



**STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING**  
**March 12, 2018**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention**  
**100 Community Place**  
**Crownsville, MD 21032**

**MINUTES**

**Participating Members:**

Michelle Becote-Jackson, Vice Chair  
Kirsten Anderson  
Meg Butler for Senator Justin Ready  
Annie Hansen-Combs (phone)  
Lynn Davis  
Eric Ford  
Rebecca Jones Gaston  
Lynette Holmes for Secretary Sam Abed  
Robert Johnson  
John McGinnis  
Liz Park  
Gavin Patashnick  
Janelle Riddick (phone)  
Heidi Rochon (phone)  
Kimberly Sauer (phone)  
Melanie Shapiro  
Judge Michael Stamm (phone)  
Darren Stephenson  
Samantha Wiggins  
Jennifer Winter

**Guests:**

Grayson McNew, SAG Member Candidate  
Mike Clark, Queen Anne's County Local Management Board  
Jennifer Stansbury, Queen Anne's County Local Management Board  
Brad Engel, Queen Anne's County School Board  
Tomiko Shine, Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign

**Staff:**

Jessica Wheeler, Senior Director of Juvenile Justice and Victim Services, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

Bill Harper, Compliance Monitor, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

William Jernigan, Statewide Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

Rebecca Allyn, Victim Services Coordinator, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

**I. Welcome, Introductions, and Chair's Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Patashnick made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Shapiro seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**III. Three-Year Plan**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released the 2018 Title II Formula grant solicitation which provides specific guidance on the plan. Members will convene a Three-Year Plan Workgroup conference call to develop suggested activities and/or approaches for each objective, per the solicitation. The Plan is due to OJJDP by May 18, 2018. The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention will also submit the annual Compliance Monitoring Plan to OJJDP which is due by April 2, 2018.

**IV. Presentations**

*a. University of Baltimore - Truancy Court Program*

Members received a presentation from administrators of the Truancy Court program. The program is implemented by the University of Baltimore, School of Law and funded by a Title II Formula Grant through the State Advisory Group and the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. The presentation highlighted a connection between habitual truancy and subsequent consequences such as school dropout, delinquency, substance abuse, and early childbearing. The non-adversarial program pairs volunteer judges with truant students who meet on a one-on-one basis each week. The judge reviews the student's progress

and rewards progress via incentives. The Truancy Court program social worker refers the families to services and works with the family to identify barriers to the child attending school in an effort to overcome those obstacles. During the 2016-2017 school year, 157 students were served. In the 2017-2018 school year, 168 students have been served so far. The number of youth with improved attendance between Fall 2016 - Fall 2017 ranged from 93-100%.

*b. Queen Anne's County Substance Abuse Diversion Program*

Members received a presentation from administrators of the Queen Anne's County Substance Abuse Diversion Program. The program is implemented by the Queen Anne's County Local Management Board and is funded by a Title II Formula Grant through the State Advisory Group and the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. The grant has allowed the county to hire two substance abuse counselors who work directly in the public school system. The counselors provide intensive case management, career development, and internship opportunities. They will also support the students re-entry into the community after inpatient substance abuse treatment to ensure the student is on track both academically and with their addiction issues. Overall, the program is showing great success in its pilot year and the SAG is interested in receiving future updates as to its progress in the future.

**V. Subcommittee Reports**

*a. Grant Monitoring*

The Grant Monitoring subcommittee conducted a site visit at Everymind Inc. on February 21, 2018. Everymind Inc., provides community education, advocacy, and direct services to children, teens, families and older adults in the community to reach optimal mental wellness. Everymind Inc. has been serving Montgomery County for over 60 years. Grant funds support Youth Case Management which provides diversion and intervention services to youth involved with or at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system as well as support and education to their families. The funds provide personnel support for building life skills and resources to keep youth out of the juvenile justice system. Members were pleased to see the high number of youth and families served during the grant cycle.

*b. Emerging Leaders*

The Emerging Leaders subcommittee will reconvene in March 2018. The Subcommittee is engaging with members of the Colorado State Advisory Group's Emerging Leaders Subcommittee to learn more about best practices with engaging youth members and will report their findings at the next SAG meeting.

*c. Recruitment, Training, and Regionalization*

Ms. Becote-Jackson reported that the subcommittee has interviewed three members for the vacant positions on the SAG. All three interviews were successful and the candidates are awaiting appointment from the Governor.

*d. Legislative*

Mr. Patashnick provided members with a revised legislative subcommittee protocol. In essence, the subcommittee will continue to monitor legislation as it relates to the four core protections of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act or the developmental approach to juvenile justice; however, it will not take positions or submit letters of information to the General Assembly. The subcommittee will provide the full SAG with information on relevant bills for independent action outside the scope of the SAG. This is consistent with other SAG's across the country.

**VI. Grant Review Training**

Ms. Wheeler provided members with grant review training to outline their role and responsibilities as a grant reviewer for the Title II Formula grants. The next SAG meeting on May 7, 2018 is the annual grant review session.

**VII. Old/New Business**

Ms. Wheeler notified the SAG that the Coalition for Juvenile Justice is in the early stages of planning a 2018 National Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) conference in Baltimore, MD. The Coalition has invited the Maryland SAG to co-sponsor the event as it did in 2016. Ms. Wheeler will keep SAG members abreast of new details as they emerge and ultimately the SAG will determine its status as a co-sponsor of the conference at a future date.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

May 7, 2018\*

Location: Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

100 Community Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Conference Room, Side B

Crownsville, MD 21032

**9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**\*This is the annual grant review session**