



MEETING MINUTES

Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024

7:30am – 9:00am

In Person Location: *Executive Office Building*

(101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850)

9th Floor Large Conference Room

&

Virtual: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 443-692-5768](tel:+14436925768), [561737888#](tel:+1561737888)

Phone conference ID: 561 737 888#

Members Present: Kurt van der Walde (Chair), Dawn Luedtke (Vice Chair), Maxwell Uy, Marc Yamada, James Bonifant, Ben Stevenson, Kathryn Pontzer, Jeff Ewart, Marielsa Bernard, Karen Bushell, *Earl Stoddard (Staff), Lindsay Bolt (Minute Taker)*
(Online)- John McCarthy, Darryl McSwain, Monica Martin, Florence Jewell, Debra Grandy, Sherri Koch, Sean Mukherjee, Carole Brown, Richard Madaleno, Shakirra Haynes

Members Absent: Eric Schneider, Stefan LoBuglio, John Nesky, Jeff Waldstreicher, Rochelle Perry, Gail Roper, Mark Sroka, Antonio DeVaul, Victor Brito

Guests: Sarah Wolf, Ivan Downing, Susan Farag, Keena Jones, Christopher Feldenzer, Tammy Bulla, S.A Flynn, Smita Varia, Lisa Engestrom, Jordan Satinsky, Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Marcus Jones, Deeptaanshu Kumar, Caroline Davenport, Debbie Feinstein, Lori Garibay-Aquino

1. General Business

Kurt van der Walde, CJCC Chair

Summary

- Welcome Lisa Engestrom, Executive Offer for Chief Yamada
- Review of 9/25/2024 Minutes for approval

Action:

- Board votes (17 Yes, 0 No) to approve the 9/25/2024 Minutes (Dawn Luedtke/ 2nd Max Uy)

2. Standing Agency Updates

- Circuit Court (Judge Bonifant)
 - Stats:
 - As of Oct 31 the # of pending Criminal matters was 1,043; 350 more than during the Pandemic
 - The Public Defenders office is down 7-8 attorneys which affects scheduling of cases
 - The State's Attorney's office has done some additional hiring
 - # of Open custody matters – 1,607
 - Pending cases are down
 - Discussion regarding how we could keep 1 judge per juvenile
 - Letter was sent to Chief Justice Fader regarding the need to add a judge; our South Tower is available
- District Court (Judge Koch)
 - Judge Koch noted she was at a Problem Solving Court Symposium today
 - Both the DUI and Mental Health Courts are thriving
 - DUI Court
 - Currently has 42 active participants
 - This court has 5 phases each participant must go through; several participants are already at Phase 4!
 - Mental Health Court
 - Currently has 25 participants
 - Criminal & Traffic cases as in-time standard
 - Landlord/Tenant cases needs another docket to keep up
 - we lost a Judge to the State; currently sharing a Landlord attorney with Prince George's County (only available Weds.)
 - Piloting – Montgomery County Problem Solving Program
- MCPD (Chief Yamada)
 - Polling and Trucks were safe during the election process
 - Will be working with Capitol Police during Jan 20th Inauguration
 - Retail theft continues to be high
- State's Attorney (John McCarthy)
 - Noted the, "[Speak Up, Save a Life PSA Video Contest](#)" for 2024 received over 600 submissions; very pleased with the quality of the submissions!
 - The contest promotes awareness about the dangers of illicit opioids, fentanyl and risk of overdose
 - We need to help the Montgomery County Public Defender's office get them what they need
- Public Defenders Office (Sean Mukherjee)
 - The office is down several attorneys
 - Thanked the team for supporting his office

3. Briefing: Domestic Violence/Domestic Femicide
within Montgomery County

Sheriff Max Uy, MCSO
Smita Varia, Program Manager
Family Justice Center

- Reviewed what the [Montgomery County Family Justice Center](#) is and who and how they support victims and their children
- We are on target to hit 2,000 clients this year without an increase in staff; on an avg week 60-80 clients
- Debbie Feinstein (Chief, Special Victims' Division of the State's Attorney's Office) spoke about Education and Outreach via the [Domestic Violence Coordinating Council](#)
 - Choose Respect Montgomery Event; RespectFest 2025 will be April 6, 2025 (1pm) in Wheaton
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect/RespectFest.html>
 - Awareness Cards asking, "Are you afraid of your partner? Free help is available" in 16 most commonly spoken languages in Montgomery county
- The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) sends recommendations like gaps in service to agencies
 - There is a Prince George's, Montgomery County and DC interjurisdictional DVFRT which is a model that does not exist in most jurisdictions!
- Offered to the group, if anyone was interested in touring the FJC, they could reach out.

