



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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County Executive

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**COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 21, 2016**

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shezhad Akhtar, Maria Blaeuer, Bonnie DeWitt, Chris Fogleman (Vice-Chair), Karen Frances, Mike Gruenberg, Julie Malloy, Perry Paylor, Erynn Penn, Wendy Pulliam, Carlean Ponder (Chair) and Tisha Wiley.

**AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gloria Bowen, Francha Davis, Susan Farag, Captain James Humphries, Risa Mainprize, Michael Subin and Elijah Wheeler

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Frank Duncan, Stacey Gurian-Sherman, Jessica Markham, Roberta Pieczenik, Mary Siegfried, George Simms (Amy Bills), and Ira Thomas,

**STAFF LIAISON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger

**GUESTS:** Karyn Gross, and Marji Josh.

**I. Announcements:**

- A.** Welcome to our new executive committee – they held their first executive committee meeting on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>
- B.** There will be no meeting in August – next CJJ meeting will be held on September 20, 2016.
- C.** Please sign up to take minutes at our monthly meetings – sign- up sheet being passed around
- D.** FY\_17 meeting calendar is in your folder –the February retreat is on February 18, 2017 (snow date February 25).

- E. Articles for the Annual report – Articles for Annual Report are due by the end of October. All committee chairs from last year need to write an update about the work done by their committee.
- F. Field trips for this upcoming year? Commission members were asked to submit ideas for consideration to make Field Trips. Possible ideas were to visit Evening Reporting Center, Noyes Detention facility, Silver Oaks. Risa Mainprize and Amy Bills offered for Commission members to visit Juvenile Court. They will let Diane know of upcoming dates that might be good for visits to the court.
- G. Speakers for upcoming meetings – DC reengagement center director and Maryland State Department of Education.

**II. Meeting Minutes:** June 2016 meeting minutes accepted.

**III. Discussion on shackling and strip-searching:** Letter from the commission will be sent to Sen. Muse detailing our support of the task force he is chairing looking into these topics of concern. Capt. Humphries noted that some of these kids are dangerous and may warrant shackling and strip-searching, but this practice should not be done for no reason. We agreed that it is in our best interest to support the task force and will do everything possible to support Sen. Muse's efforts.

**IV. Committee Reports**

- A. Care & Custody – Maria reported that the committee is planning a visit to the Evening Reporting & Reengagement Centers. The committee is working on how to support the activities of these centers and help expand both to engage in helping more youth.
- B. Government & community Relations – Reported that they are brainstorming ideas to help stop shackling and strip-searching. They are also interested in bringing in speakers for future commission meeting from agencies like U.S. Dept. of Justice and Youth Restorative Justice.

**Meeting Adjourned**