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Executive Director

STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING
September 4, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Held Via Videoconference

MINUTES

Participating Members:
Beyer Bullard
Mayor Lajan Crohad
Tiana Davis
Derrell Frazier
Kya Hector
Miya Horsey
Lori James
Rachel Johnson
Shannon McFadden
Jessica Port
Amanda Rodriguez
Delegate Kym Taylor
Chris Thompson

Staff:
Mary Abraham
Aubrey Gerhardt
Sydni Jenkins
Jennifer Krabill
Layomi Omolola
Yvette Williams

Guests:
Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett
Wanda Frink
Mike Moore

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ms. Krabill called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone present. A quorum was present as additional members joined the meeting during the initial conversation.

II. Approval of the Minutes*

Ms. Krabill noted that minutes from the July 7, 2025 meeting were sent to members prior to today's meeting for review. Delegate Kym Taylor moved to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Frazier seconded. No objections were made and the July 7, 2025 minutes were approved.

III. Recruitment and Appointments

A. New Member Introductions

Ms. Krabill provided updates for membership including the focus on adding people to comply with federal requirements and make sure all stakeholder voices are represented. Two new pending members introduced themselves to the group.

B. Attendance and Subcommittee Requirements

Ms. Krabill reiterated the current meeting schedules for the SAG as a whole, and subcommittees. Participation in the bi-monthly SAG meetings and at least one subcommittee is mandatory for membership. If none of the subcommittees are of interest, members were encouraged to reach out to office staff for further guidance.

The Governor's Office of Appointments is being more critical with attendance. Members should let staff know of any attendance issues so they can be worked through.

IV. MACo Panel Participation*

Ms. Gerhardt presented at the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Conference last month on youth charged as adults being held in adult facilities with a panel of other state officials. The audience was directed to GOCPP's website to learn more about the JJDPA in Maryland and GOCPP's Youth Charged as Adults dashboard. Ms. Gerhardt also explained the state being out of compliance and the steps being taken to return to compliance.

V. Subcommittee Reports

A. Emerging Leaders

Ms. Jenkins shared that the ELC has been focused on connecting with state colleges and high schools to recruit more youth members.

The meeting scheduled for the ELC will change from monthly to bimonthly.

B. R/ED

Ms. McFadden is continuing to review data related to the intersection of intellectual disabilities and juvenile offenses. She also plans to analyze risk factors contributing to R/ED in juvenile incarceration.

Ms. McFadden reminded the SAG of an upcoming screening event her organization is hosting on September 6, which will focus on the preschool-to-prison pipeline.

For the Eastern Shore Project, transportation barriers and community perceptions of those not living on the Eastern Shore were identified as key concerns. The region's racial history was noted as a necessary component to address. In response, Ms. Davis emphasized the importance of using historical context as an educational tool and a catalyst for change. She also expressed interest in partnering on the project, noting that her office leads a related initiative called "Roots to Rise."

The subcommittee continues to prioritize "boots on the ground" efforts and the development of community partnerships, with a growing focus on outreach to the Latinx community.

C. Grantee Engagement

Ms. Krabill reported that the Office has been providing substantial technical assistance to new grantees. Adding compliance with federal standards was presented as an additional project or topic that could be addressed through the grantee subcommittee. It should be noted that ongoing non-compliance issues are contributing to a projected reduction in funding over the next 2–3 years.

Various strategies to reduce violations are currently under consideration. Ms. Krabill will follow up with members who previously expressed interest in compliance-related efforts.

Additionally, a small workgroup has been recently established to gather information and work toward a multi-systemic solution to improve Maryland's compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA).

VI. Roundtable

Ms. James shared two upcoming events from the National Association of the Public Defender (NAPD); The NAPD Family Defender Conference and The Racial Justice Conference 2025. More information will be sent to members following the meeting.

Mayor Crohad shared a behavioral health summit she will be attending. More information will be passed to Ms. Krabill to disseminate to SAG.

Ms. Krabill reminded the SAG that members interested in serving as Chair or Vice Chair should contact her via email. Full-time government employees are not eligible for these positions but Ms. Krabill will follow up regarding the eligibility of contractual government employees.

Both leadership roles will be appointed by GOCPP Executive Director, Director Lennig, and will carry a two-year term.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on November 3, 2025 **at 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**