

Children's Justice Act Committee (CJAC)
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
March 17, 2016
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Arnold Eby, Chair, Maryland Foster Parent Resource Center (phone)
Kerry Hannan, Baltimore Child Abuse Center
Ed Kilcullen, Maryland CASA Association
Joan Little, Legal Aid Bureau
Judge Larnzell Martin, Circuit Court of Prince George's County
Vernice McKee, Department of Human Resources
Diane Shaffer, Talbot County Department of Social Services (phone)
Krista Trahan, Baltimore County Department of Social Services
Lt. Glen Wiedeck, Baltimore County Police Department

Guests:

Claudia Remington, State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SCCAN)

Staff:

Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Justice Schisler, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Members were provided with minutes from January 2016 prior to the meeting. Dr. Hannan made a motion to approve both minutes. Lt. Wiedeck seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

III. 2016 Federal Program Information

Members were provided with the 2016 Federal Children's Justice Act Program Information prior to the meeting. Ms. Wheeler noted that there are some changes from previous years with a renewed focus on:

- Trafficking (page 9)
- Child and Family Services Plan (page 11)
- Link to legal and court representation improvement work (bottom of page 11)

Members discussed strategies for further incorporating these areas into the work of the Children's Justice Act program.

IV. Handle with Care

Members received an overview of the West Virginia Handle with Care program in March 2015. There was general interest in the program but next steps were not identified. Several members noted that based on preliminary discussions, there is interest in some local jurisdictions to implement the program. Members agreed that the Children's Justice Act Committee could serve as a resource in terms of information sharing to those jurisdictions. Ms. Wheeler will disseminate the information and can provide a point of contact in West Virginia.

V. State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SCCAN)

Ms. Remington attended the Center for Disease Control's Essentials for Childhood reverse site visit in Atlanta, GA in February 2016. She received information on how to engage with the business community around child abuse and neglect issues. They also discussed ways to strategize social marketing to reach broader audiences that have not been traditionally included or engaged in this work.

SCCAN is also assisting with tracking community screenings that are occurring around the state for The Raising of America documentary. They are also tracking other Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) documentaries (Paper Tigers, Resilience, etc.) in an effort to raise awareness.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.