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**State Advisory Board Meeting / Facility Tour**

April 16, 2019

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Victor Cullen Center  
6000 Cullen Dr.  
Sabillasville, MD 21780

**Conference Call # (605) 475-4700, Access Code: 300133**

**Minutes**

**Members and Guests Present**

Sec. Sam Abed  
Gavin Patashnick  
Andrew Tress  
Rosemary Johnston  
David Johnston  
Melanie Shapiro  
Deborah Grinage Pulley  
Nick Moroney

Bernice Walker  
Heather Chapman  
John Plummer  
Judge Gary Bair  
Magistrate Lara Weathersbee  
Shanna Wideman  
Lamar Davis

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

*Rosemary King Johnston*

The minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by the board. There were quick introductions for members from John Plummer, the Superintendent of the Victor Cullen Center. Andrew Tress informed the members that the new members representing the Senate of Maryland and the Maryland House of Delegates are Senator Susan Lee and Delegate Robin Grammer. They were unable to join us for this meeting/tour.

**II. Department of Juvenile Services Update**

*Sam Abed*

- Legislative Update

*Gavin Patashnick*

Gavin Patashnick provided a brief update on some of the legislation that passed during the 2019 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly, two of which directly impact the SAB and were sponsored by DJS.

- HB0169 - State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services - Duties and Access to Records
  - Expands the duties of the SAB by tasking members with examining circumstances surrounding fatal events involving youth under the supervision of the department and recommending preventative measures.
- SB0072 - Membership - Department of Juvenile Services State Advisory Board
  - Expands the membership of the SAB by adding four (4) new members.
- SB0856 / HB0606 - Juvenile Justice Reform Council
  - Establishes a Juvenile Justice Reform Council, comprised of numerous legislators, juvenile justice stakeholders and advocacy groups. The council must convene an

advisory stakeholder group and work with the group to conduct roundtable discussion forums seeking public input in all geographic regions of the State.

There was limited discussion because the intent of this meeting was to tour the facility.

## **V. Adjournment / Beginning of Tour**

The meeting concluded and the remainder of the afternoon was spent touring the Victor Cullen Center.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- 2019 – 5/21, 6/18, 9/17, 10/15 and 11/19

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