



MEETING MINUTES

Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:30am – 9:00am

In Person Location: *Executive Office Building*

(101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850)

Auditorium (Located on the Lobby Level of the Building)

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Virtual: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 443-692-5768,,561737888#](tel:+14436925768)

Phone conference ID: 561 737 888#

Members Present: Maxwell Uy, Marcus Jones, James Bonifant, Florence Jewell, Ben Stevenson, Dawn Luedtke, Eric Schneider, Stefan LoBuglio, Marielsa Bernard, Karen Bushell, *Earl Stoddard (Staff), Lindsay Bolt (Minute Taker)*
(Online)- John McCarthy, Kathryn Pontzer, Rolando Santiago, Darryl McSwain, John Nesky, Jeff Morris (DJS Rep)

Members Absent: Kurt van der Walde, Richard Madaleno, Debra Grandy, Gail Roper, Mark Sroka, Antonio DeVaul, Victor Brito, Michael Beach, Jeff Waldstreicher, Dira Treadance, Rochelle Perry, Sherri Koch, Tracy McDonald

Guests: Sarah Wolf, Martha Danner, Arnecia Moody, Kisha Davis, Bryan Mroz, Judge Dumais, Ivan Downing, Susan Farag, Arnecia Moody, Scott Atkins, James Johnson, Robert Lehman, Christopher Feldenzer

1. General Business Dawn Luedtke, CJCC Vice Chair

Summary

- Review of 01/24/2024 Agenda and Minutes for approval

Action:

- The Board did not reach a quorum of 17 or more members in attendance so the 01/24/2024 Minutes could not be approved; this action will be added to the May 22, 2024 Meeting Agenda

2. Agency Updates
 - Circuit Court (Judge Bonifant)

- Judge Bonifant noted the Circuit Court saw:
 - A decrease of Criminal cases filed in Jan/Feb 2024 from 139 to 124
 - An increase in the number of Criminal cases cleared of Criminal cases from 120 to 141
 - Still well over 1,000 open criminal cases
 - Juvenile Delinquency cases increased from 41 to 63
 - The Court was able to terminate 73 juvenile delinquency cases
 - Each week there is a “Civil Duty Judge” and last week as an example, this judge served 67 search warrants in addition to their regular hearings

- Judge Bonifant is excited about:
 - A 2-day conference coming up on the Sequential Intercept Model and notes Sara Rose (Director DHHS-BHCS) and Amanda Williams from his team are planning
 - Arnecia Moody (Sr Administrator for BHCS) shared a diagram of the SIM in the meeting chat (*see last page of minutes for diagram shared*)
 - Councilmember Luedtke stated she would find and share materials from the State of Maryland’s first SIM Summit which was held virtually in Nov. 2020 as a framework for policymaking in the mental and behavioral health space.

- MCPD (Chief Jones)
 - Crime Stats:
 - 1 homicide in 2024 -solved
 - Non Contact Shootings currently on par – 36 in 2024
 - Carjackings are down YTD; currently at 9, vs 20 Sametime LY
 - Juvenile Auto Thefts have increased to 650 currently, compared to 486 last year
 - MCPD is coordinating with Hyundai and Kia to host an event at PSHQ in May where Hyundai and Kia will provide free anti-theft software upgrades and anti-theft devices to current Hyundai and Kia vehicle owners

- State’s Attorney (John McCarthy)
 - Discussion around conflicting Senate and House Bills on holding kids accountable
 - Workload for SAO is high
 - using the example of the recent activity where an individual stole a state vehicle and went on a multi county chase; that one event equates to a large amount of hours reviewing video footage/Body Worn Camera footage etc

- The number of incarcerated individuals in Montgomery County has Doubled compared to 3 years ago
 - Dept. of Correction & Rehabilitation (Ben Stevenson, Director)
 - Currently 969 incarcerated individuals
 - Currently have 42 vacancies in the department
 - Looking at a new Justice complex
3. Briefing: Problem Solving Court (Truancy Court) Hon. Kathleen Dumais, Judge
Maryland Circuit Court
- 168,000 students within MCPS; 21% are missing 10% or more of school
 - MCPS defines chronic absenteeism as 10% or greater absences of days enrolled
 - The State's Attorney's Office program ([Truancy Prevention Program \(TPP\)](#)) is focused on Middle School age kids (27 MS, and 1 HS)
 - The proposed Truancy Court looks to re-engage juveniles back into school
 - Truancy Review Board referrals
 - Putting in requirements such as a mentor program
 - Ability of the Judge to keep kids on probation longer than 6 months
 - Several counties looking to establish a Court like this including Washington County, Montgomery County and Frederick County.
 - [HB1479/SB1039](#) is the Frederick County legislation
 - [Prince George's County's Truancy Reduction Court](#) was established in 2008 and offers Mental health counseling, family counseling, grief counseling, anger management, behavioral services and or other therapeutic interventions
 - We are close to a contract with [Mountain Manor](#)
 - MCPS was in support of our legislation
4. Discussion: Court Ordered Bed Placement for Deputy Secretary Bryan Mroz
Incarcerated Individuals in Mental Crisis Maryland Department of Health
- MDH currently operates 5 hospitals and 2 Residential facilities for youth (RICAs)
 - Currently the State has 1,056 beds which are all in use
 - Montgomery County is the biggest user of State Beds
 - Future Growth
 - Adding 40 beds to Spring Hill
 - Looking to build another building at Springfield Hospital Center
 - Clifton T. Perkins Psychiatric Hospital in Howard County has an average 3-year stay
 - There is a need for more high intensity residential beds
 - Noyes Children's Center (currently closed) is not currently an option to reopen without significant renovations

5. Subcommittee Reports

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- Legislative Subcommittee (Lead: Sheriff Uy)
 - Subcommittee is focused on identifying/tracking and reviewing legislation relevant to CJCC
 - Drafting a mission statement for the Subcommittee
 - Reviewing CJCC enabling legislation

- Juvenile Justice Trends Subcommittee (Lead: Stefan LoBuglio)
 - Currently meeting the 3rd Wed of every month virtually
 - Subcommittee is focused on understanding the current programs and services offered alongside the data of Juvenile Justice statistics in the County

6. Wrap-Up and Adjourn

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Diagram of the Sequential Intercept Model shared in the Meeting Chat as an example

