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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

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

101 Monroe street, 9th floor conference room

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Meeting Minutes

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole Brown, Bonnie DeWitt, Chris Fogleman, Karen Frances, Mike Gruenberg, Erynn Penn, Roberta Pieczenik, Carlean Ponder (Chair), Wendy Pulliam, and Tisha Wiley.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Bills, Gloria Bowen, Francha Davis (Vice-Chair) Frank Duncan, Cary Fellows, Risa Mainprize (Jenifer Littlejohn), Mary Siegfried and Michael Subin and Elijah Wheeler.

ABSENT MEMBERS:, Shezhad Akhtar, Maria Blaeuer, Susan Farag, Stacey Gurian-Sherman, Captain James Humphries, Christopher Jennison, and Perry Paylor

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

GUESTS: Karyn Gross, Marji Josh, and Jamal Wallace

I. Announcements:

- A.** Introductions
- B.** Nomination committee – sign- up sheet being passed around to nominate a new executive committee. Elections will be held in June. Do not join the committee if you are interested in being on the executive committee.
- C.** Attendance Rules – I have attached the attendance rules per the County Executive's Office for attendance at meetings. I am required by the County executive's office to send out a letter of attendance termination if you have missed over 3 meetings in a fiscal year, July-July. I understand that people have extenuating circumstances that will cause them to miss more than three meetings in a fiscal year and in that case I would be able to assist in writing an appeal to the County Executive's office.

- D. The attendance rule also applies to Ex-Officio's as well. If an Ex-Officio is unable to attend a meeting, your attendance would count if you send someone in your place to cover the meeting.
- E. Annual work-plan – Both sub-committees must finalize and write up their annual work-plan so that we can vote on it at the June Meeting. The work-plans are due June 12, 2017. I would be happy to set up teleconferences if that is needed.

II. Old Business:

- A. February and April 2017 meeting minutes – there was not a quorum to approve the minutes

III. Speaker: Frank Duncan, Department of Juvenile Services (DJS)

Frank reported that DJS is working on bringing back community based programming for both boys and girls. In the past, The Amen program and the girls support group that was previously done by Lead4life are examples of Community based programming. There is no guarantee that these will be the groups that are possibly being brought back.

Family Intervention Specialist (FIS) will be doing Alcohol and trauma support groups for youth.

DJS has not been placing as many kids in group homes as in the past.

There are not many DJS residential programs in Montgomery County because the County won't allow it. Most programs are in other counties in Maryland.

DJS is also trying to give more home passes to youth in facilities so that DJS can find out what are the home issues and how can they be addressed.

The Evening Reporting Center (ERC) is an alternative to Detention, they are not to provide actual programs to the youth, it is set up so that the judges can place kids there instead of a detention center- pre-Adjudication.

At Noyes, we presently have 21 kids and 5 adults. There are 5 kids at the ERC.

Juvenile Arrests have gone down thru the years but it seems that Montgomery County's arrest numbers have gone up.

A few weeks ago, Collaboration Council on Children Youth and Families, held a meeting and invited DJS to be a member of a group that is to discuss how 18 year olds can be served and what services can they be provided.

- A. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has developed a program for non-english speaking students who have dropped out of school. The program is called PRIA
- B. Thomas Edison has come up with a program for students whose education has been disrupted- the program will be a night school with two nights for English and two nights for math. Students will get training in different vocations and will get a diploma not a GED.
- C. Crossover for Youth group started meeting on April 1, 2017. The group will identify youth who are involved in Child Welfare and Juvenile Services to work on diversionary services.

- D. Frank gave an organizational line on how kids are brought into DJS. Attached is the document describing this.

IV. Mike Gruenberg to give update on the Alfred D. Noyes Juvenile Detention Facility

- A. Mike reported that Superintendent Reason has a very good handle on what is going on at Noyes. She has hired two new managers and 1 supervisor.
- B. Superintendent still has issues with holding onto staff at Noyes because of the cost of living in Montgomery County versus other counties. Frank Duncan reported that new employees of Noyes start at a higher salary range and if they leave Montgomery County to go to another county they lose that higher salary.
- C. Mike also reported that recently Noyes had a field day event with other schools. There has been a change in security procedures.
- D. Noyes hired a new psychiatrist.

V. Elijah Wheeler, Collaboration Council for Children Youth and Families – reported that they are still waiting to hear about funds for the Re-Engagement Center in Montgomery County

V. Care & Custody: having teleconference to discuss annual work-plan on Friday, June 2 at 9am

VI. Government & Community Relations Committee: having teleconference to discuss annual work plan on June 15 at 7:30pm

VII. Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.