



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2016

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Shezhad Akhtar, Maria Blaeuer, Chris Fogleman (Vice-Chair), Karen Frances, Mike Gruenberg, Stacey Gurian-Sherman, Barbara Holtz, Jessica Markham, Perry Paylor, Roberta Pieczenik, and Carlean Ponder (Chair).

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Francha Davis, Susan Farag, Risa Mainprize, Mary Siegfried, and Michael Subin.

ABSENT MEMBERS: Carole Brown, Bonnie DeWitt, Frank Duncan, Captain James Humphries, Mehul Madia, Erynn Penn, Wendy Pulliam, George Simms (Amy Bills), Ira Thomas, Elijah Wheeler, Jessa Wilcox, and Tisha Wiley.

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

EMERITUS MEMBERS: Lee Haller

GUESTS: Gloria Bowen, and Marji Josh.

I. Introductions – called to order at 8:15

II. Old Business - March and April 2016 meeting minutes, both were accepted without comment or changes.

III. Updates

- A. **Antonia Reason** – Alfred D. Noyes Superintendent (originally from BJJC - Baltimore) was scheduled but did not show. Michael Gruenberg, liaison to the Board of Alfred D. Noyes, reported that Noyes has some staff vacancies right now. The numbers of

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Programs increased – Letter writing to Victims. New roof on one trailer – board is generally happy with remodeling. Marji Josh, Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit, reported that the number of incidences are down. The current census at the facility is 28 youth and is averaging about 6 to 9 girls. Community Conferencing may come into Noyes

- B. **Carole Brown** – Liaison to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission – Carole was unable to come to the meeting tonight. Mike Subin, who runs the CJCC, reported on last meeting. Much of meeting involved reporting and briefing out, no specific conversation about Juvenile Justice.
- C. **Trip to the Blair Ewing alternative school** – Dr. Ira Thomas was also unable to come to the meeting tonight. Carlean Ponder, Chair, attended the trip. Carlean reported that the visit was positive. Dr. Thomas expressed concerns that middle and high school have connecting hallways in the school and therefore have access to one another. The school has ongoing staffing issues, high staff turn-over, additional staff training maybe needed. Blair Ewing students need to have easier access to Alternative education and Thomas Edison, school of technology. Blair Ewing is in need of a new school. Conversation around appropriateness of school facility.
- D. **Annual work plan** – please have your plan emailed to Diane by June 7, 2016.
- E. **Nomination Committee** – Carlean has appointed both Mehul and Barbara to be the nomination committee. if you are interested in being on the executive committee for fy 2016-17, please let Diane know and she will forward you to the nomination committee. Attached is the nomination letter – please read.

V. Announcements

A. June Meeting – We will be meeting at 7:00pm at the 9th floor Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD. We will be saying goodbye to three long-term members who all served two full-terms. Mehul Madia, Barbara Holtz and Carole Brown. We have a lot of agenda items at that meeting. We will also be having a panel to discuss strip searches and shackling. Deborah St. Jean, Director, of Juvenile Protection Division, Delegate Moon, Nick Moroney from JJMU and a Betsey Tolentino from DJS. We will also be voting on our new executive committee and the annual report. We will meet as a Commission at 7pm to spend a half hour discussing business. **The panel will start at 7:30pm.** There will be no committee meetings. Initial 5 minutes from each presenter....and then questions. **Email questions to Diane before June 7th.**

IV. Committee Reports

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A. Government and Community Relations – did not report due to work on Annual work plan

B. Care, Custody and Placement - did not report due to work on Annual work plan

V. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm