



DJS State Advisory Board Meeting - Virtual
Tuesday, June 15, 2:00 – 4:00pm

Google Meet joining info below:
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mqq-ukrg-kgy>
Or dial: (US) +1 716-256-2131 PIN: 927 081 655#

The meeting will also be streamed live and recorded for the public on YouTube at:
<https://youtu.be/ksMtDKM3I7s>

MINUTES

Members and Guests in Attendance:

Andrew Tress
Sam Abed
Lynn Davis
Rosemary King Johnston
Cory Fink
Deborah Grinnage-Pulley
Denise Henderson
Kathleen Callan
Heather Chapman
Nick Moroney

Michael Guilbault
Sarah Kaplan
Lara Weathersbee
Judge Michael Stamm
Rexanah Wyse
Lamar Davis
Jenny Egan
Crystal Fleming Bryce
Christina Church

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rosemary King Johnston

- Approval of May 18, 2021 meeting minutes

The minutes were approved as amended with the following edit:

- Add Kathleen Callan as in attendance

II. Department of Juvenile Services Update

Sam Abed / Jay Johnston

- Juvenile Justice Reform Council update

Glen Fueston has been appointed as the new Chair. The first meeting has been scheduled for July 1, 2021 and will include a discussion on reform implemented in other states and a review of reform initiatives previously introduced by the JJRC.

- Juvenile Services Education update

Secretary Abed introduced Cory Fink as the newly appointed Executive Director of the Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP).

Cory Fink provided some background on his career experiences and updates on the status of the JSEP Board:

- A JSEP livestream is scheduled for staff and JSEP
- JSEP is in the process of getting Board members appointed, including a teacher member who is elected by the JSEP educators
- The voting is in process.

- DJS Population and Committed Facilities Update

Secretary Abed reported that:

- There has not been a spike in numbers of youth served
- There has been no spike at intake
- In response to Nick's question about the Hickey School, the Secretary reported that placements needed to be rearranged, overall numbers have not changed, and adjustments reflect response to COVID.

Actions related to the JJRC Recommendation on regional distribution;

- The Deputy Secretaries are leading the work, including:
 - Analyze data to determine options and opportunities to address capacity and service needs and explore the viability of implementation;
 - Prioritize the implementation of community based treatment options that allow youth to be treated where they live;
 - Limit the use out-of-home placements to those required for public safety reasons;
 - An update on these issues will be provided at the September SAB meeting.
- Rexanah Wyse questioned data included in the Data Resource Guide (DRG):
 - In some sections, there are charts dating back to FY11. Since this is the 10th year of reporting this data, will some of that older data be included at any point? Or a narrative to accompany those charts to explain the visuals of the data?
 - The Secretary responded that some charts currently do that, there may be a need to flip between sections to compare data, and that DJS archives all the DRGs.
 - Nick Moroney requested three printed copies of the DRG.

III. Restitution Subcommittee

Magistrate Weathersbee

- Subcommittee update

Magistrate Weathersbee provided an update on the work of the Subcommittee:

- The group has met 3 times with good participation;
- Has gathered information about DJS's role in restitution and the process taken by the Central Collections Unit (CCU);
- Is Engaged in ongoing data and information collection;
- Is reviewing the statutory scheme and its compatibility with the purpose of the juvenile justice system;
- Is planning to draft official recommendations;

- The State's Attorney showed some data on outstanding cases and restitution amounts from a previous year (under \$1M), which led to a discussion on the financial outlook across the State and the generation of ideas on how to improve the outlook;
- Kathleen Callan presented an overview of the Criminal Victims Compensation Fund and the frustrations they encounter;
- Jenny Egan gave some information on other states that have reduced restitution, fines, and fees, in general.

IV. Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit (JJMU) Update

Nick Moroney

JJMU quarterly report has been issued, Rosemary King Johnston recommended reading it because it provides a great overview of what is happening in the facilities.

Nick Moroney provided a JJMU update:

- The JJMU quarterly report is available online as well, just google JJMU OAG
- Questioned what the nature of ongoing activity may be in the post COVID era of keeping youth in the community rather than detention and to help keep populations low? Is DJS being proactive in maintaining the gains they have made?
 - Secretary Abed responded that DJS :
 - Has reorganized the community offices to mirror the circuit courts;
 - Wants staff to have more deep rooted connections in the community;
 - Identified that local organizations want to help so the Department needs to have the ability to connect with them and explore available options;
 - Has prioritized intake as another area of emphasis;
 - Is looking to revamp the graduated response tool. Data shows that disparities are being caused by a small group of people who DJS has removed from the decision making process;
 - Is also in the process of developing Child Juvenile & Adult Management System (CJAMS) which should be complete soon, and likely will be in the field starting in the Fall;
 - Will yield long term benefits with information sharing; particularly with DHS and other agencies as resources for connecting youth with services;
 - Looking to upgrade behavioral health services as well by utilizing CJMAS and interagency communication;
 - Wants to expand the Facility for Children so youth don't linger in the wrong system
- Nick Moroney noted that teachers are coming into facilities only for supervising Chromebook instruction and would like to know when they will begin teaching again?
 - Deborah Grinnage-Pulley indicated that MSDE responded to Nick's questions in his report and the response speaks for itself.

V. Good of the Order

Board Members

The Board asked when in person meetings can be scheduled.

- Lamar Davis suggested that space may be available at UMBC.
- Sarah Kaplan suggested that AOC may be available

- Jenny Egan (OPD) stated that the Office of the Public Defender has a large training center with google meet capability located close to BWI airport that The Board can use the space if needed.
- Lara Weathersbee noted that the new courthouse in Columbia has space for meetings.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings / YouTube Livestream Links:

- 2021
 - 9/21/21 <https://youtu.be/RDzNa0fSmRI>
 - 10/19/21 <https://youtu.be/BASgaffuFdc>
 - 11/16/21 <https://youtu.be/REkP6hyzDwM>

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