

**Children's Justice Act Committee**  
**Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention**  
**January 18, 2018**  
**Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention**  
**100 Community Place**  
**Crownsville, MD 21032**  
**1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participating Members:**

Arnold Eby, Chair, Maryland Foster Parent Association  
Pamela Alban, Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office  
Dr. Kerry Hannan, Baltimore Child Abuse Center  
Elizabeth Hall, Maryland Department of Disabilities  
Anne Hoyer, Office of the Secretary of State  
Ed Kilcullen, Maryland CASA Association  
Vernice McKee, Department of Human Services  
Det. Thomas Pyles, Annapolis Police Department  
Joan Stine, State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SCCAN)  
Krista Trahan, Baltimore County Department of Social Services

**Guests:**

Susan Hansell, Maryland Children's Alliance

**Staff:**

Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
William Jernigan, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:10 p.m. Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

**II. Approval of Minutes (November 2017)**

Kerry Hannan made a motion to approve the minutes. Ed Kilcullen seconded the motion. Members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**III. Presentation**

Susan Hansell provided members with a presentation and update on the Maryland Children's Alliance. Maryland currently has 22 Child Advocacy Centers (CAC), 14 of which are accredited by the National Children's Alliance. Over 5,000 children are served annually by a CAC in Maryland and over 15,000 professionals benefit from a CACs work in the state. Ms. Hansell noted joint interests amongst the Maryland Children's Alliance and the Children's Justice Act

Committee including intervention for child abuse victims, use of multidisciplinary teams and CACs, and forensic interviewing. Ms. Hansell also provided members with an overview of the accreditation standards. Ms. Hansell was invited to attend future Committee meetings to ensure an open line of communication.

#### **IV. Three-Year Assessment Survey**

The Committee continued to review the Three-Year Assessment survey and provided suggestions to adjust, reword, or create new questions to enhance the survey. A final version of the survey will be disseminated to members to approve. The goal is to begin disseminating the survey by February 7, 2018. The survey will be open for approximately three weeks. Members will then be tasked with analyzing the survey results and developing the final report which is due on May 31, 2018.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.