



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Commission on Juvenile Justice Fiscal Year 2014 Work Plan

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General Statement of Purpose for Fiscal Year 2014:

The Commission's committee structure for the upcoming fiscal year will include three standing committees: Executive; Government and Community Relations and Care, Custody, and Placement; *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 meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except in August and December. When the Commissioners feel there is an issue that needs more in-depth discussion, the Commission will hold a teleconference. Notice of such teleconferences 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.

Executive Committee – Chair Francha Davis

Members: Vacant (Vice Chair), Gladstone Marcus (Secretary), Christopher Fogleman and Mehul Madia (Government and Community Relations Committee Co-Chairs), Amy Morantes and Carlean Ponder (Care, Custody, and Placement 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 Mehul Madia

Members: Marge Currie, Francha Davis, Marcus Gladstone, Lee Haller, Barbara Holtz, Timothy Hwang, Ashok Kapur, Risa Mainprize, Perry Paylor, Wendy Pulliam, Dana Pisanelli, Mark Resner, George Simms, Mike Subin, and Jasmine Shergill .

The **Government and Community Relations Committee** coordinates and facilitates exchanges in connection with providing recommendations to the Commission's legislative Agenda; 2) monitors and tracks legislation affiliated with juvenile Justice system; and 3) oversees the annual forum with Montgomery County Juvenile Court judges.

In furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's focus on intervention and prevention efforts for high need youth, including disproportionate minority contact, gender specific, and re-entry issues, during the next two years, 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: Co-Chairs Amy Morantes and Carlean Ponder.

Members: Carole Brown, Elaine Bullington, Michael Citren, Blaine Clarke, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Jennifer Gauthier, 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 2013 to 2014, the Committee will engage in its mission by doing the following:

The Care, Custody, and Placement Committee will:

1. Work with the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth, and Families and IMPACT Silver Spring to assess the needs of high-need youth in the County, focusing specifically on high-risk areas, such as White Oak, as well as identifying the particular needs of children of immigrant parents.
2. To explore *Restorative Justice (RJ)* intervention and prevention processes and best practices as they relate to current programs that serve *high-need* youth in Montgomery County. Report conclusions and make recommendations for continued improvement of current programs, utilizing *RJ* practices, to support young offenders, or otherwise *high-need youth*, as well as the communities that embrace them.
3. Explore the possible effect of community re-entry programs to support young offenders in Montgomery County Maryland. This would be accomplished by working with Montgomery County Council members interested in pursuing and strengthening such programs. Community Re-Entry programs involve implementing a comprehensive strategy to ensure the safety of the community and the reduction of youth crime and recidivism; through careful selection, and preparation, of high need youth offenders to return to the community into critical array of support services, offender accountability, and structure reintegration.
4. Research sources of mentors and tutors for high-need youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
5. Create a means of educating Juvenile Justice stakeholders about available resources, for example, developing a means for sharing and publicizing, such as developing a resource handbook or sponsoring a resource fair.
6. Increase the Committee's awareness of juvenile justice issues within the County Council and arrange a Commission meeting with Council members involved in juvenile justice matters.