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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

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

**Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kimberly Alfriend, Bonnie Beavers, Carol Cichowski, Bruce Clark, Don Chisholm, Eddie Ellis, Tracey Friedlander, Gerda Gallop-Goodman, Melissa Goemann, Chris Jennison, Ijeoma Okoro, Erynn Penn, Joshua Pestaner, Michael Pinard, Kevin Redden, Tom Smith, Ebony Stoutmiles, Heather Sweren, Shuaa Tajammul, and Erin Whaley.

**AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joanna Bonner, Amy Daum, Susan Farag, Steve Miller, Steve Neff, Mary Siegfried (Brett Lonker) and Carlotta Woodward

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Jonathan Scriven, Thomas Squire, and Nathaniel Tipton

**PRESENT EMERITUS MEMBERS:** Carole L. Brown

**ABSENT EMERITUS MEMBERS:** Chris Fogleman, and Wendy Pulliam.

**STAFF LIAISON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger

**GUESTS:** Gerald McFarland and Tia Scott.

- I. **Welcome** – Chair, Kevin Redden, welcomed members, called the meeting to order, and communicated the goals of the meeting to present members and guests.
- II. **Attendance** – Diane took attendance and asked all attendees to mute microphones unless speaking.
- III. **Discussions: Co-Chairs of Legislative Committee & Annual Work Plan**

**Co-Chairs of the Legislative Committee–**

**a. Co-Chairs, Carol Cichowski and Bonnie Beavers, discussion on legislative priorities for the upcoming session:**

- Commissioners should contact Diane Lininger if they are interested in serving on the Legislative Subcommittee.
- Co-Chairs are seeking assistance from the Commission on Juvenile Justice (CJJ) members to identify legislation aligned with, or pertinent to, the Commission's role.
- It is recommended that the Committee supports bills that were under consideration last year, which may be presented again during the 2023 Legislative Session. An example of such legislation includes Automatic Adult Jurisdiction or the practice of charging of minors as adults for specific crimes.
- The Co-Chairs stressed the importance of starting to review bills as soon as possible. Such actions would enable adequate planning when the legislative session convenes in January 2023.
- The Co-chairs are requesting that members focus on local issues, such as bills presented before the Montgomery County Council.

**b. Commission on Juvenile Justice Chair – Kevin Redden  
Work Plan preliminary objectives:**

- Invite the Maryland Office of Public Defender (OPD) to obtain its perspective on how the juvenile justice system is working. The Commission has heard from many other agencies, but not from a defense counsel.
- Request a discussion with the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery to better understand their work with the juvenile justice system.
- Organize a trip for Commissioners to the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center.
- Examine current data and trends on the juvenile justice population in Montgomery County, Maryland.
- Obtain and review regular updates on school data from the CJJ Montgomery County Public School representative.
- Assess delinquency prevention statistics and services in Montgomery County.
- Discuss facts and figures provided to the Commission by the Department of Juvenile Services, and their relevance to the Commission's role.
- As recommended by Montgomery County Police Department's Captain Amy Daum, all Commission members should read the following report to understand Positive Youth Development initiatives in the county:  
[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2022/20220628/20220628\\_2.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2022/20220628/20220628_2.pdf)

**IV. New Committees/Subcommittees – Commissioners voted in favor of the following:**

- a. Legislative Committee
- b. Prevention subcommittee
- c. Assessment of Agencies subcommittee

**V. Old Business**

- a. **Vote to finalize June 22, 2022 Minutes** – A commissioner made a motion to accept the minutes, followed by a second motion; then moved in favor by all commissioners.

**VI. New Business**

- a. August Meeting – The Commission will recess in August, then resume its regularly scheduled meetings in September 2022.
- b. New Executive Committee – Introduces themselves
- c. September meeting – we may want to have a speaker (September 20<sup>th</sup>)  
Michael will check with Kristin Henning

**VII. Announcements** – Neither Commissioners nor members of the public had any announcements.

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned.**