

# **MEETING MINUTES**

## **Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 7:30 am-9:00 am

In-Person Location: Executive Office Building, Lobby Level Auditorium & Virtual: Microsoft Teams Meeting Or call (audio only): +1443 692-5768, 108242293#

Phone conference ID: 108 242 293#

**Members Present:** Maxwell Uy, Marcus Jones, Kathryn Pontzer, John McCarthy, Marielsa Bernard, James Bonifant, Eric Schneider, Florence Jewell, Rochelle Perry, Stefan LoBuglio, Richard Madaleno, Dr. Earl Stoddard *(Staff)*; (Online)-John Fitzgerald, Debra Grandy, James Hopkins, Dira Treadvance, Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Sherri Koch, Ben Stevenson

Members Absent: Kurt van der Walde, Karen Bushell, Rolando Santiago, Darryl McSwain, Dawn Luedtke, Michael Beach, Jeff Waldstreicher, William Sollod, Frank Duncan, Gail Roper, Mark Sroka, Ed Clark, Antonio DeVaul, Victor Brito

**Guests:** Stacey Flynn (*minute taker*), Scott Hoglander, Susan Farag, Freddie Abello, Tami Bulla, Tracy McDonald, Fatmata Barrie, Bishop Paul Walker, Monir Khanjani, Sarah Wolf

1. General Business

Sheriff Max Uy, CCJC Chair

### **Summary**

- Congratulated Florence Jewell confirmed by County Council to the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission
- Welcomed Rochelle Perry DPSCS CJCC Member; Welcomed Fatmata Barrie (Executive Director) and Bishop Paul Walker (PAB & ACC Chair), Administrative Charging Committee
- Review of 05/24/2023 Agenda and Minutes for approval
  - Reviewed two additional minute points re: Sen Waldstreicher odor of cannabis & CJCC's concern for the county's rise of juvenile violent crime.

Action:

Board voted (19 Yes, 0 No) to Approve the 05/24/2023 Agenda and Minutes (Florence Jewell/2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Jones).

2. Briefing: Administrative Charging Committee (ACC)

Bishop Paul Walker (ACC Chair)

#### **Summary:**

- Bishop Paul Walker explained the ACC's purpose.
  - o ACC adjudicated 8 cases, each aligning with Police Chief's recommendations (1 to charge, 7 not to charge). Officers can appeal ACC's decision to a Trial Board. Complainants are advised of the findings.
  - Special Legal Council for the PAB and ACC have been appointed and will attend their next meeting. A Listening Tour is planned.
- Dr. Stoddard clarified the ACC process: Complaint received, forwarded to LEA for investigation, findings, and Chief's recommendation sent to ACC, who decide on charges.
- Fatmata Barrie stated that the State's Attorney's Office reviews cases after the ACC investigation. ACC collaborates with TEBS for timely open data reporting, but their administrative staff is new (5 months).
- Chief Jones confirmed: that ACC handles cases violating departmental policy. Criminal matters are sent to State's Attorney's Office for potential prosecution.
- Chief Fitzgerald clarified past practice: LEOBR kept Admin Investigation on hold till the Criminal matter's end. Police Accountability Bill requires parallel investigations.

- Use of Subcommittees/focus area or topic
- Dr. Stoddard's recommendation: Subcommittees should be focused, time-bound and review specific issues to reach conclusions and make recommendations to the group.

4. Agency Updates Various

- (Circuit Court) Judge James Bonifant
  - o Competency Cases can take 60 days from the initial charges to placement; Chief Justice Bader is meeting with the Secretary of Health.
  - o 1,000 criminal and 2,500 custody matters; short one judge.
- (District Court) Judge Sherri Koch DUI Court application is in the Supreme Court of Maryland.
- (SAO) John McCarthy New Legislation Concerns:
  - o Interrogation Police can no longer interrogate juveniles
  - o Cannabis/Marijuana (MJ) Police can no longer search cars based on the odor of MJ; 75% of illegal guns are taken from cars, leaving them in children's hands and prohibited persons.
    - Drug distribution WILL be prosecuted; most homicides involve the black-market sale of MJ.
  - o After October 1, 2023, the AG's office will handle both investigation and determination of criminal charges for Officer-Involved Deaths.
- (MCPD) Chief Jones
  - o Auto-Theft increases, especially involving juveniles, some as young as 13.
  - Vehicles are usually found with the help of License Plate Readers (LPR). Legislative updates will be required for the CE's request to allow parking enforcement to locate stolen vehicles.
- (DOCR) Ben Stevenson
  - o 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 28 at 3pm; PRC Re-opened post-COVID
  - o 696 in custody, 50% supervised in the community, 44 housed in crisis intervention, 8 pending placement.
  - o Accreditation is coming up, Bakery Program started.
- (State Parole & Probation) Rochelle Perry
  - o 3,800 persons monitored in MoCo, 2,800 criminally, and 1,100 DADP (Drunk and Driving Monitoring Program); 15 vacancies/10 in Academy.
  - o Huge increase across-the-boarder offenses. Many from DC and VA are being supervised in MoCo
  - o MOU with ACCESS Behavioral Health being evaluated.
- (MCSO) Max Uy
  - Housing and Evictions are a huge concern in the county, balancing the needs of tenants and landlords.
    EEPs and Peace Orders are also increasing.
  - o Staffing: We are allotted 155; we are down 20; Lateral Program Implemented
- (MCFRS) Tracey McDonald Introduced the New Fire Marshall Manager, Scott Hoglander
- (MCG) Rich Madaleno
  - o Interviewing for Fire Chief; hope to announce in August.
  - O County Revenues remain strong, we baked a recession into our projects, and it may not happen (knock on wood). The biggest revenue impact is the drop in recordation taxes. Housing markets have slowed.

# 5. Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Sheriff Max Uy, CCJC Chair

- If anyone has a subcommittee proposal, send it to Max Uy and Earl Stoddard
- Motion to close meeting John McCarthy, Seconded by Chief Jones, Adjourned at 0858 hours.