See PowerPoint enclosed at the end of the Minutes

4. Subcommittee Reports

Kurt van der Walde, CJCC Chair

- Legislative Subcommittee (Lead: Sheriff Uy)
 - Subcommittee is focused on identifying/tracking and reviewing legislation relevant to CJCC
 - Unrelated to the Subcommittee reports, but Sheriff Uy noted the Sheriff's office is down 15% of his front line workforce
- Juvenile Justice Trends Subcommittee (Lead: Stefan LoBuglio)
 - Stefan was unable to join the meeting today but the CJCC staff will share the Subcommittee's draft of their final report and request the Subcommittee to report out at our next meeting, Jan. 22, 2025

5. End of Year Updates

Earl Stoddard, CJCC Staff

- The Commission thanked Kurt for chairing the CJCC during 2024 and welcomed Councilmember Dawn Luedtke (Vice Chair of the CJCC) to the Chair position for 2025

- Earl reminded the commission that we need nominations/vote on the next Vice Chair for the CJCC and that commission member needs to be a member of the public from our commission.
 - Reach out to Earl or Lindsay Bolt if you would like to nominate yourself
- Reviewed 2025 proposed CJCC meeting schedule

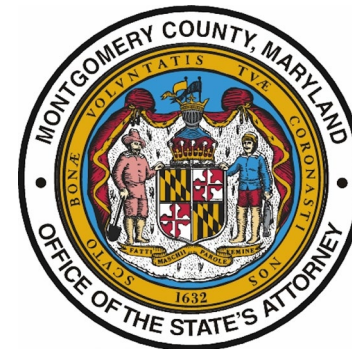
6. Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Kurt van de Walde, CJCC Chair

Next Full Commission Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 (7:30am-9am)

***In Person Location: Executive Office Building (101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD) Auditorium
& Virtual via Microsoft Teams link***

The Montgomery County Family Justice Center



The Montgomery County Family Justice Center

A victim-centered, trauma-informed model in which multiple domestic violence government agencies and non-profit organizations are co-located and work in collaboration with each other so that victims and their children can access all of the services that they need.

