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Executive Director

STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) RETREAT
September 9, 2024
8:45 am - 12:30 pm
100 Community Place, 1st Floor Conference Room
Crownsville, Maryland 21032

MINUTES

Participating Members:
Fred Chavis, Chair
Georgia Noone-Sherrod, Vice Chair
Jeff Breslin
Beyer Bullard
Tiana Davis
Janet Furman
Janette Graham
Kya Hector
James Hollywood
Tamerdis Hollywood
Miya Horsey
Rachel Johnson
Jessica Port
Amanda Rodriguez
Laura Wilt

Staff:
Mary Abraham
Aubrey Gerhardt
Natalia Hlasko
Jennifer Krabill
Layomi Omolola
Sydni Jenkins
Bethany Young
Yvette Williams

Guests:
Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett
Amie (Alex) Norton

I. Welcome and Retreat Overview

Mr. Chavis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and welcomed everyone present.

II. GOCPP Overview

A. Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices

Ms. Young informed the group about the commission and explained its creation and function. It was created by House Bill 814 to conduct a landscape analysis of the juvenile justice system, and conduct research into what programming exists and what's working well to better support youth. GOCPP is in charge of staffing the commission similar to

how they staff the SAG. Ms. Young concluded by providing her email to the group to further answer questions.

B. SAG Reintroduction

Ms. Krabill gave an overview of the history, core requirements, purpose, and 2018 reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA). The intent of the JJDPA was to protect youth and families by federal standards while upholding their safety and preventing victimization. The 2018 reauthorization updated the four core requirements, changed SAG membership requirements, and created additional Title II program areas.

Given time constraints, this information will be sent to SAG members after the retreat for review and continued discussion at future meetings.

III. SAG Administration

A. Roles and Responsibilities

GOCPP staff are responsible for the administration of the SAG and Title II Formula grants program. Detailed roles and responsibilities for all required positions under the Act were described (Compliance Monitor, Juvenile Justice Specialist, R/ED Coordinator). Many questions were asked about the responsibilities of the Compliance Monitor in relation to the four core requirements. Staff explained that the Compliance Monitor conducts site-visits with all facilities in the State to determine if there are violations of those core requirements. If a facility incurs a violation the compliance monitor would conduct an additional site visit to provide technical assistance. From the SAG's interest in compliance, Ms. Krabill suggested that Ms. Gerhardt might give a presentation on compliance data in an upcoming meeting.

The Office detailed SAG responsibilities and makeup. Duties of MD SAG include, but are not limited to:

1. Review and make recommendations on grants awards,
2. Advise GOCPP in strategies to divert youth from system,
3. Advise GOCPP staff on maintaining compliance,
4. Submit report on compliance and SAG activities to the Governor annually, and
5. Participate in development and review of 3-Year Plan.

IV. SAG Mission and Vision

Ms. Noone-Sherrod led SAG brainstorming session to create a mission and vision for the group. The mission of the SAG should answer the following questions:

1. What do we do?
2. Who are we serving?
3. How do we serve them?

Ms. Noone-Sherrod stated the SAG will finalize its mission statement and vision in the next SAG meeting. Office staff will follow-up with the proposed versions of the mission created by small groups during the meeting to have members vote on preferences.

V. GOCPP Executive Director

Director Lennig introduced herself to the SAG and briefly shared her journey to joining GOCPP. Director Lennig stated how she is interested in learning more about the SAG and answered questions. In addressing the issue of appointment delays, Ms. Lennig advised she is looking into the issue to see how she can help. Director Lennig is working to create and publish a white paper on the Governor's priorities to advise GOCPP dealings and grants administration. Ms. Lennig concluded by expressing how she is experiencing immense joy rebuilding GOCPP.

VI. Sub-Committee Break-Outs

A. ELs
   - The group expressed wanting Emerging Leaders to do more recruitment and engagement with system-involved youth, reaching out to Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF) to do a monthly tour of the organization, host youth listening sessions, and develop event ideas.

B. R/ED
   - The group reported that Ms. Hollywood volunteered to be Vice Chair of the subcommittee. The subcommittee agreed to having regular, in-person meetings on the "off months" starting in October. The subcommittee is interested in bringing awareness of the GOCPP and R/ED subcommittee to families with system-involved youth. Members would like to have a one-pager and newsletter to disseminate information and have R/ED training for subgrantees.

C. Recruitment and Retention
   - The group communicated how the subcommittee wants to advocate for themselves to the Appointments Office to make the appointments process quicker and fill vacancies. The subcommittee agreed to meet in the "off months." The subcommittee is interested in hosting youth listening sessions, developing a deeper connection to agency staff, and discussing recruitment strategies.

D. Grantee Engagement
   - The group shared how the subcommittee decided to meet in "off months" and plans to support and visit current subgrantees.

VII. Regroup and Conclude

Ms. Krabill thanked everyone for attending the retreat and made special recognition of everyone who has been waiting on an appointment. The Office recognizes everyone who is participating in this work without a formal appointment. That hard work is appreciated and the SAG is grateful. Office staff will follow up with individuals waiting for an appointment as the information is received.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 4, 2024 at 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**