



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Commission on Juvenile Justice Fiscal Year 2013 Work Plan

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General Statement of Purpose for Fiscal Year 2013:

The Commission's committee structure for the upcoming fiscal year will include four standing committees: Executive; Government and Community Relations; Care, Custody, and Placement; and Evaluation and Analysis. *Ad hoc* committees are established as needed (e.g., for naming of officers and new Commission member interviews). Committees will meet prior to the Commission meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, except in August and December. The Commission will hold teleconferences the 2nd Tuesday of each month except in August and December, when the Commissioners feel there is an issue that needs in-depth discussion. Notice of the teleconference will be given in advance.

The Commission will only take action in accordance with our enabling legislation.

The Commission will continue to be proactive in reviewing proposed legislation at the State and local level.

Each member will participate in the work of the Commission, including serving on at least one committee.

The Commission will continue to review and address how Montgomery County assesses needs and delivers treatment to its juvenile justice population.

The Commission studies, reports, monitors, and advocates for the issues identified on the attached pages.

The Commission's focus this year will be on "Positive Youth Development" (PYD) programs. These programs provide a strength-based approach and are considered prevention, intervention and suppression services for at-risk youth. In its work, the Commission will review programs and services that support the Montgomery County Council's efforts to foster efficient and effective partnerships amongst agencies to better respond to the needs for health and human services of our most at-risk youth. Such collaboration and advocacy will be accomplished through targeted involvement in the County budget process, the State legislative process and the state and county policy development process. This will involve building relationships at the county, state and

national level with individuals, organizations and agencies that impact the treatment of juveniles in the county/region.

In focusing on this theme of “Positive Youth Development”, the Commission identified the following goals:

- Study and review collaborative programs, including those from other jurisdictions.
- Advocate for collaborative programs.
- Review and engage major stakeholders in discussion about collaborative programs designed for “Positive Youth Development.”
- Consider budget items that promote the Positive Youth Development partnership program.
- Consider and review legislative processes that support “Positive Youth Development”.
- Provide opportunities for major government agencies to engage in discussions about programs.
- Review internal Commission decision-making processes.

Executive Committee – Chair Francha Davis

Members: Mark Resner (Vice Chair), Gladstone Marcus (Secretary), Christopher Fogleman and Dana Pisanelli (Government and Community Relations Committee Co-Chairs), Amy Morantes (Care, Custody, and Placement Committee Chair), and Mary Poulin and Barbara Holtz (Evaluation and Analysis Committee Co-Chairs).

The Executive Committee represents the Commission at meetings with the Health and Human Services Director, County Executive, and County Council; drafts and presents testimony on legislation of interest; and provides administrative support to the Commission. The Executive Committee organizes Commission membership, orientation, the annual work plan, and the annual report.

Government and Community Relations Committee – Co-Chairs Christopher Fogleman and Dana Pisanelli

Members: Francha Davis, Marcus Gladstone, Lee Haller, Timothy Hwang, Ashok Kapur, Mehul Madia, Perry Paylor, Mark Resner, George Simms, Mike Subin, and Paul Vance .

The **Government and Community Relations Committee** recommends the legislative agenda for the Commission. Its duties include lobbying and testifying before local and State legislators. The Committee monitors and tracks legislation that affects the juvenile

justice system. The **Government and Community Relations Committee** also oversees the annual forum with the Juvenile Court judges.

In furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's focus on Positive Youth Development ("PYD"), during the next year, the **Government and Community Relations Committee** will take the following action steps:

- Monitor, report on, and make recommendations regarding relevant proposed legislation.
- Advocate for Commission budget recommendations.
- Gather and report on relevant information obtained from community stakeholders.
- Disseminate to community stakeholders relevant information obtained from other sources.

Care, Custody, and Placement Committee: Chair Amy Morantes.

Members: Carole Brown, Blaine Clarke, Susan Farag, Jennifer Gauthier, Lauree Hemke, Carlean Ponder, Mary Siegfried and Elijah Wheeler.

The objective of the Commission on Juvenile Justice Care, Custody, and Placement Committee is to monitor and track the quality of care provided to Montgomery County juvenile justice youth in community placements or residential facilities, which may also be located outside of the County. The Committee's primary duties include the examination of mental and physical health care, education, programming, and transportation offered to youth in the Montgomery County juvenile justice system.

For the years 2012 to 2013, the Committee will engage in its mission by doing the following:

- Establish a procedure for gathering data to monitor and track services offered to Montgomery County juvenile justice youth
- Acquire information on the intake process for the Department of Juvenile Services
- Obtain facts on offenses that lead to juvenile offenders being detained in Alfred D. Noyes Detention Center
- Examine Montgomery County Positive Youth Development Initiatives that may be linked to programming to support juveniles justice youth in making healthy transitions back into community

Evaluation and Analysis Committee: Co-Chairs Barbara Holtz and Mary Poulin

Members: Mike Citren, Risa Mainprize, Barry Moultrie, Wendy Pulliam and Kathi Rhodes.

The Evaluation and Analysis Committee's role is to evaluate, analyze, review, and monitor programs, plans, and Commission issues. The Committee will start its work with a close analysis of the Positive Youth Development (PYD) Programming report issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Public Safety Committees on October 11, 2011 in addition to other reports issued on PYD in Montgomery County.

In the course of the next year, the committee will focus on several objectives.

- In light of budget limitations, the committee will analyze how the budget for juvenile services is allotted to Montgomery County through DJS as well as how the county budget distributes money for Positive Youth Development programs.
- The Memorandum to the Health and Human Services and Public Safety Committee dated October 2011 questions what data the County should be collecting in order to inform the delivery of positive youth programming. After analyzing the report, the committee will likely recommend collecting the following data points: the PYD's annual budget, number of youth served, the zip code the youths reside in, what the program's measurable outcomes are, and if the program collects outcome data. A letter will be written to DHHS recommending these possible data points.
- Ascertain how feedback is solicited from adjudicated youth and their families to determine the effectiveness of juvenile services.