STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING

January 23, 2023
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Held Via Videoconference

MINUTES

Participating Members:
Joe Rossow, Chair
Kara Aanenson
Jeffrey Breslin
Denise Conway
Lajan Cephas
Jenny Egan
Sgt. Kathy Estrada
Derrell Frazier
Janet Furman
Derek Getic
Kya Hector
Lynette Holmes
Miya Horsey
Tamika Winkler - for Senator Cory McCray
Loney Nguyen
Sgt. Antoine Patton
Joe Rossow
Dr. Kenneth Waters, Ed.D.
Laura Wilt
Therese Wolf

Staff:
Mary Abraham
Christina Drushel-Williams
Aubrey Gerhardt
Bill Harper
William Jernigan
Chris Miele

Guests:
Shane Hall

I. Welcome & Roll Call

Chris Miele called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and introduced staff members. Aubrey Gerhardt confirmed a quorum.

II. Chairs Remarks

Joe Rossow, Chair, welcomed members to the meeting and reflected on his time at the OJJDP / STRAD conference in San Diego.

III. DJS Data Presentation - Shane Hall

Shane Hall presented data trends from the Department of Juvenile Services office of Research and Evaluation. The FY2022 DJS Data Resource Guide has been released and may be accessed via this link: https://djs.maryland.gov/Pages/Data-Resource-Guides.aspx

IV. Old / New Business

A. *Approval of November Meeting Minutes:* Derek Getic made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, seconded by Kara Aanenson. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as distributed.

B. *Youth Charged as Adults Update* - Mr. Harper updated members on the status of numerous reported violations by the facilities under the new 223 (a)(11)(b) requirement of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Section 223(a)(11)(B), requires that "on or after December 21, 2021, a juvenile who is charged as an adult cannot be detained in an adult jail or lockup…A juvenile charged as an adult may be detained in an adult jail or lockup if one of the exceptions in 34 U.S.C. § 11133(a)(13) applies." A judge must hold a hearing to determine whether it is in the interest of justice to place a juvenile in an adult facility based on certain relevant factors. These hearings must be held every 30 days up to 180 days.Violations are still being reported and validated under this new requirement and do not put the state at risk of being out of compliance with the Act. The Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, will determine a standard median of compliance under this new requirement for the states based on the number of violations reported for FY 22 and FY 23 data collection periods. Mr. Harper explained that the state will need to enact legislation that meets the requirements of the federal statute. Ms. Aanenson explained that a departmental bill would be introduced this year's session to address the federal requirements under section 223(a)(11)(b). The legislative subcommittee will track the bill and any other bills that concern title II in the 2023 legislative session. Members are encouraged to join Mr. Harper on future site visits to the facilities and a schedule will be sent out in March.

C. *STRAD Conference Discussion* - Laura Wilt and Joe Rossow shared their experience at the STRAD conference and opened the floor for others to give their takeaways. Miya Horsey highlighted the theme of youth sharing their successes, and how important it is for those who work directly with youth to be passionate about helping them. It is also crucial to use lived experience because it increases the connection between staff and youth. Chris Miele added the importance of intentional youth engagement, highlighting SAG achievements, and having the Emerging Leaders involved in all SAG matters. William Jernigan reiterated the importance of observing other successful SAGs and learning from their success. Bill Harper seconded the importance of the conference and encouraged attendance for following conferences. Derrell

Frazier and Joe Rossow expressed their thoughts about increasing youth engagement, especially within the SAG and ensuring that it is intentional and meaningful.

V. Agency Updates

A. *DJS* - The new Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Services, appointed by Governor Moore, is Vincent Schiraldi.
B. *DHS* - There are no pressing updates, please reach out to Denise Conway for any specific questions.

VI. Strategic Work Session

Mr. Miele opened the floor for members to discuss where the SAG stands after conducting a self assessment. He explained that the SAG is currently in year three of the three year plan so the SAG needs to start planning the vision of the future. Then, Mr. Miele directed members to share their thoughts on Appendix II and III of the Building State Advisory Toolkit. Jenny Egan expressed concerns of Maryland remaining in compliance with the four core requirements, given the violations that were stated earlier in the meeting.

Joe Rossow and Chris Miele reviewed the potential actions for the SAG and will send out a Google Form with the questions from Appendix II for members to express their thoughts.

VII. Roundtable and Announcements

A. *SAG Goals* - Loney Nguyen highlighted the importance of youth centered goals and partnerships with youth led organizations. The State Advisory Board for youth in foster care with the staff to hone in on what works for youth.

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on March 6, 2023 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
