

**Juvenile Justice Reform Council (JJRC):
Minutes**

**October 23, 2019
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**House Judiciary Committee Hearing Room 101
House Office Building
6 Bladen St, Annapolis, MD 21401**

1. Welcome and Introduction of Council Members

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 PM.

Sam Abed, Chair, welcomed the members to the first meeting of the Juvenile Justice Reform Council (JJRC) and thanked everyone for their participation.

2. New Business

a. Charge of the JJRC

The legislation which established the JJRC was reviewed to assess the specific charges and responsibilities of the council.

b. Future Meetings

An announcement was made confirming the next two JJRC meetings are scheduled for November 20, 2019 from 10 AM – 12 PM and December 17, 2019 from 1 PM – 3 PM. Location is yet to be determined.

c. Technical Assistance (TA) Provider

In order to help select a TA Provider, three scorecards were contained in the council's packets to help guide their decision-making. The Chair asked that the council members not be deterred by the requested budgets of the TA Providers, but to instead look for who will provide the best services to the council. At the next meeting on 11/20/19, the council will discuss and vote on the TA Provider.

d. Listening sessions

The JJRC is to host roundtable discussion forums in all geographic areas of the State with advisory stakeholder groups. In order to help staff and organize these meetings the intention is to utilize the State's Local Management Boards (LMBs). This will allow the public to engage in listening sessions in all areas of the State.

e. Survey

An online survey was sent out to the council prior to the meeting, the results were contained in their packets. The council was encouraged to review the results, as they will help guide future topics that the council will discuss.

f. Maryland Juvenile Justice System Trends Presentation

Betsy Tolentino, Executive Director of Pre-Adjudication Services & Reform for DJS gave a presentation on recent trends within the Maryland juvenile justice system using data generated by DJS.

Council members asked questions on the data being presented and also asked if other data sets could be compiled for the council to analyze.

The Chair thanked everyone for their questions and participation. Also indicating the selected TA provider will be able to help capture the data that has been requested.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.