



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 15, 2014
7:50 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Currie, Chris Fogleman (Chair), Jennifer Gauthier, Michael Gruenberg, Barbara Holtz, Christopher Jackson, Mehul Madia (Vice Chair), Julie Malloy, Perry Paylor, Roberta Pieczenik, Wendy Pulliam, and Jasmine Shergill.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Blaine Clarke, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Mary Siegfried, George Simms, Michael Subin, Ira Thomas, and Elijah Wheeler (Co-Chair Care, Custody and Placement).

ABSENT MEMBERS: Carole Brown, Robert Carter, Julian Haffner, Gladstone Marcus (Co-Chair Government and Community Relations), Risa Mainprize, Dana Pisanelli, Carlean Ponder (Co-Chair Care, Custody and Placement), Jenny West-Porter, and Lisa Winer.

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Liningner

EMERITUS MEMBERS: Dr. Lee Haller

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I. Announcements /Preliminary business

A. The Chair thanked Michael Subin for securing our new meeting location at 401 Hungerford Drive in Rockville.

B. The new liaison to the Noyes Advisory Board is Michael Gruenberg.

C. Diane solicited volunteers to write articles for the Commission's annual report. The annual report is due to the County Council and County Executive at the end of October. In addition to the volunteers, the Chair and Committee Co-Chairs will need to write articles discussing Commission and Committee accomplishments over the past year. Articles are due to Diane at the end of September.

D. Website videos on agency roles. At the retreat, Commission members discussed having agency members give a short presentation on their agency to the Commission. These presentations would be videotaped and used in new member orientation. Diane suggested that they also could be placed on the Commission's website. Diane has asked the County Executive's office whether it would be okay to videotape agency members at meetings. She has yet to hear back.

E. Meeting minutes. Diane passed around a signup sheet for Commission members to take notes at next years' meetings.

F. Meeting dates for next year. Diane circulated the dates for next years' Commission meetings.

II. Old Business

A. The March, April, and May meeting minutes were approved.

III. Nomination Committee

A. The Nomination committee, comprised of Dana Pisanelli, Wendy Pulliam, and Michael Subin, met in May and nominated Commission members for the 2015 Executive Committee. Chris Fogleman was nominated as Chair. Carlean Ponder was nominated as Vice Chair. Barbara Holtz was nominated as Secretary. Christopher Jackson was nominated as the Chair of the Government and Community Relations Committee. Michael Gruenberg was nominated as Chair of the Care, Custody and Placement Committee. The nominees were approved by the Commission. The new Executive Committee will begin meeting in July.

IV. Annual Workplan

A. The Care, Custody and Placement Committee proposed revisions to its section of the Annual Workplan. For Fiscal Year 2015, the Care, Custody and Placement Committee will (1) continue working with the Maryland State Department of Education and Department of Juvenile Services regarding the need for stronger vocational training for youth in committed facilities; and (2) investigate accessibility

of vocational training programs in Montgomery County for high-risk students. The Government and Community Relations Committee had no further revisions to its section in the Annual Workplan. The Annual Workplan, with revisions, was submitted to the Commission and approved.

- B.** Additional Comments on the Annual Workplan. Nick Moroney stated that the Commission should not shy away from working on issues that are not specifically listed in the Annual Workplan. He discussed the educational trailers at Noyes and mentioned they have yet to be delivered. He stated that the Commission should continue to pressure the Montgomery County School District and the Department of Juvenile Services on the trailers until they are delivered. He suggested following up with Senator Raskin.

IV. Annual Retreat.

A. Diane thanked the Commission members who attended the Commission's annual retreat. It was very productive. She noted that attendance remains a problem. Of the 33 Commission members, only 20 attended. The Commission discussed whether providing the retreat date a year in advance would help increase attendance. Several members stated that regardless of the advance notice, having the retreat in May was difficult because it is a busy time of year for most people. Commission members stated that the purpose of the retreat was to brainstorm and discuss the direction of the Commission and Committees for the following year and that such discussion could happen at any time. The Commission decided to move the retreat date to February in an effort to increase attendance. The Chair suggested setting aside two dates in February in the event one date is cancelled on account of bad weather. Members also noted that a February date would also allow the Commission to spend more time discussing legislation proposed by the state legislature. Members stated that if state legislators can be invited to the Commission in November to discuss their thoughts on proposed legislation, then the Commission can have a greater role in influencing it.

B. Michael Gruenberg stated that Commission members should, to the extent they can, spend more time getting familiar with the juvenile justice system by attending Commission-sponsored field trips or other similar events. Many Commission members agreed, noting that such experiences can better inform members and help them serve on the Commission. Members of the Commission also stated that it may be a good idea to meet at other locations, such as Noyes, the Department of Juvenile Services or the States' Attorneys Offices, to get a better understanding of how those facilities or agencies operate.

V. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.