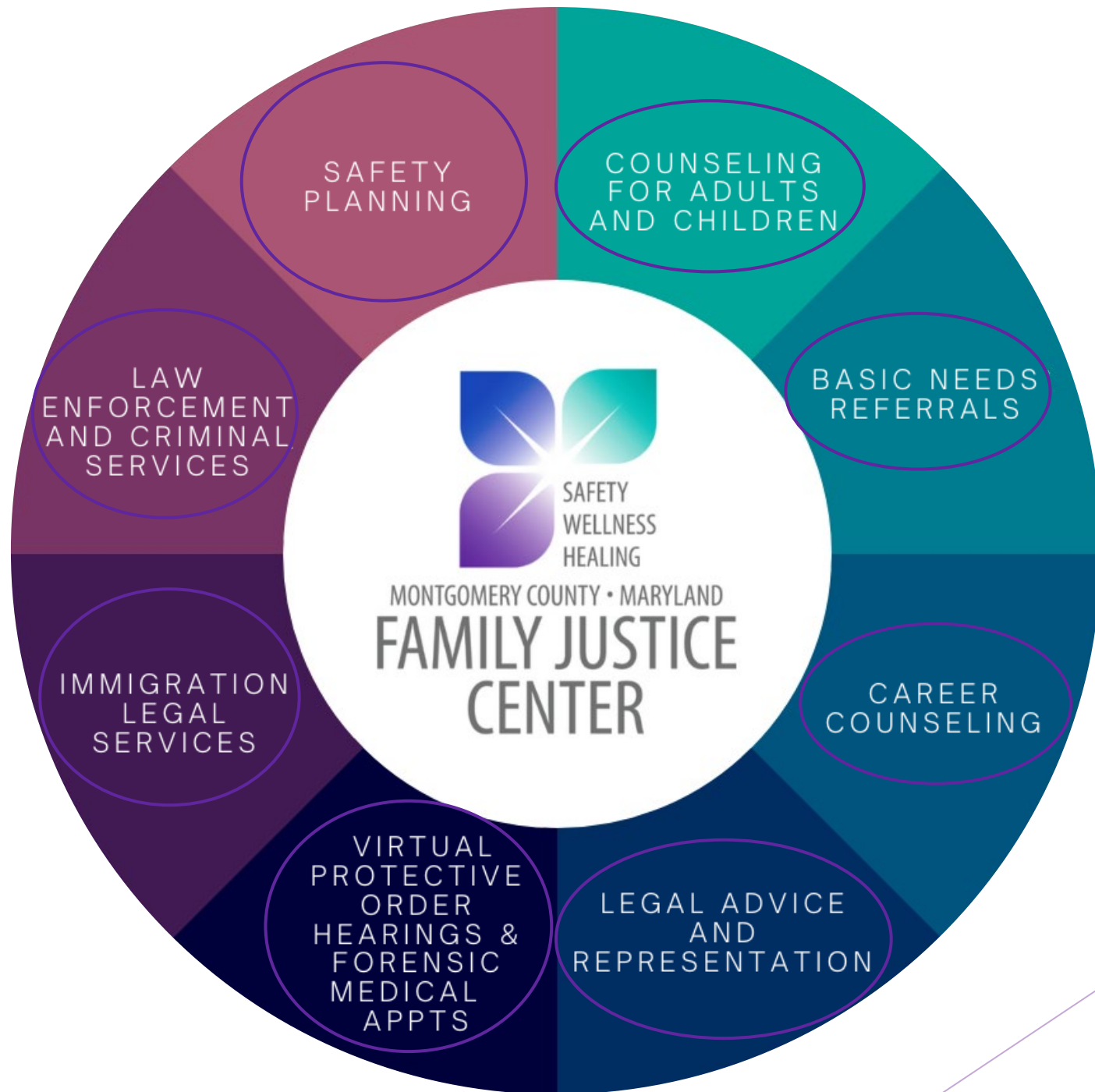


On-Site Partners

- ▶ 11 Sheriff's Office Professional employees
- ▶ Montgomery County Sheriff's Office: Domestic Violence Section
- ▶ Montgomery County Police Department: Special Victims Investigation Division (SVID): Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Unit
- ▶ Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office: Special Victims Division
- ▶ Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services - Trauma Services
- ▶ Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project
- ▶ Career Catchers
- ▶ Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington
- ▶ DC Volunteer Lawyers Project
- ▶ DVS Legal Services
- ▶ House of Ruth Maryland

Off-Site Partners

- ▶ Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center
- ▶ Ashiyanaa
- ▶ Ayuda
- ▶ Chesapeake Counseling Associates: Safe Start Program
- ▶ Child Justice
- ▶ Court Watch Montgomery
- ▶ Elder Safe
- ▶ Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse
- ▶ King Health Systems, Inc
- ▶ Korean Community Services Center
- ▶ Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services: Division of Parole and Probation
- ▶ Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center
- ▶ Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, Pretrial Services Unit
- ▶ Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
 - ▶ Adult Protective Services
 - ▶ Child Welfare Services
 - ▶ Crisis Center
 - ▶ Trauma Services
- ▶ Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation
- ▶ Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)
- ▶ Muslim Community Center
- ▶ Safe Passage Center
- ▶ Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI)
- ▶ The Anchor Fund
- ▶ The Betty Ann Krahnke Center
- ▶ Tree House, Child Advocacy Center for Montgomery County
- ▶ Women Who Care Ministries, Inc



SAFETY
PLANNING

COUNSELING
FOR ADULTS
AND CHILDREN

BASIC NEEDS
REFERRALS

CAREER
COUNSELING

LEGAL ADVICE
AND
REPRESENTATION

VIRTUAL
PROTECTIVE
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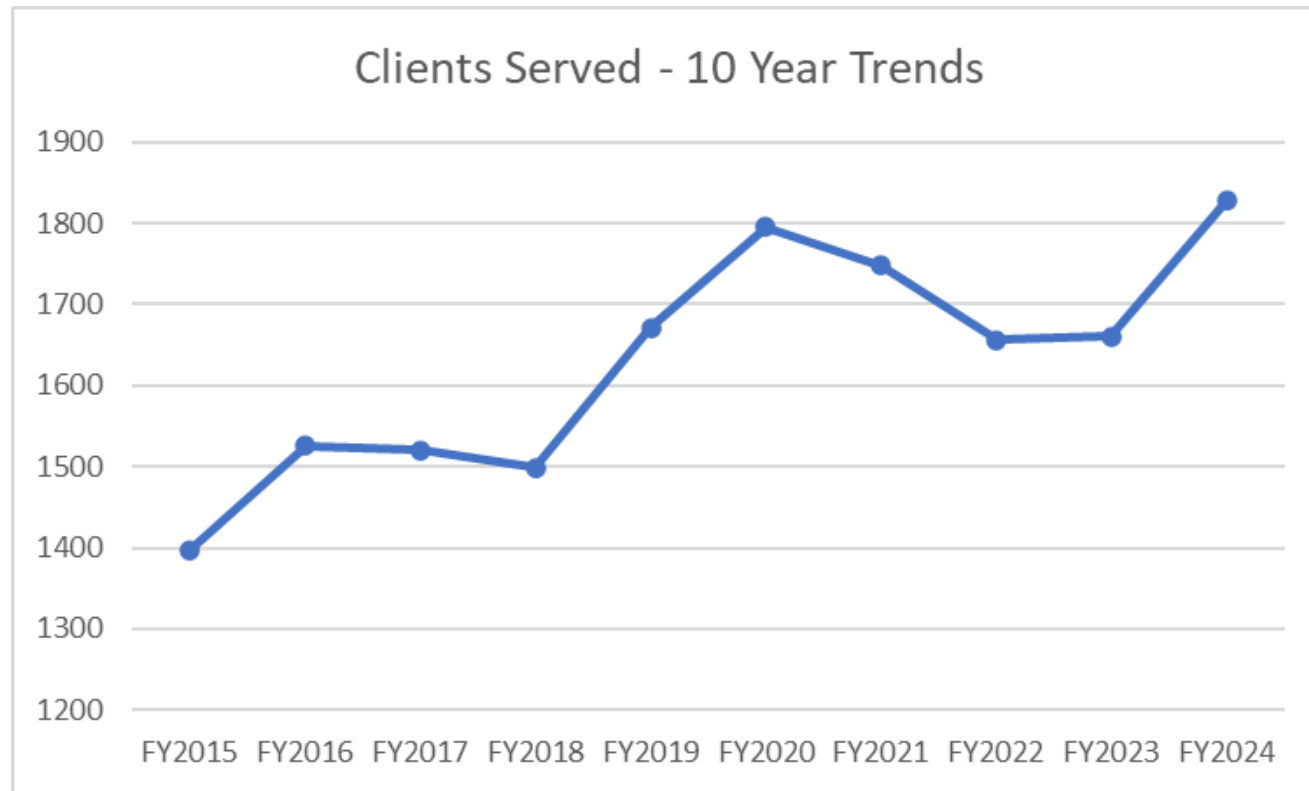
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SAFETY
WELLNESS
HEALING

