



State Advisory Board Meeting

December 15th, 2020

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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Minutes

Members and guests present:

Andrew Tress

James Johnston

LaMar Davis

Michael Guilbault

Nick Moroney

Rosemary King Johnston

Crystal Fleming Bryce

Edward Burroughs (PG County SAO representative)

David Phillips

Aisha Braveboy

Shane Bolger

Christina Church

Kathleen Callan

Rexanah Wyse

Ashley Watson

Delegate Robin Grammer

Sherlyna Hanna

Sarah Kaplan

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rosemary King Johnston

- Approval of November 17, 2020 meeting minutes
- Introduction of new council members
- Voting - Fatality Review Findings and Recommendations

Rosemary King Johnston called the meeting to order. The minutes from 11/17/20 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Rosemary King Johnston introduced Sherlyna Hanna, Christina Church and Ashely Watson. Judge Stamm was not able to attend this meeting.

Rosemary King Johnston reviewed the findings and recommendations one more time and the Board voted on them. The recommendations were approved and will be posted to the DJS website.

II. Department of Juvenile Services Update

Sam Abed/Jay Johnston

- COVID-19 Response
- Juvenile Justice Reform Council (JJRC)

Jay Johnston provided an update in place of Sam Abed for DJS regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

State's Attorney Braveboy and Edward Boroughs (Staff) explained their proposed legislation. One bill seeks to create a workgroup to study how to better serve girls involved in the criminal justice system. It includes a provision to provide a report to the school system and DJS on their outcomes. A second bill being introduced by Del. Jazz Lewis seeks to review life sentences of youth to determine where things could have been done differently and create second chance opportunities for youth in the justice system. A third bill is a funding request for resources to build out an emerging adults program, focusing on youth 16 – 26 years old.

Kathleen Callan asked if the bill included victim notification, which it does.

III. DJS Legislative Update

James Johnston / Andrew Tress

Jay Johnston provided a legislative update for DJS legislation and also legislation likely to be introduced by the JJRC. DJS has two departmental bills. The first proposal creates a 3rd Deputy Secretary position responsible for overseeing community operations, including everything from intake to probation supervision. The second bill is a federal compliance bill we must adhere to or risk losing federal funding. It requires that DJS can legally hold only transfer eligible youth who are pending a transfer. That means youth who were waived up, youth who are not eligible for transfer (say a prior adult conviction), or youth who lost a transfer. These youth are currently being held in adult jails. This would remove those youth from the adult jails and place them with DJS: until they turn 18, and, if pending a transfer, could stay with DJS past age 18. DJS would also make some reform based changes to the law, including clarifying that a Court can order pretrial community detention through DJS. DJS would also adopt the JJDP language on opt-outs, which includes several options. The Court can review an offense, look at past behavior, and at capacity. If the Court holds youth in an adult facility, the placement must be reviewed every 30 days. PREA would still apply in those cases, of course.

JJRC Update:

The JJRC has its final meeting on 12/17/20 and will be voting on recommendations addressing:

- Minimum Age of Jurisdiction
- Juvenile Community Supervision/Probation
- Juvenile Detention Utilization

- Juvenile Commitments for Out-of-Home Treatment Programs
- Juvenile Diversion
- Youths Charged as Adults

The information from the meetings can be found on the DLS (<http://dls.maryland.gov/policy-areas/juvenile-justice-reform-council>) and DJS (<https://djs.maryland.gov/Pages/Juvenile-Justice-Reform-Council.aspx>) websites.

IV. Juvenile Justice Monitoring Update

Nick Moroney

Nick Moroney shared background information on his position and the duties of his office for the new members and provided his updates. He congratulated DJS on their response to COVID thus far, hopes they continue to keep youth out of facilities to the maximum extent possible, and provide youth with resources in the community. This is always important and especially so during the holiday season.

V. Good of the Order

Board Members

Rosemary King Johnston wished everyone Happy Holidays and thank you for your work this year.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings / YouTube Livestream Links:

- 2021
 - 1/19/21 <https://youtu.be/Bifr9RIYmpc>
 - 4/20/21 <https://youtu.be/XiaJW1sfVTw>
 - 5/18/21 <https://youtu.be/vPpJjQnN7wY>
 - 6/15/21 <https://youtu.be/ksMtDKM317s>
 - 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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