



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 16, 2014  
7:50 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carole Brown, Chris Fogleman (Chair), Jennifer Gauthier, Michael Gruenberg,(Chair, Care, Custody and Placement), Barbara Holtz, Christopher Jackson, (Chair, Government and Community relations), Julie Malloy, Perry Paylor, Roberta Pieczenik, Dana Pisanelli, Carlean Ponder, (Vice Chair), and Wendy Pulliam.

**AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Mary Siegfried, George Simms, Michael Subin, Ira Thomas and Jenny West-Porter

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Robert Carter, Linda Currie, Blaine Clarke, Julian Haffner, Risa Mainprize, Mehul Madia, and Elijah Wheeler

**STAFF LIAISON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger

**GUESTS:** Karyn Gross, Eliza Steele and Margi Josh

**Commission on Juvenile Justice**

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**I. Announcements /Preliminary business**

- A. Quarterly Meetings with HHS on September 29, 2014
- B. Attached is the top two priorities that will be presented at the DHHS committee meeting of the County Council on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Invited Members to the field trip on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Alfred D. Noyse Juvenile Detention Facility at 10am.
- D. Patricia Brennan, Office of Legislative Affairs, spoke to the Government and Community Relations committee regarding Budget Process
- E. Beth Hart to speak at October Meeting
- F. Jennifer Gauthier, Lead for Life – announced upcoming events that her non-profit sponsors for Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Alfred D. Noyse Juvenile Detention Facility. Thanksgiving Dinner November 24, 2014 at Noyse noon to 2:00pm and Holiday Event December 18, 2014 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**II. Old Business –**

- A. The September meeting minutes were approved.

**III. Speaker –** Frank Duncan, Assistant Regional Director, Department of Juvenile Services to speak on DJS process – There are two ways youth become involved with Juvenile Services; Citizen Complaints or Police Reports. The citizen complaints generally involved parents/adults reporting children. DJS reviews the reports. The reports are reviewed for, Individuals Information, appropriate age, and ensure incident occurred in proper jurisdiction. At the intake appointment, youth and family come and meet with DJS. DJS confers with the police and the victim. DJS worker reviews police report and uses MCAST (Risk Assessment) for risk of further delinquency.

Options Informal v. Formal:

- Informal - resolve at Intake.
- Formal - Pre-Court, informal Probation and close case.
- Victim must consent to Pre-court.
- Send to State's Attorneys Office. If victim does not respond DJS has 25 days to make a decision.

Two types of criminal cases Misdemeanor and Felony

- Need permission from State's Attorney's Office to Pre-court felonies
- If case is closed unsuccessfully case may still be referred to State's Attorney's Office.
- .Formal: Cases that end up in court - Emergency Detention DJS makes decision, Kids sent to Tubman or house arrest. Can only authorize detention for one night.
- Reverse Waivers: Persons charged as adults and DJS investigates whether defendant should be charged as a juvenile. Factors considered include defendant's age, mental

and physical condition, whether defendant is amenable to treatment, nature of offense, and public safety.

Once petitioned court has 60 days to adjudicate, 30 days if juvenile is detained.

For sentencing court to ask DJS to perform Pre sentence investigation, evaluations and testify at disposition hearings. Two part findings whether juvenile committed act and whether juvenile is in need of further services. Options for sentencing include place juvenile on probation with DJS with recommendation that no further services are needed.

George Simms, Office of the State's Attorney describes plea agreement including a recommendation for deferred disposition for juvenile to perform community service.

DRAY is an intake assessment to help DJS determine what services are appropriate for Juvenile.

- Probation v. Commitment:
- Probation may include individual and family counseling, drug and alcohol abuse treatment, choice program and community based programs.
- Commitment: Placement, youth detained. M.A.S.T.
- May utilize Foster Care
- Residential treatment centers
- Independent Living
- Funding for programs have been cut over the years.
- Montgomery County may place out of state however they try to keep kids in state.
- If Juvenile detained needs to be hearing every 14 days to determine status.

**III. Committee reports:**

- A.** Government and Community Relations Committee- Pat Brennan spoke on State and County Budget issues, Chris volunteered to scan handouts and distribute.
- B.** Care, Custody and Placement Committee- Senator Raskin: Letter regarding educational trailers. Need to address cameras for surveillance. Discussed Senator Raskin's support for educational trailers. Preparing questions for the Maryland State Department of Education who is coming to speak to commission at our October meeting.

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