10-Year Trends - Number of Clients Served (non-duplicated)

- ▶ FY2015 - 1,397
- ▶ FY2016 - 1,526
- ▶ FY2017 - 1,520
- ▶ FY2018 - 1,499
- ▶ FY2019 - 1,671
- ▶ FY2020 - 1,795
- ▶ FY2021 - 1,748
- ▶ FY2022 - 1,656
- ▶ FY2023 - 1,661
- ▶ FY2024 - 1,828



Clients Served - FY24

- ▶ 1,828 Clients served (non-duplicated)
 - ▶ 10% increase over FY23
 - ▶ 31% increase over FY15
- ▶ 143 children referred to the Safe Start Program
 - ▶ 48% increase over FY23
- ▶ 101 safe taxi cab rides provided through the Ride to Safety Program
 - ▶ More than 100% increase over FY23

Demographics

- ▶ Gender
 - ▶ Female: 91%
 - ▶ Male: 9%
- ▶ Race/Ethnicity
 - ▶ Hispanic/Latino (any race): 37%
 - ▶ Black/African American: 28%
 - ▶ White/Caucasian: 16%
 - ▶ Unknown: 11%
 - ▶ Asian/Pacific Islander: 6%
 - ▶ Other: 2%





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FJC TRAINING INSTITUTE

- ▶ Provide free trainings to the community
- ▶ Training topics include:
 - ▶ DV 101: Dynamics of Domestic Violence
 - ▶ It Is Your Business: Domestic Violence and Bystander Intervention
 - ▶ Living in Fear: Children and Domestic Violence
 - ▶ Creating a Safe Haven: Faith and Domestic Violence
 - ▶ Domestic Violence and the Workplace (for Employees)
 - ▶ Domestic Violence and the Workplace (for Managers)
 - ▶ Healthcare Response to Intimate Partner Violence
 - ▶ Pregnancy and Intimate Partner Violence
 - ▶ Responding to Non-Fatal Strangulation
- ▶ Since the launch in August 2021:
 - ▶ 60 Presentations
 - ▶ 3,693 Participants

Education and Outreach (E&O)

- ▶ Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) mission
 - ▶ To reduce the incidence of domestic violence and create a safe community for families to live free from abuse
- ▶ E&O committee advances that mission with ongoing and new initiatives
 - ▶ Choose Respect Montgomery
 - ▶ Domestic Violence Awareness Month Programming
 - ▶ [Controlling Behavior DVAM Final.mp4](#)
 - ▶ Safe Home, Safe Communities Apartment Initiative
 - ▶ Awareness Cards
- ▶ Learn more
 - ▶ [Domestic Violence Coordinating Council](#)
 - ▶ Facebook: @mocodvcc
 - ▶ Instagram: mocodvcc
 - ▶ X: mocodvcc

Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

- ▶ Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) mission:
 - ▶ To achieve a better understanding of why and how people are injured and/or killed in domestic violence-related deaths and serious injuries.
 - ▶ To find ways to improve the capacity of the community to work collaboratively in responding to, effectively addressing, and preventing domestic violence related deaths and serious injuries.
 - ▶ To formulate recommendations for systemic improvements in individual agency policies and protocols to prevent domestic violence related deaths and serious in
- ▶ Learn more
 - ▶ [Domestic Violence Resources](#)

Questions?

