



Marc Elrich
County Executive

Raymond L. Crowel, Psy.D.
Director

COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Virtually

Agenda

- 7:00 p.m. I. Welcome** – Kevin Redden, Chair. Kevin introduces self.
- 7:00 p.m. II. Attendance** – Diane will take attendance. Please Mute your microphone unless you are speaking. **Please make sure to sign in your name on the chat section.**
- 7:02 p.m. III. Speakers** - Honorable Carlos F. Acosta, Honorable Karla N. Smith, and Juvenile Magistrate Lena Kim from the Montgomery County Circuit Court.
- 7: 05 p.m. IV. Topics/Questions for the Circuit Court Judges** – see attached document.
- 8:15 pm V. Old Business**
- a. April 2023 minutes
- 8:17 p.m. VI. New Business**
- a. **Nomination committee** – if you are not interested in serving on the executive committee and would be willing to be on the nomination committee, please let Diane know.
- b. **May** – Circuit Court Judges
- c. **June** – In person meeting to discuss Annual work-plans and our mission for the upcoming fiscal year. We will be meeting from 7pm-9pm on June 20, 2023, at 401 Hungerford Drive, 1st floor conference room, Rockville, MD. Parking can be found around the building. We will be having Pizza, salad, water and cookies for dinner. We will also be holding elections for the executive committee. If you are interested in helping to plan the June meeting, please let Diane know.
- d. **July** – waiting to hear if Secretary Schiraldi can attend. If not, any other suggestions. The secretary was given dates of meetings for June, July and September.
- e. **August** – Do not meet.

September – in-person meeting again. Speakers will be Carlotta Woodward, Chief, Juvenile Court Division, Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office, Brett Lonker, Supervisor, Juvenile Division, Office of the Public Defender, Montgomery County and Frank Duncan, Assistant Regional Director, Metro Region, Department of Juvenile Services

8: 25 p.m.

VI. Committee/Subcommittees

- a. **Executive** – Kevin Redden
- b. **Prevention** – Heather Sweren
- c. **Legislation** – Carol Cichowski and Bonnie Beavers
- b. **Agencies** – Kevin Redden

8:30 p.m.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

1. Please share ongoing training that judges receive on racial bias, particularly related to Black and Brown children or intersectional biases (i.e., race and gender, race and disability)
2. Are there programs and/or interventions you find to be particularly helpful and that you utilize?
3. How can we build more community-based programs for children, so that they don't go to juvenile detention centers?
4. Are you utilizing mentors to support these young people?
5. I have 2 questions that relate to waiver hearings in juvenile court in which the prosecutor is asking the judge to waive jurisdiction and send the case to adult court.
 - a. What are the two or three factors that weigh most heavily for you in a waiver hearing in judging whether a young person is not amenable to rehabilitation in the juvenile system and therefore should be tried in adult court?
 - b. If a law is passed to repeal automatic charging of youth as if they were adults, do you think prosecutors will be unduly burdened in having to make the case for a waiver in cases that you think should be tried in adult court?
6. What kinds of complaints have come before you that you think should have been disposed of by DJS without formal petitioning by the State's Attorney? In that regard, have you taken advantage of the authority the court has been given to return a petition to DJS for informal adjustment rather than proceed with formal proceedings?
7. A significant portion of justice-involved youth have a disability. How is information on a young person's disability used in disposition proceedings, particularly in cases in which the behavior appears to be a manifestation of the youth's disability?
8. For cases that have arisen out of offenses at school, how does the number of cases this academic year compare to previous years; what types of cases are you seeing primarily; are you seeing many minor disciplinary types of cases?
9. What is your perspective regarding the availability of services for juveniles and are there any services you would like to see provided that are not currently provided?
10. Do you think there would be any advantage to having specialized judges with specific qualifications assigned to juvenile court instead of the current system in which judges rotate in and out?
11. Judge Smith – in the past you have brought up the idea of a one stop shop for Juvenile services such as counseling and preventive services that could help kids before they get into the system. Could you elaborate on this idea?
12. Which of the changes made by the juvenile reform legislation that became effective in June 2022 have you found to be most helpful?

