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

**MINUTES**

**Participating Members:**
Fred Chavis, Chair
Georgia Noone-Sherrod, Vice Chair
Jeff Breslin
Derrell Frazier
Derek Getic
Kya Hector
Miya Horsey
Rachel Johnson
Shannon McFadden
Jessica Port
Amanda Rodriguez
Kenneth Waters
Laura Wilt
Tamika Winkler, for Sen. Cory McCray

**Staff:**
Aubrey Gerhardt
Sydni Jenkins
Jennifer Krabill
Layomi Omolola

**Guests:**
Tamerdis Hollywood
Davis Upchurch
Kimmie Upchurch

## I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. Chavis, Chair, 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 minutes from the September 9, 2024 retreat were sent to members prior to today's meeting for review. Mr. Chavis moved to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Breslin seconded. No objections were made and the September minutes were approved.

## III. SAG Mission and Vision*

Office staff started by sharing responses from the ranking form SAG members were asked to submit. Members had a brief discussion about the mission statements prepared during September's retreat and agreed that wordsmithing would not be the best use of the group's time given the lengthy agenda. Ms. Noone-Sherrod offered to write a clear and concise version of the SAG's top choice and send it to the Chair and Office staff for review. The final version will be provided to members for comment prior to the next meeting for a vote.

## IV. By-Laws

Office Staff shared that the only change made to the bylaws was to add a Legislative subcommittee to the standing committees of the SAG. SAG members agreed that the Legislative subcommittee should be combined with the Recruitment and Retention subcommittee given that both should only require focus during a portion of each year. The Legislative subcommittee will track juvenile-related bills and discuss possible impacts on Title II. Mr. Breslin, the current chair of the Recruitment and Retention subcommittee will take the chairship of the newly formed "Legislative, Recruitment, and Retention Committee". Office staff will update the by-laws to combine the two separate committees.

Ms. Noone-Sherrod made a motion to approve the by-laws, with a change that combines the Legislative subcommittee with the Recruitment and Retention subcommittee. Mr. Chavis seconded the motion. No objections were voiced and the motion to approve the by-laws with the noted change passed.

Office staff will make the requested change and send the final version to members.

## V. Updates

A. Office

The Office reported that contact with the Appointments office is moving and all outstanding applications have been addressed with two exceptions. Those that remain outstanding are priority for staff. Updates will continue to be provided as they are received. Members were also reminded that state law has attendance requirements for appointed seats and the Appointments Office is removing members who are not fulfilling those requirements.

B. Subcommittees

1. Emerging Leaders (ELs)

a) *YJAM Events*: Ms. Jenkins thanked participating SAG members for their support at the Youth Justice Action Month (YJAM) events. Members inquired about an additional event planned for Prince George's County. It was reported that the EL subcommittee agreed to postpone that event and focus on recruitment for the committee. This will allow a full and robust community event to occur with additional topics and support from new members.

b) *EL Recruitment Package*:* Office staff shared a draft proposal to recruit and retain Emerging Leaders. The proposal included providing Emerging Leaders with laptops, binders, mentorship, and materials to support them in their role. SAG members asked questions regarding ownership of the laptops, and discussed the logistics of payment to the ELs for their time and expertise. Concerns about the timing of payments, the delay that often occurs in receiving stipends, and potential garnishment for fines or other obligations were raised by members. The group talked about potential solutions to these issues and will continue the discussion as the logistics of the new proposal take shape. Office staff will connect with DJS representatives who are currently experiencing the same barriers in issuing stipends to share ideas. Staff clarified that the SAG was being asked to approve the general overall budget of $10,500 to use for the new recruitment and retention strategies. This will allow staff to move ahead with seeking approval from OJJDP for the expenditures. The logistics of the plan and how it is implemented will be an ongoing discussion and will start with the EL subcommittee that is meeting on November 12, 2024.

   Ms. Noone-Sherrod made a motion to approve the $10,500 overall budget for EL recruitment and retention with the logistics to be determined as additional information is received. Mr. Chavis seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion passed.

2. Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED)

   The Co-Chair of the subcommittee, Ms. McFadden shared that she spoke with Chris Miele from DJS yesterday, and the subcommittee will be planning a screening and collaboration event. A smaller meeting to discuss the specifics of that event was reported to be scheduled later in the week, but no dates or details for the event have been determined. Next, Ms. Omolola shared her experience at the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's R/ED Conference in Seattle, Washington and her important takeaways.

3. Grant Monitoring

Mr. Chavis referenced an email that he sent out earlier to SAG about the subcommittee. He encouraged interested SAG members to join their upcoming SAG meeting where they will discuss designing the new Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The subcommittee hopes to schedule its first meeting in early December to discuss potential changes to the NOFA and visit current subgrantees on-site to really look at the programs being implemented with this funding.

## VI. Roundtable

Disaggregated data on LGBTQIA+ system-involved youth and human trafficking victims in Maryland was requested as well as information on youth charges as adults in Maryland. Staff will attempt to locate sources for the LGBTQIA+ and human trafficking data. Members were provided with the Juveniles Charged as Adults dashboard link. Members suggested that this link and information be shared on the SAG's specific webpage which office staff agreed to do. It was also reported that GOCPP hopes to be receiving data on youth charged as adults from the courts which may provide additional context and specifics that can be added to the current dashboard.

Office staff reported that all team members will be attending the OJJDP Conference in Washington D.C. the week of November 18, 2024. Several other members also indicated their participation in the event. Everyone was encouraged to connect with each other and attend sessions that are meaningful to the SAG, but also meaningful to the work they do outside of this group.

Lastly, staff indicated that the next SAG meeting in January will be in-person with more details to follow.

## VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on January 6, 2025 **at 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**