



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Commission on Juvenile Justice Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

401 Hungerford drive, 5th floor conference room
Hybrid

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Bonnie Beavers, Carol Cichowski, Tracey Friedlander, Gerda Gallop-Green, Melissa Goemann, Scott Joftus, Elizabeth Pentecost, Joshua Pestaner, Michael Pinard, Kevin Redden, Jonathan Scriven, Tom Smith, Tony Summers, Shuaa Tajammul, and Erin Whaley.

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Bonner, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Elizabeth Emen, Susan Farag, Brett Lonker, Jordan Satinsky (Jeffrey Innocente substituting), Nathaniel Tipton, and Carlotta Woodward

ABSENT MEMBERS: Ashyia Johnson, Andrew Messick, Steve Neff and Heather Sweren

PRESENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Carole L. Brown.

ABSENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Chris Fogleman.

GUESTS: Monir Khanjani, Stefan LoBuglio, Arnecia Moody, Sara Rose, Tia Scott, Marisa Valeri

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting opened by Kevin Redden, Chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice (CJJ).
- II. **Introductions** – we have many guests with us today.
 - a. Stephan LoBuglio – Principal, Justice Innovations; Former Chief, Reentry and Pre-Release Services for the Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation; Public Member, Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
 - b. Marissa Valeri, Rockville City Councilmember
 - c. Monir Khanjani, Manager of Adult Forensic Services, Montgomery County Behavioral Health Services (under the Behavioral Health Authority)
 - d. Arnecia Moody, Senior Administrator, Treatment Services, Montgomery County Behavior Health Services
 - e. Sara Rose, Director of Montgomery County Behavioral Health Authority
- III. **Speaker:** Scott Joftus, Ed.D., Co-Founder and President FourPoint Education Partners and Citizen Commissioner on the JJC. Scott discusses Annual work-plan.

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- Gives presentation on developing JJC as a more strategic entity (presented as a PPT)
- Hopes that through our work planning (due June 30) we can think of ways we can leverage our mandate to effect greater change
- Proposes that we leverage the work plan to set realistic goals for creating a framework or principles that defines effective youth justice
- Questions/Points
 1. Are these frameworks focused on the statewide juvenile justice system or Montgomery County?
While it's a state system, MoCo has lots of power
 2. We can be more active on issues that are in front of County Council.
 3. In terms of planning, we should start with values and principles before engaging in broad planning
 4. We should look at low-hanging fruit that we can grab (and be effective at doing so) before branching out
 5. We need more staffing to effectuate broader planning over time
 - a. Scott asks if there is support for drafting a work plan that incorporates low hanging fruit and/or some strategic focus going forward
- Maybe we can engage projects in addition to the Children's Center ideas are;
 1. Such as keeping on top of Nick Moroney's quarterly reports (Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit)
 2. Perhaps we can go back to subcommittees and ad-hoc committees focused on particular projects.
 3. Perhaps ad-hoc committees can meet from 6:30 to 7:00 pm, prior to Commission meetings.
 4. Can have a committee focused on developing a strategic plan
 5. Motion to create an ad-hoc committee to discuss and create a strategic work plan is approved

IV. Meeting Minutes – Vote on draft March 2024 minutes

- a. March 2024 minutes are adopted

V. New Business

- a. Stefan LoBuglio, EdD, Principal Justice Innovations LLC – Commissioner on the Montgomery County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Would like to collaborate and work together with the CJJ.
 - i. CJJ is sister commission to CJCC

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- ii. CJCC members have expressed deep concern about youth crime in Montgomery County and absenteeism in MCPS
- iii. CJCC has developed two new committees
 - a. Legislative
 - b. Juvenile (S. LoBuglio chairs)
- iv. CJCC is interested in teasing out the data on youth crime and the effectiveness of services – what is the data telling us right now and what is the range of services?
 - a. Interested in JJC member attending CJCC meetings to explain the relevant data and inform the CJCC
 - b. Arnesha Moody (behavioral health) says that she and her colleagues can speak to the effectiveness of services
 - 1. States that she is in attendance at this evening's meeting at Dr. Santiago's behest and to be of service to the JJC
 - c. Kevin: to the extent the JJC overlaps with CJCC we can collaborate
 - 1. S. LoBuglio states that he would like a representative from CJJ to attend the CJCC meetings, given the extent to which the CJCC is discussing youth crime and services
 - 2. Diane states that we will see if we can get one or two CJJ members to attend CJCC meetings
- b. Children's Center Ad-hoc Committee – Carlotta Woodward and Jordan Satinsky
 - i. Carlotta has written the proposal and Jordan has reviewed
 - ii. They will get it to the Ad-hoc Committee for their review
- c. Legislative Committee – Carol Cichowski and Bonnie Beavers
 - i. Carol provided overview and distributed handout of the bills the JJC focused on this session
- d. Nomination Committee – Need two Commissioners who are not interested in being on the executive committee to assist with the nominations for new executive board. Positions needed; Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Chair or Co-chairs of Legislative committee and Chair or Co-chairs of new committee that is decided during annual work-plan discussion. Please let Diane know if you are interested in being on the executive board. Description of executive board positions attached.
 - i. Diane asks for volunteers to serve on Executive Committee
 - ii. Will need two members that do not want to run for Executive Committee positions to co-chair the Nominations Committee

VI. Upcoming Meetings

- a. **May 21, 2024** – Virtual meeting with the Juvenile Judges. We have Magistrate Lena Kim and Judge Karla Smith in attendance. We need topics for discussion. Can send topics to Diane.
- b. **June 18, 2024** – meeting is cancelled. Elections for new executive committee will be at the beginning of July meeting so the executive committee can start and new chair can chair the meeting.

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- c. **July 16, 2024** – Ideas for the July meeting?
- d. **August** – JJC does not meet in August.
- e. **Announcements from Members** – N/A

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15.

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