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STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING
July 1, 2024
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Held Via Videoconference

MINUTES

Participating Members:
Fred Chavis, Chair
Georgia Noone-Sherrod, Vice Chair
Jeff Brerslin
Derrel Frazier
Janet Furman
Derek Getic
Kya Hector
Rachel Johnson

Staff:
Aubrey Gerhardt
Sydni Jenkins
Jennifer Krabill
Layomi Omolola

Guests:
James Hollywood
Tamerdis Hollywood
TyJuan Thompson
Tamika Winkler

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. Chavis called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm and welcomed everyone present. A quorum was present as additional members joined the meeting during the initial conversation.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Chavis noted that three sets of meeting minutes were sent to members for review prior to the meeting.

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A) January 8, 2024 Minutes: Ms. Noone-Sherrod moved to approve and Mr. Getic seconded. No objections were made and the January minutes were approved.
B) March 4, 2024 Minutes: Ms. Noone-Sherrod moved to approve and Mr. Getic seconded. No objections were made and the March minutes were approved.
C) May 6, 2024 Minutes: Ms. Noone-Sherrod moved to approve and Mr. Getic seconded. Mr. J. Hollywood indicated that his name was missing from the attendance list for both the March 4 and May 6 meeting minutes. The group agreed that both sets of minutes would be approved with Mr. Hollywood's name added to the attendance list.

III. CJJ Conference Debrief

Mr. Chavis began to discuss the conference and how the Emerging Leaders played a large role. Mr. Chavis was able to meet other SAG members across the country. Discussion on how in Houston, their SAG, Houston Street Law, was able to share how there was a difference between youth and adult centers and how there is a disparity of the resources for youth to contact youth centers. He shares that there were a lot of different options and was very insightful; especially to hear from the youth. "If the youth doesn't show up, that is an adult problem, not a youth problem" was something that one of the Emerging leaders shared. Mr. Chavis wants other SAG members to participate in conferences like this.

Mr. Getic asked if there was going to be notes created like there was last year about the conference. Mr. Frazier asked about engaging more Emerging Leaders in the SAG and supporting the ELC more and having adults attend their committee meetings. Mr. Chavis said that it won't be an easy change, but trying to create events. Mr. Chavis then discussed changes in staff, with Ms. Gerhardt moving to compliance and Ms. Jenkins moving into the ELC staff role with Ms. Omolola. He wants to make sure with this new staff change that we can have these changes to allow for more involvement with ELC. Ms. Krabill shared that they are trying to plan a meeting for staff and committee members to connect and learn the roles about the staff. Ms. Krabill also shared that the ELC is planning for

recruitment resources and using Google Forms to allow for people to be able to join in a way that is youth friendly. Ms. Krabill asked if that is allowed to be sent to facilities to get more youth involved, especially youth in facilities. Ms. Noone-Sherrod shared that, in regards to Mr. Getic's question, she would be willing to create a document to share notes about the conference, and if anyone has notes, to send them to her.

IV. R/Ed Plan

Ms. Omolola shared the presentation that she shared with the R/Ed committee last meeting, with adding more information that was requested from the committee meeting. Ms. Omoloa explained that the main components of the R/Ed plan are data, action plan, and outcome-based evaluation. She went over the FY23 Maryland Trends from data from DJS. The slide presentation is attached to these minutes and made a part hereto.

Ms. Noone-Sherrod asked about demographics and if there was any narrative in the increases and why are so many African American youth charged as adults, is there a rationale to this? Ms. Omolola shared that she went a little more in depth in the R/Ed plan, with information of crime types and offense categories and the school to prison pipeline and the rationale for that. Ms. Johnson shared that she used to be with the Office of the Depender and that prosecutors will do it based on the most serious charge and that if that charge is disqualified from juvenile court, all the charges will move to adult court. Mr. Getic shared that Law Enforcement will make decisions with State's Attorney's Offices and that it has been seen that there has been a fluctuation in these charges. Ms. Noone-Sherrod talked about how Anne Arundel has looked at this and community engagement and how that can possibly be helpful. Mr. Chavis shared that prosecution discretion cannot be used to explain all of the stats and disparities; the plan is trying to explain, but not trying to also justify the numbers. Mr. Frazier talked about how nothing has changed and that during ELC meetings, he sees the enthusiasm but there has been no interaction from SAG members with the youth and they are the most important

population. Ms. Omolola shared that she agrees and that these numbers can be fixed. Ms. Krabill shared that the R/Ed plan and the 3-year plan can be updated as the year goes; but the SAG can create their own internal plan to put in place that falls under the umbrella of the two plans that are being turned in to the federal government for funding purposes.

