Commission Assignments and Tasks

Commission Officers

Chair: Judge Andre Davis

Vice Chair: Dr. Liz Park

Secretary: Eric Ford

Workgroup 1: Fatality Review

Objective: Review and offer recommendations to prevent fatalities involving children under DJS supervision.

Judge Lara Weathersbee	Carlotta Woodward
Sherriff Donald L. Baker	Del. N. Scott Phillips, Esq.
Denise Henderson	Sen. Nick Charles
Superintendent	Sec. Vincent Schiraldi or designee

1. Examine and review fatalities involving children under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services to provide recommendations on policies and programs to prevent fatalities, including:
    a. A death caused by a child under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services, if the child is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for the death; and
    b. The death of a child under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services

Workgroup 2: Prevention

Objective: Review and offer recommendations to improve services to youth before involvement in the justice system.

Aubrey Edwards-Luce	Dr. Donna Christy
Reuben Alvarez	Arntice Crowder-Nickerson
Eric Ford	Sec. Lopez or designee
Chief Russell Hamill	Rhondalyne Reed
Del. J. Sandy Bartlett, Esq.	Sen. Nick Charles
Principal	Sec. Vincent Schiraldi or designee

1. Research culturally competent, evidence-based, research-based, and promising programs and practices relating to juveniles not involved in the juvenile justice system, including
    a. child welfare;
    b. mental health services for children; and
    c. prevention services for juveniles.
2. Recommend policies and programs to improve juvenile services in the state;
3. Evaluate the cost-effectiveness of existing and promising programs and practices researched by the Commission;
4. Identify means of evaluating the effectiveness of programs and practices researched by the Commission; and
5. Giving special attention to organizations located in or serving historically underserved communities, identify strategies to enable community–based organizations that provide services for juveniles to evaluate and validate services and programming provided by those organizations.

Workgroup 3: Juvenile Justice Processes and System Coordination

Objective: Review and offer recommendations to improve the processes by which juveniles move throughout the juvenile justice system and facilitate inter-agency coordination.

Alycia Capozello	Susan Leviton
Denise Henderson	Del. N. Scott Philips, Esq.
Lacey Davis	Dr. Liz Park
Nate Balis	Sheriff Donald L. Baker
Reuben Alvarez	Sen. Will Smith
Sec. Rafael Lopez or designee	Sec. Vincent Schiraldi or designee
Superintendent	

1. Report and Review on
    a. All Juvenile Services, Facilities, and Programs in the State
    b. The Educational Programs and Services of the Department of Juvenile Services
    c. The use of Child in Need of Supervision Petitions; and
    d. The number of Children in Need of Supervision Petitions authorized or denied by jurisdiction; and
    e. The wait times for placement of children in facilities
2. Review data relating to arrests, completion of programming, and recidivism from the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center;
3. Identify for greater coordination between the Department of Juvenile Services, the Office of Juvenile Services, the Office of the State's Attorney, Law Enforcement, and Local Organizations that provide services to juveniles;
4. Participate in planning the development and use of available resources to meet the needs of juveniles.

5. Examine and review annual and semiannual reports from the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit.

Workgroup 4: Youth Rehabilitation Services

Objective: Review and offer recommendations to improve rehabilitative treatment and re-entry services for youth in the juvenile justice system.

Dr. Aaron Betsinger	Tanya Schwartz
Carlotta Woodward	Terry Diggs
Dr. Liz Park	Del. J. Sandy Bartlett
Arntice Crowder-Nickerson	Sec. Vincent Schiraldi or designee
Chief Russell Hamill	Sec. Rafael Lopez or designee
Sen. Will Smith	

1. Report and Review on
    a. All Juvenile Services, Facilities, and Programs in the State
    b. The Educational Programs and Services of the Department of Juvenile Services
    c. Programs designed to divert children from the juvenile justice system
    d. The treatment and programming needs of females and LGBTQIA+ youth in the juvenile justice system
    e. The wait times for placement of children in facilities
2. Research culturally competent, evidence-based, research-based, and promising programs and practices relating to services for juveniles in the juvenile justice system, including intervention services for juveniles.
3. Evaluate the cost-effectiveness of existing and promising programs and practices researched by the Commission.
4. Identify means of evaluating the effectiveness of programs and practices researched by the Commission.
5. Giving special attention to organizations located in or serving historically underserved communities, identify strategies to enable community–based organizations that provide services for juveniles to evaluate and validate services and programming provided by those organizations.
6. Review data relating to arrests, completion of programming, and recidivism from the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center.
7. Coordinate with the Maryland Department of Labor to identify potential job and apprenticeship opportunities for Juveniles under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services.

8. Examine and review treatment plan certifications provided by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Workgroup 5: Public Education and Narrative Change

Objective: Educate the public about the challenges and the promise of Maryland's children and explain the relevant data in an informative and accessible way to inform policymaking.

Nate Balis	Eric Ford
Aubrey Edwards-Luce	Sec. Vincent Schiraldi or designee
Rhondalyne Reed	Alycia Capozello
Lacey Davis	Terry Diggs
Susan Leviton	Dr. Aaron Betsinger
Principal	

1. Participate in interpreting for the public the objectives of the juvenile services in the state.
2. Identify and review data relevant to all workgroups.