



STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING
September 11, 2017
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Howard County Library, Miller Branch, Ellicott Meeting Room
9421 Frederick Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

MINUTES

Participating Members:

Heather Chapman, Chair
Michelle Becote-Jackson, Vice Chair
Kara Aanenson
Anne Marie Hansen-Combs
Rebecca Jones Gaston (phone)
Gavin Patashnick
Janelle Riddick
Kimberly Sauer
Melanie Shapiro
Jennifer Winter

Guests:

John McGinnis, Maryland State Department of Education
John Irvine, Department of Juvenile Services
Matt Zernhelt, Community Conferencing Center

Staff:

Jessica Wheeler, Senior Director of Juvenile Justice and Victim Services, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Justice Schisler, Chief of Planning and Implementation, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Bill Harper, Compliance Monitor, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Chair's Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. Ms. Heather Chapman reminded members that she will be attending the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's State Advisory Group training on September 12, 2017 along with Ms. Rebecca Jones Gaston and Mr. Eric Ford. They will bring the information back to the full Group. Additionally, members are encouraged

to watch the training via livestream, and the link for that was disseminated to everyone via email.

Ms. Chapman also announced that Lisa Garry, Director of the Office of Equity and Reform at the Department of Juvenile Services and former SAG member, will be providing the SAG and its sub-recipients with Equity training on October 30, 2017 from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. All members are highly encouraged to attend this training.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gavin Patashnick made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Kimberly Sauer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

III. Department of Juvenile Services Data Resource Guide & Strategic Planning Discussion

Mr. John Irvine provided members with a presentation of the Department's FY 16 Data Resource Guide. The presentation highlighted long term juvenile justice trends for the State. Mr. Irvine also noted that there is a need for more data collection around the number of true diversion programs throughout the State, which are the cases that the Department would not receive.

IV. Community Conferencing Center

Mr. Matt Zernhelt, Executive Director of the Community Conferencing Center, provided members with a presentation on the program and data outcomes. Mr. Zernhelt explained that the Community Conferencing Center implements restorative practices throughout Baltimore City and statewide which includes conflict resolution, community conferencing, and restorative dialogue. The Center has recently been working with the school system closely to implement restorative practices. The Center serves as a central hub for other community conferencing sites throughout the State by providing technical assistance and ensuring fidelity to the model.

V. Subcommittee Reports

a. Grant Monitoring

The subcommittee will continue to invite new sub-recipients to present at full SAG meetings. The subcommittee's next onsite visit will be on October 24, 2017 at Fusion Partnership in Baltimore City. Youth members are encouraged to attend and the subcommittee hopes to have a peer to peer meeting. All SAG members are welcome to attend the site visits.

b. Youth Engagement

The youth engagement subcommittee disseminated a survey to all SAG members and had 16 responses. The subcommittee will work to analyze the survey results and devise a plan based on the feedback.

c. Recruitment, Training, and Regionalization

Since the July meeting, one new member training was conducted. A feedback survey was disseminated to assist with ensuring the training is effective.

The SAG still has vacancies for a law enforcement representative and a locally elected official.

VI. New/Old Business

Members conducted a preliminary brainstorming session for the SAG's 2018-2020 Three-Year Plan. Some of the ideas discussed were:

- Address the provision of services for dually committed youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare system
- Continue with a focus on Disproportionate Minority Contact and develop an action-oriented plan to address the issue, focusing on Hispanic and Latino communities and the need for bilingual services
- Focus on gender and gender identity disparities

Ms. Michelle Becote-Jackson also requested that the Group work to close out the 2015-2017 Three-Year Plan. Ms. Wheeler will work to produce a report prior to the November meeting that outlines the outcomes of the plan which includes items such as:

- Number of grants funded by purpose area
- Summary of performance measures for those grants
- Summary of those sub-recipients that incorporated DMC into their program
- Summary of those sub-recipient that incorporated the developmental approach into their program

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

November 6, 2017

Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

100 Community Place, 1st Floor, Side A

Crownsville, MD 21032

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.