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Board Attendees

- St. Mary's, Warden Mary Ann Thompson, Chair
- ~~Allegany, Captain Daniel Lasher~~
- Anne Arundel, Administrator John Kelson
- ~~Baltimore City, Stefanie Mavronis~~
- Baltimore, Director Walt Pesterfield
- Calvert, Captain Timothy Fridman
- ~~Caroline, Warden Charles Scott~~
- ~~Carroll, Major Dennis Harmon~~
- Cecil, Lieutenant William Jolly
- ~~Charles, Director Ryan Ross~~
- ~~Dorchester, Don Satterfield, Interim Director~~
- Frederick, Assistant Director Randy Martin
- ~~Garrett, State's Attorney Christian Mash, Esq.~~
- ~~Harford, Captain Wayne Rumsey~~
- Howard, Dr. Alaina Elam (sitting in for Director Margaret Chippendale)
- ~~Kent, Warden Herbert Dennis~~
- ~~Montgomery, Director Ben Stevenson~~
- ~~Prince George's, VACANT~~
- Queen Anne's, Warden LaMonte Cooke
- ~~Somerset, Captain Billy Bradford~~
- Talbot, Deputy Director Joseph Hughes
- Washington, Maylon Campher
- ~~Wicomico, Director Timothy R. Bozman~~
- ~~Worcester, State's Attorney Kris Heiser, Esq.~~

Minutes

- **Welcome and Opening Remarks - Warden Mary Ann Thompson, Chair, Local Government Commission**

- **Roll Call - Lindsey McCullough, Justice Reinvestment Coordinator, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP)**

- **GOCPP Updates - Lindsey McCullough**
    - *See slides for more information.*
    - The Justice Reinvestment Monthly Newsletter works to increase information sharing across the state, and members of the Commission are encouraged to submit events happening in their communities.
    - GOCPP is finalizing the Oversight Board report, will start drafting FY26 PIGF NOFA to be ready by February, and recently completed Q1 grant tracking.
    - Counties are slightly below the 25% spending goal in Q1, likely due to awards coming out a bit late. They are expected to catch up in Q2.
    - **FY26 PIGF Priorities Survey Results on Board's Priority Populations for Increased or Expanded Programming**
        - The survey had 15 total responses.
        - The Commission overwhelmingly selected (1) *justice-involved individuals in need of behavioral health programming* and (2) *corrections-based reentry programming* to be included on the priority list.
        - Most other priority areas had similar results to each other, and a few had substantially less interest.
        - Chair Thompson thinks this vote is indicative of the state as a whole, despite only around half of counties responding.
        - The survey further broke down selections by allowing respondents to rate the priority areas on a 7-point scale measuring importance.
            - Overall, the priorities had similar average importance scores, so this measure did not influence the priority list much.
        - Potential FY26 PIGF Priority List
            - Justice-involved individuals in need of behavioral health programming
            - Corrections-based reentry programming
            - Rural Communities
            - Incarcerated Women
            - Victim Services
            - Veterans
        - Assistant Director Brandi Cahn elaborates on some of the categories.
            - *Justice-involved individuals in need of behavioral health programming* will focus on MOUD in local detention centers.

            - *Corrections-based reentry programming* will focus on developing one-stop shop local reentry hubs: i.e., reentry programs providing housing, treatment referrals, workforce development, etc.
            - *Victim Services* will focus on restitution enhancements to see those numbers go up, since restitution has dramatically decreased since the enactment of JRA.
        - These priorities are for this Commission to decide on, so they do not need to be approved by any other board.
        - Thompson is impressed by the responses received. They appear indicative of how the local governments see it. She asks if a survey has been done in the past to determine PIGF priorities.
        - Cahn says it is the first time for the priorities list, and this is the first time the list has changed since the inception of the program. Surveys have been used in the past to determine performance measures.
        - Cahn adds that these results are very aligned with the current administration's priorities as well.
        - Thompson asks what the next steps are regarding the PIGF NOFA, emphasizing desire to have funds ready for counties July 1st.
        - Cahn says she is currently updating the NOFA to provide all of the information that we have. We will include new performance measures based on these priorities. The main focus/goals of the NOFA will not change because they are written in legislation. However, it will include new priorities to benefit the scoring for programs focusing on these areas.

- **JRA Local Government Commission Focuses - Chair Thompson**
    - **Calendar Year 2024 JRA Oversight Board Report – Accomplishments**
        - Information sharing
        - Refocusing to identify barriers to JRA implementation
            - i.e., Lack of community mental health resources
        - Promoting best practices by providing program recommendations
        - The Commission does not have any additional accomplishments to note.
        - Thompson recognizes Cahn for her leadership and efforts during McCullough's hiring process.
    - **Calendar Year 2025 JRA Local Government Commission – Goals**
        - Behavioral health services in the detention centers and community resources for warm hand-offs.
        - Increase state reimbursement to local jails to align with actual costs of housing the incarcerated.
        - Data analysis of Budgetary Requirements on Local Detention Centers comparing 2016 to present.

        - No amendments to goals are provided by Commission members.
        - Thompson thinks the slides are very reflective of what has been previously discussed and Warden LaMonte Cooke agrees.

- **Status of Development of JRA Surveys - Chair Thompson**
    - A survey will be utilized to compare data from 2016 (pre-JRA) to 2024 to see how it has impacted local detention centers.
    - Thompson calls on Cahn and McCullough for solid, realistic deadlines to meet goals for issuance, completion, and data analysis for the survey.
    - Cahn identifies Dean Atanasoff, JRA data analyst at GOCPP, and shares that he has been working alongside Jeff Zuback (MSAC) to determine points of focus for the data analysis.
    - Atanasoff says he has an upcoming meeting with Angelina Guarino (DPSCS) to discuss parole data and possibly add to analysis on post-reentry outcomes of those who are released especially if they are exposed to various programming. Much planning is still in place to decide focus areas. By the next meeting, he will get back to us with more solid ideas.
    - Thompson notes that local governments' priorities are very different from the State's. What was expected of the locals in 2016? What has worked since that time? What needs to be adjusted?
    - Atanasoff will work with Zuback to adapt questions to align with local goals and find what is working and not working currently. They will likely include some qualitative input where individuals can add things that may not be listed or not included in 2016 (e.g., impacts of pandemic).
    - The survey will be ready by March 1st and receive responses by April 1st. The data analysis completion goal is by July 1st.

- **Next Steps and Closing Remarks**
    - Meeting dates for 2025 are proposed, but Thursdays at 1:00 PM do not work for many members.
    - The Commission settles on Mondays at 11:00 AM, end of the month. McCullough will get a different set of dates out soon.
    - Performance measures for PIGF will not change, so there is nothing else needed from the Board.
    - Thompson requests the first meeting be well before the March 1st deadline so the Commission can provide input and revisions can be made if necessary.