V. 3-year strategic plan

Ms. Krabill shared that the federal government requires certain formatting that is still being worked on. The priorities that have been chosen and developed in consultation with SAG members including surveys Mr. Miele had sent out and the four primary purpose areas voted on by the SAG. Ms. Noone-Sherrod shared that she didn't feel that she had enough input on the plan and needed to tighten up on communication and there was not a lot of member input. She also shared that it felt rushed and brushed over in the March meeting and has not engaged the committee on it enough. Ms. Krabill shared that she understands how it can feel like this, but going back in minutes, there have been multiple times that it has been discussed and asked for feedback and engagement on it. Ms. Krabill discussed how the plan submitted can always be updated, but this version was prepared with information that was gone over with the SAG over that 3-4 month period. Ms. Noone-Sherrod shared that she is just sharing how she felt and that there were many unanswered questions that were just brushed over and that she just has worry about the overall process on how the plan came together. She doesn't want to just move through the motions of the agenda. Mr. J. Hollywood shared that he agrees and suggests that there is a timeline communicated with the group to help people stay more engaged and also re identifying the values of the group. He recommended something like a retreat and get the group all on the same page again with all the staff and SAG leader changes. Ms. Krabill shared that she understands that and there have been a lot of transitions. She encouraged everyone to share these

feelings because without hearing it from members, there is no way for staff to know and adapt to what the group wants to see. Mr. Frazier expressed how when Ms. Krabill commented that the groups we fund have their own purpose and goals and had him reflect that the organizations that we fund should support the SAG values and purpose and not just their own, especially under the state's funding. He wants to make sure that we stay true to our priorities. Ms. Krabill shared that he understands and glad that he was able to share how he felt about this process and the Grantee Engagement committee has been M.I.A. but wants to bring it back and have more members engage with that committee. Mr. Getic shared that there are 43 people on the invite and 14 people present in the meeting and that has been a recurring theme for the past few months. He feels that something is driving people away from coming to these meetings and sharing their ideas and the passions in the group. He thinks that a retreat may be a good idea to get everyone to see and understand the mission and drive of the group. Ms. Krabill shared that something staff talked about was sending out a Google Form about issues and things the group want to see. Staff is here to support the group's ideas. Ms. Noone-Sherrod volunteered space at AACRC during August before school goes back. Mr. Breslin asked if there are people still pending approval; Ms. Krabill shared that there are at least 6 people awaiting appointments. Mr. Breslin shared that getting these people approved and fully invested, we can reestablish requirements and guidelines and hold people accountable. He feels he sees the same faces in every meeting, but also still not reaching a quorum and understanding what people are doing in terms of staff vs member responsibilities. He thinks that the retreat should happen once people waiting on appointments are approved. Ms. Krabill shared that staff will work on trying to get a meeting with the appointments office and trying to get a timeline out to members. Ms. Gerhardt shares that meeting attendance is part of the bylaws and that people's participation is tracked and noted and their drive. The Governor's

appointment office is hard to track since they will change their timeline without notice which makes it hard to push them to get these appointments for the SAG done on top of their load they have in the appointments office. She shared how she's thankful for everyone's participation and feedback on this to help for the betterment of the group. Ms. Krabill shared that people, especially youth, feel they want to hear from people who are like them and have shared experiences. She said that the group can expect at least one main Google Form to get change kicked off. Mr. Chavis shared that no matter what part of the SAG you are, you may be relatable to someone else and share experiences with someone else in the group. Everyone joined the group with the same drive and passion with similar goals and everyone's voice is valuable.

VI. Grant Recommendations

Ms. Krabill shared that this is a closed session. 100% of the youth participated if they said they were going to and did them on time. Mr.Getic shared that he liked the form, but still would like for it to tabulate the score so scorers did not have to go back. Ms. Krabill asked for any feedback on the awards and the application.

VII. Membership and Subcommittees

A) ELs

Ms. Gerhardt introduced Mr. Frazier and Ms. Hector. Ms. Hector shared that the ELs have been focused on recruitment and events that individual members have been attending. Has been focused on getting new members acclimated and planning for YJAM. Mr. Frazier shared thank you to everyone involved with the ELs and kept pushing the groups. He understands that he hasn't been the most involved but he is dedicated to the group and the work of the committee**.** He wants members from the SAG to join the ELC meetings and assist with the

planning of the YJAM event so that it can be as successful as possible. Ms. Gerhardt recognized Mr. Frazier and Ms. Hector for all their work they have done over the years**.** She continued to share how showing up in the community can help so many young people in not falling into the cycle.

B) R/Ed

Ms. Omolola had no updates, just reminder of feedback deadline of Jul 10, 2024 and focus on engagement.

C) Grantee Engagement

Mr. Chavis shared that if anyone wants to join, please let him or Ms. Krabill know. The last meeting talked a lot about data and statistics that have been forgotten about. He wants people to join to engage in the conversation and create more ideas.

D) Recruitment and Retention

Mr. Breslin had to leave early but earlier shared that he wanted to get more people involved and get people to find their purpose for the group.

VIII. Round Table

Ms. Krabill shared that the team is in place and that staff is here to support the group in any way they can. She also shared that Ms. Gerhardt would be coming into compliance with the departure of Mr. Harper. She believes this group will stay in place. Mr. Chavis asked if there were any more comments from the group.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on September 9, 2024 **at 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Upcoming SAG Meetings and Other Events**:**

* Denotes items that have attachments provided to members

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