



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Commission on Juvenile Justice

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**Commission on Juvenile Justice Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2024**

**Virtual Meeting**

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kimberly Alfriend, Bonnie Beavers, Carol Cichowski, Tracey Friedlander, Gerda Gallop-Green, Melissa Goemann, Ashyia Johnson, Scott Joftus, Andrew Messick, Elizabeth Pentecost, Michael Pinard, Jonathan Scriven, and Erin Whaley.

**AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joanna Bonner, Francha Davis, Shakirra Haynes, Elizabeth Emen, Susan Farag, Brett Lonker, Steve Neff, Jordan Satinsky, Nathaniel Tipton, and Carlotta Woodward

**EMERITUS MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carole Brown

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Heather Sweren

**ABSENT EMERITUS MEMBERS:** Chris Fogleman.

**GUESTS:** Stefan Lo-Buglio, Imoni Vanderveer, Karla

**SPEAKERS:** Shauna-Kay Jorandby

**STAFF LIAISON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was opened by Melissa Goemann, Co-Chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice (CJJ).
- II. **Speaker** – Shauna-Kay Jorandby, Director, Student Engagement and Behavioral Health – to follow up from October meeting and speak on Restorative Approaches.
  - A. **Where individual schools have been successful in implementing RJAs (e.g., Argyle MS, Damascus HS, Cabin Branch ES), do you think their practices/successes are transferable to other schools? What might this look like?**
  - B. **Is it possible to ask one of the principals who have been highlighted for their successes with Restorative Justice Approaches to speak with our commission?** - Cabin Branch ES, Dr. Stephanie R Dinga - Argyle MS, Mr. James K Allrich - Damascus HS, Mr. Bradley W. Rohner
    1. How did they pull off what they did and is it still working this school year?
    2. What do they attribute their success to?
  - C. **Does MCPS have the support of parents generally for using restorative approaches to improve school climate and respond to disciplinary issues?**
    1. What more needs to be done to build acceptance and support for restorative approaches?
    2. How can the CJJ help?
    3. How will budget constraints impede MCPS plans to move more schools from early to intermediate implementation status?
    4. How can MCPS expand or improve implementation of restorative approaches without hiring more RJ specialists?

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5. What is the evidence that restorative approaches have been successful in MCPS where implemented appropriately?
6. What performance indicators does MCPS use to measure success of restorative practices?
- D. What does the Superintendent's Recommended Operating Budget for 2026 include for RJ Instructional Specialists and stipends for RJ coaches? How does this compare to the FY 2025 Operating Budget?**
  1. How helpful have the stipends for coaches been in improving the implementation of RJ approaches?
  2. What has been the experience with RJ in the elementary schools since there was no funding for coaches in FY 2025?
  3. What would be the impact of adding an additional RJ specialist?
  4. Would the Recommended Budget for 2026 result in any reductions in the number of mental health professionals?
  5. How many social workers would be funded compared to 2025?
- E. The MCPS FY 2026 Operating Budget document (p. 86) mentions RJ as one of the topics, along with positive behavioral interventions, and implicit/explicit bias for which there would be Professional Learning Opportunities. Does this language reflect an intention to continue support for stipends for RJ coaches?**
  1. If so, can you tell us how much money is included for this purpose, how many coaches would be supported, and for what school level?
- F. In the Chapter on the Division of Safety and Emergency Management, the Budget document states that the DSEM intentionally dismantles inequitable practices that have historically contributed to the school-to-prison pipeline by implementing restorative measures. Can you tell us how the staff in the Division of Safety implement restorative measures?**
  1. How do they collaborate with or support the work of the RJ coaches or the RJ specialists?
  2. Is MCPD signaling a change in how RJ approaches would be implemented in the future?
- G. The proposed budget includes funding for 52 additional security assistants?**
  1. How would they be trained and used to ensure students are uplifted and empowered and not criminalized, as promised in the Budget document.
- H. The Budget document seems to reflect a commitment to the philosophy of RJ but is silent on the details. Can you tell us whether MCPS still plans to help more schools that self-identified as being in the early stages of implementation into an intermediate stage?**
  1. If so, by what means?

**III. Minutes from November 19, 2024, meeting** – Motion to pass, was seconded and all were in favor.

**IV. New business**

- a. **Legislative Committee** – Vote on SB78 - Carol Cichowski and Bonnie Beavers. Poll was sent out by email during the meeting. Vote was against SB78 and will be submitting testimony to the MD legislature.
- b. **Update on Alfred D. Noyes Detention facility** – Shakirra Haynes DJS representative stated that there is no update and there is no information that the facility will be put back in operation.

- c. **Update on State Commission on Juvenile Justice** – Carlotta Woodward – meeting was cancelled in January due to inclement weather.
- d. **Update on the Maryland Juvenile Justice Commission** – Stefan Lo-Buglio – committee has sun-setted and will be coming up with recommendations.
- e. **Legislative Committee** – Carol Cichowski - stated that the Committee will be sending out lots of emails and will need to do polls to vote on different legislation. Please keep a lookout daily for these emails. The committee will be in charge of the February meeting and will be presenting numerous pieces of legislation to vote on and discuss.
- f. **Ad-hoc – Subcommittee One** – Met and worked on questions for Shauna-Kay. Will be reviewing MCPS budget and preparing to testify at budget hearings in Aprils.
- g. **Ad-hoc – Subcommittee two** – has not met again and has no updates
- h. **Annual report for FY-24** – Annual report for FY-24 will be done differently this year. It was decided by the Executive committee that we would no longer have articles but make the report a summary of what was done this past fiscal year. We will have a draft emailed to members prior to the next meeting so that they can vote.

**V. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. **February 18, 2025 Meeting** – Legislative meeting – Legislative committee will be in charge of this meeting. Please check emails regularly for information on legislation that will be discussed at this meeting. We may need to vote by poll if legislation is heard before February meeting.
- B. **March 18, 2025 meeting** will be in person at location to be determined. Shakirra Haynes, Senior Program Manager in DJS Rockville Office; Probation/Aftercare will discuss Department of Juvenile Services. Shakirra is the EX-Officio representing Department of Juvenile Services on the Commission on Juvenile Justice. Shakirra will be speaking about how things are going in Juvenile Court, what are the obstacles, how does probation work for youth and what kinds of situations is she encountering on her Case load.

**VI. Announcements from Members** – No Announcements were made

**VII. Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to pass, was seconded and all were in favor.