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

MINUTES

Participating Members:
Georgia Noone-Sherrod, Acting Chair
Jeff Breslin
Fred Chavis
Janet Furman
Derek Getic
Miya Horsey
D'Montae Vilgrain
Laura Wilt

Staff:
Aubrey Gerhardt
Bill Harper
Jennifer Krabill
Oluwalayomi Omolola

Guests:
Janette Gonzalez
Jessica Port
Betty Tolentino

1) **Welcome and Acting Chair's Remarks**

Ms. Noone-Sherrod, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

2) **Approval of the Minutes***

The January meeting minutes were not approved because a quorum was not present.

3) **Compliance Updates***

Mr. Harper, Maryland's Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor, gave an overview of Maryland's compliance status, facilities that are monitored, violations, and addressed questions. State Advisory Group members are welcome to join Mr. Harper on any compliance site visit. He will be conducting compliance training that members are required to attend prior to joining the compliance monitor on a site visit. Details on the training will be shared with members following the meeting. A schedule of upcoming site

visits will be sent out with follow-up meeting materials. Slides will be distributed to the group after the meeting but should not be distributed externally because the data is not certified by the federal government yet.

Members discussed next steps and impacts of Maryland's laws regarding youths charged as adults. Specifically, the members expressed interest in convening a small group to potentially draft limited legislation to address the conflict in Maryland law without having to wait until next legislative session. Reaching out to legislators to assist in the process was also put forward as an action item.

4) Three-Year Plan Updates

Ms. Krabill gave a quick recap of the three-year planning meetings. The group reviewed and discussed the data supplied by the Office at each meeting including the five principles of SAG effectiveness and designating purpose areas to focus on in the three-year plan determined by members' survey results. Based on the group discussion, a draft is ready for preparation by the Office. That draft will be shared with members prior to submission for continued contribution and collaboration.

5) FY25 NOFA Timeline

The Notice of Funding Availability is posted and should be shared in members' circles. Ms. Krabill advised the group that the Technical Assistance Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th for those who are interested in applying for the grant.

Grant applications are due Friday, April 5. This Friday, March 8 is the last day for users to request a user ID to the Grant Monitoring System (GMS) to qualify to apply. The Office is anticipating around 1.2 million in funds for the JJAC/JSMR grant.

6) Subcommittee Updates and Membership*

i) *Racial and Ethnic Disparities Subcommittee* - The Racial and Ethnic Disparities Subcommittee, is planning an end-of-the-school-year event for youth in Baltimore City. The event is centered around the screening of "13th," the documentary detailing the impact of the 13th Amendment on people of color and mass incarceration in the United States. While committee members are connecting with organizations in Baltimore City to collaborate, the Office encouraged members to support the event where they are able; either in the planning process or by attending the event. Additional details will be shared with members as soon as they become available.

ii) *Emerging Leaders Subcommittee* - The Emerging Leader Committee is actively recruiting system-involved youth to join the State Advisory Group and-to increase capacity. Current methods consist of distributing flyers to college professors to share with their students, setting up information tables at local colleges, connecting with nonprofits that serve justice-involved youth, and posting on social media. Ms. Gerhardt and Mr. Vilgrain highlighted their experiences at the recruitment event at Howard Community College. Members asked the group to distribute the flyers in their circles and connect youth to this space. It was noted that recruiting and supporting Emerging Leaders is a group effort and should be prioritized by all

members. EL recruitment flyers will be shared with the group for distribution in their spaces.

iii) *Grantee Engagement Subcommittee* - Ms. Krabill spoke on the adaptation of the grantee engagement subcommittee, formerly known as the grant monitoring committee. Once the group gets through the grant review season and three-year planning, capacity will be open for members to attend site visits to the programs funded by this year's JJAC/JSMR funds. More information on the subcommittee will be shared with the group as it develops. Volunteers and those interested in engaging grass-roots organizations to participate in the grant funding process should contact the office to join.

7) Roundtable and Announcements

i) *Office Staff Structure* - The Office announced new staffing structures. Layomi Omolola was welcomed as the new Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator. Ms. Omolola will begin providing staff support to the SAG and several subcommittees. Ms. Krabill has also been designated as the state's Juvenile Justice Specialist for Title II as Mr. Miele will be moving with the new Governor's Office for Children. Ms. Gerhardt has accepted a new position within the Office but will be available to assist with the Emerging Leaders Committee for the near future. In response to member questions, the office gave a brief overview of how the executive agencies interact with other state agencies and how the recent changes might impact the SAG.

ii) *SAG Chair Appointments* - Members interested in taking on the role of the SAG Chair, or other subcommittee chairships should indicate their interest to Ms. Noone-Sherrod and Ms. Krabill for consideration.

iii) *CJJ's Conference Requests* - The Office is processing paperwork for those who expressed interest in attending the annual CJJ conference in Washington D.C. Members who were approved to attend the conference on behalf of the SAG received additional information as it became available.

8) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on **May 6, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Upcoming SAG Meetings and Other Events**:**

13th Documentary Screening Event: TBD
Emerging Leaders Subcommittee Meeting: March 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Compliance Training: April 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

***** Denotes items that have attachments provided to members