



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Commission on Juvenile Justice Meeting

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Virtual Meeting

CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Alfriend, Carol Cichowski, Tracey Friedlander, Gerda Gallop-Green, Melissa Goemann, Ashyia Johnson, Scott Joftus, Andrew Messick, Elizabeth Pentecost, Michael Pinard, Jonathan Scriven, Tony Summers, Shuaa Tajammul, and Erin Whaley.

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Bonnie Beavers, Joshua Pestaner, Tom Smith, Heather Sweren, and Kevin Redden,

PRESENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Carole L. Brown.

ABSENT EMERITUS MEMBERS: Chris Fogleman.

GUESTS: Katia Mejia Calid, Jemima, Monir Khanjani, Samar Khleif, Stefan Lo-Buglio, Arnecia Moody, Danice Morales, Sara Rose, Tia Scott, Emifa Sevon, Ben Stevenson, Kim Watson, Imoni Vanderveen.

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Diane Liningier

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was opened by Carlotta Woodward and Melissa Goemann, Co-Chairs of the Montgomery County Commission on Juvenile Justice (CJJ).
- II. **Speakers – Arnecia Moody, Senior Treatment Administrator for Behavioral Health and Crisis Services and Monir Khanjani, Manager of Forensic Services**
 - a. Spoke about Youthful Offenders and Mental Health Issues
 - b. Presented a PowerPoint presentation (Attached)
 - c. Montgomery County 24 Hour Crisis Center # (240) 777-4000 (available 24 hours a day/7 day a week/365 days a year)
 - d. Spoke about meeting the needs of incarcerated youth.
 - e. MCCF has ~ 150 youthful offenders

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- f. They are not getting behavioral health treatment.
- g. Programs need appointment of 5 therapists, trauma-informed clinical services; and peer recovery specialists
- h. In fielding questions from the commission,
 - i. They are looking for grant funding to pay for the positions (they currently have funding for 1 person). They can't ask for private funding.
 - ii. The budget is already set and the # of youth has risen since 2019

III. **Speaker – Ben Stevenson, Director @ DHHS**

- a. Spoke about youth substance abuse
- b. Cannabis use numbers are down
- c. Alcohol use is also down
- d. The challenges are opioids because fentanyl is flooding the market
- e. They are working on prevention and harm reduction services
- f. They provide Narcan training, fentanyl test distribution, wellness education and HIV testing
- g. There is a recently opened residential treatment in Baltimore with 15 beds, for males only
- h. Resources -- Btheone.org, Syringe Service Program (240) 777-1836
- i. **Nora Morales** - Identity has a bilingual street outreach program for 10-25 year olds

IV. **Minutes adopted for last commission meeting.**

V. **New Business**

- a. Sara Rose spoke about extending/access to youth behavioral/mental health
 - i. There is a survey regarding gaps for youth in Montgomery County. It is open until 10/18/24. It is ~5 questions.
- b. Carlotta was appointed to Maryland Juvenile Justice by Governor Wes Moore
- c. Meeting on September 18, 2024 scheduled for criminal justice council, 3 members will be present
- d. Carlotta and Melissa plan to meet with DHHS and county council regarding the new center. There will be a draft proposal that will be presented at our next meeting.
- e. Carol and Bonnie spoke regarding legislation, and are expecting issues regarding juvenile interrogations, as well as youth charged as adults
- f. Erin Whaley spoke regarding subcommittee #1, she is the chair of that subcommittee. There was a meeting on August 26, 2024. Possible speakers

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were discussed (Steve Nash and Tia Scott). And topics discussed were restorative justice and virtual schooling issues.

- g. Subcommittee #2 meeting only had 2 people join meeting. This subcommittee could use more members
- h. For our next meeting, Melissa spoke about getting the new MCPS security chief/former police chief to speak
- i. There is a tour of the Evening Reporting Center on October 21, 2024
- j. For the November meeting, which legislators to ask to speak was discussed. Names mentioned were Will Smith, Bartlett, Crutchfield, Moon, and Clippinger
- k. Diane explained the citizens evaluation review board process

VI. Announcements

- a. There is a town hall meeting of September 25, 2024 in Silver Spring

VII. Meeting Adjourned

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