STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING
Staffed by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention
May 7, 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:
Heather Chapman, Chair
Kirsten Anderson (phone)
Meg Butler for Senator Justin Ready
Annie Hansen-Combs (phone)
Lynn Davis
Eric Ford
Rebecca Jones Gaston
Musa Hammett
Lynette Holmes for Secretary Sam Abed (phone)
John McGinnis
Liz Park (phone)
Gavin Patashnick
Heidi Rochon
Kimberly Sauer
Melanie Shapiro
Judge Michael Stamm (phone)
Darren Stephenson
Samantha Wiggins
Jennifer Winter

Guests:
Altia John, Lead4Life, Inc.
Grayson McNew, Incoming Youth Member
Dr. Marone Brown, Maryland State Department of Education

Staff:
I. Welcome, Introductions, and Chair’s Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. Mr. Fueston recognized three outgoing SAG members for their service and dedication by presenting them with Governor’s Citations.

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Lead4Life Presentation

Ms. John, the Lead Case Manager at Lead4Life, provided members with a presentation on the program. Lead4Life works in partnership with the Frederick County Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to provide diversion services. The program serves as an alternative to juvenile justice system involvement. Members inquired about the victim services component of the program as well as other services provided by Lead4Life. Ms. John will provide follow-up responses to those questions.

IV. Three-Year Plan

Members reviewed the draft Three-Year Plan and provided comments and suggestions. Mr. Fueston informed members that this Plan will be a part of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention overall strategic plan to address juvenile delinquency issues in a trauma-informed manner. Ms. Wheeler will share the final plan with members prior to its submission to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

V. Subcommittee Reports

a. Emerging Leaders
The Emerging Leaders subcommittee will convene directly after the SAG meeting. Members will discuss the creation of bylaws for the subcommittee and will also have a conference call with members of Washington State’s Emerging Leaders Subcommittee to learn more about their structure and function.

b. Recruitment, Training, and Regionalization

Ms. Chapman reported that three new members have been appointed to the SAG. Sgt. Kathy Estrada from the Montgomery County Police Department fills the law enforcement vacancy. Grayson McNew and Crystal Foretia are two incoming youth members.

c. Legislative

Mr. Patashnick provided members with a legislative overview. The subcommittee tracked approximately 20 bills during the 2018 legislative session. Mr. Patashnick provided details on several bills that passed with implications on either the SAG, GOCCP, or DJS:

- **SB 91 - Juvenile Law - Disclosure of Court Records (DEPARTMENTAL):** SB 91 permits the Department of Human Services (DHS), local social services departments, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and local health departments to have access to a youth’s record for the purpose of coordinating services or care. Effective Date - October 1, 2018

- **HB 247 / SB 963 – Criminal Procedure – Victim Services Unit – Victim’s Compensation:** HB 247 / SB 963 establishes a Victim Services Unit housed under the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention (“GOCCP”). This unit is charged with the task of gathering and analyzing data related to the collection and distribution of restitution. This data is then utilized to develop best practices that improve upon the operability of State and local restitution systems. The Unit will also operate the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and the Sexual Assault Reimbursement Program. Effective Date - July 1, 2018

- **HB 1607 – Education - Juvenile Services Education Programs - Management and Operation:** HB 1607 establishes the Juvenile Services Education County Pilot Program, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. The purpose of the program is to pilot a management model where a local board of education operates a juvenile services education program in a
county facility. This bill also establishes a work group, which includes the Secretary of DJS, to study the results of the pilot program and examine other education models. Effective Date - July 1, 2018

- **HB 1023 – Juvenile Law – Witnesses – Body Attachment:** This bill authorizes the juvenile court to issue a body attachment for witnesses pursuant to Maryland Rule 4-267 if a witness is at least age 18 and the case was transferred from adult to juvenile jurisdiction. Effective Date - October 1, 2018

d. *Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)*

Mr. Jernigan reported to members that the DMC Subcommittee will reconvene in June 2018. Also, Mr. Jernigan provided details for the Coalition for Juvenile Justice’s National DMC Conference. The conference will take place from November 27-30, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland.

**VI. NOFA & Grant Review Update**

Ms. Herndon announced that the Title II (JJAC) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on May 7, 2018. Due to the timeline this year, members were presented with several options for the grant review session. Per the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA), SAG members are required to review and comment on Title II (JJAC) grant proposals. Members will conduct the full grant review in June.

**VII. Old/New Business**

Ms. Wheeler provided members with an update on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) reauthorization. The reauthorization bill has passed both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives chambers and is currently undergoing conference committee negotiations. There is the possibility that the Valid Court Order (VCO) exception will be removed from the reauthorization bill and passed separately. Two bills on VCO have been introduced (S. 866 and H. 1885).

Additionally, the federal funding cycle for FY 2019 is gearing up and both the House and Senate finance committees are expected to consider their budget packages (including funding for JJDPA) on Thursday, May 10. A number of advocacy organizations have submitted a letter urging funding increases and reauthorization of the JJDPA.

Ms. Wheeler notified the SAG that the Coalition for Juvenile Justice has asked the Maryland SAG to co-sponsor the 2018 National Disproportionate Minority Contact
(DMC) conference in Baltimore, MD. SAG members were supportive of the co-sponsorship opportunity and requested to be engaged in the planning process.

Lastly, Ms. Wheeler provided members with an overview of the Handle with Care program, a new initiative that GOCCP is implementing statewide to provide trauma-informed services to children. GOCCP hosted a training on April 30 for law enforcement, school personnel, mental health practitioners, and service providers. A press release about the training can be found here and more details about the program can be found here.

VIII. Adjournment

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

NEXT MEETING:
July 9, 2018
Location: Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention
100 Community Place, 1st Floor
Conference Room, Side B
Crownsville, MD 21032
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.