees will need to submit questions for the January meeting with Senator Jamie Raskin or his Chief of Staff, Alice Wilkerson. The Committee chairs will collect these questions and submit them to Diane so that Senator Raskin will have them ahead of time.

II. Old Business

A. October 2014 minutes could not be approved because there were not sufficient members present to vote.

III. Committee Reports

A. Government and Community Relations report: The committee discussed potential issues to present to the legislature. The committee agreed that pushing for funding for Noyes and the education trailers would be important. Questions were asked regarding the mechanism for funding the trailers. George Simms volunteered to contact the office of Senator Raskin to find out the mechanism for ensuring funding for the trailers through MSDE and whether testifying before the legislature would be effective. The second issue discussed was preparing questions for Senator Raskin. The third issue discussed was Miranda rights and custodial interrogation of juveniles.

B. Care, Custody and Placement – They are focusing on the history/context of the education trailers at Noyes. They also talked about the procedure of testifying before legislature. They discussed the questions that could be asked about the education trailers

such as liability. Would it be helpful to talk to Superintendent McCloud, head of Noyes, to understand the history of the trailers? It was suggested to have an itemized list of the deficiencies of the trailers. There are photos of the problems. Would it be helpful to get MSDE involved to tell DJS that the facilities are inadequate for their teachers since it is DJS' budget that buys the trailers? Does the State have the ability to dictate to an agency how they spend the money? Could it be done through a bond bill through Public Works? It was suggested that a coalition with the Noyes Advisory Committee and the teachers of MSDE could be formed to give testimony to the legislature on the Noyes facilities. Also there was discussion of the Lead4Life holiday parties and how to donate. The Commission achieved consensus (insufficient members to take a vote) that the Commission is in agreement to lobby the legislature on the issue of the providing better education trailers to Noyes.

V. The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.