



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Commission on Juvenile Justice Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Online meeting

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

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: None

PRESENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Carole L. Brown.

ABSENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Chris Fogleman.

GUESTS: None

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Lininger

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting opened by Kevin Redden, Chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice (CJJ).
- II. **Speakers:** All of tonight's speakers are in relation to questions that were asked at the last Commission on Juvenile Justice meeting in regard to HB1136 <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/bills/hb/hb1136F.pdf> and questions that were asked at the Childrens Services sub-committee meeting this past month.
 - A. **Sara Rose, Director of the Local Behavioral Health Authority** - to give an overview of LBHA and what they do and what services Montgomery County offers youth who are at risk.
 - Each Maryland jurisdiction has a LBHA or a local addictions authority and core services agency (concurrent services)
 - LBHA oversees behavioral health and ensures access to full range of quality behavioral health services.
 - Available resources in community (there are specific groups/organizations in each of these categories)
 - a. Treatment

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- b. Support Services: Youth
- c. Support Services: Caregivers
- d. New proposed crisis regulations are proposed for COMAR
- e. Lifespan inclusive services
- How to access LBHA services - Most efficient way is for families to first call their insurance plan and request list of covered treatment providers, based on their plans – different providers accept different insurance plans.
 - a. For Medicaid, have LBHA has two contracts in the County-Suburban – outpatient addiction program for adolescents (Level 1) and Journeys for Adolescents – intensive outpatient services
- B. Liz Park, Co-Chair of the Md Assn of Youth Service Bureaus** - two Montgomery County agencies that were formerly designated as YSBs and would like to be again - Rockville Youth Services, a Rockville city agency, and YMCA Youth and Family Services.
 - YSBs were created in 1970s
 - a. Mission is to prevent youth from entering/reentering juvenile services - funding used to come from DJS
 - b. YSBs are still in COMAR, under DJS - required to provide a range of services.
 - c. Under last administration, funds for YSB were depleted- went from 19 that used to receive state funds to 4.
 - HB 1136 – seeks reinvestment into youth services programs
 - a. In the House, Delegate Bufo (Prince George's) introduced the bill. Del. Clippinger is supportive, as is Senator King from MoCo (among others)
- C. Kimberly Foster, Intake Director, Department of Juvenile Services – to discuss CINS (Child in Need of Supervision) program for Montgomery County and the State of Maryland.**
 - Shares a document go lays out CINS Complaint Process
 - a. Law enforcement, parent, school official, citizen, etc., can file a CINS complaint.
 - Standards for CINS complaints
 - b. Habitually truant
 - c. Habitually disobedient
 - d. Acts in dangerous way to self of others
 - e. Has committed an offense only applicable to children
 - There are different services available to youth who are under CINS supervision, including:
 - a. Local Care Team (LCT)

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b. Mentoring

III. Meeting Minutes – Vote on draft February 2024 minutes

- Meeting minutes adopted.

IV. New Business

- Children's Center Ad-hoc Committee – Carlotta Woodward and Jordan Satinsky
Carlotta and Jordan had the ad-hoc meeting – will be finishing up the proposal to present to the Commission.
- Legislative Committee – Carol Cichowski and Bonnie Beavers. Carol gave updates on bills that Commission previously voted to submit testimony:
 - a. Believes that Youth Services Bill (**HB 1136**) is dead – was referred to Appropriations, which never called it to a vote.
 - b. Decriminalizing Disruption Bill has passed the House and has been referred to the Senate's Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
 - c. Restrictive Housing Bill – we didn't submit testimony, but we discussed at February meeting. Appears to be finished as no vote scheduled.
 - d. Juvenile Law Reform Bill – has passed the House and Senate, but in different forms. There should be another hearing.
 - f. **SB 1145** – would require all children adjudicated as committed a sex offense to be removed from public school and be confined to virtual learning. Has been voted out of the Senate. There will be a house hearing in Judicial Proceedings. Legislative Committee will meet and circulate materials to the Commission, for us to vote on whether to oppose.
 - g. **SB 482**, which establishes the Governor's Office for Children, passed the Senate 36-6 and has been referred to the House Appropriations and Health and Operations Committees. This bill should pass.

V. Upcoming Meetings

- **April 16, 2024** – This will be an in-person meeting with a hybrid option. The meeting will be held at 401 Hungerford drive, 5th floor conference room. We will offer Pizza and refreshments. We will be discussing upcoming plans for future meetings and what the

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Commission would like to work on. Also, topics for the annual meeting with the Juvenile Judges for the May meeting.

- **May 21, 2024** – This will be a virtual meeting with the Juvenile Judges. We have Master Lena Kim and Judge Karla Smith in attendance.
- **Announcements from Members** – Commission members have any announcements about events or activities.
 - a. **Frank Duncan, DJS EX-Officio** announces that he is retiring at the end of this month.

VI. Meeting Adjourned - Adjourned at 8:17 PM

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