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STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING
January 6, 2025
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Held Via Videoconference

MINUTES

Participating Members:
Fred Chavis, Chair
Jeff Breslin
Derrell Frazier
Janet Furman
Derek Getic
Janette Graham
Kya Hector
Miya Horsey
Lori James-Townes
Shannon McFadden
Jessica Port
Amanda Rodriguez
Delegate Kym Taylor

Staff:
Aubrey Gerhardt
Sydni Jenkins
Jennifer Krabill
Layomi Omolola
Justice Schisler

Guests:
Cassy Blakely
Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. Chavis called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. 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 November 4, 2024 meeting 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 November minutes were approved.

III. Center for Youth Justice Transformation*

Ms. Blakely from the Center for Youth Justice Transformation (CYJT) provided an overview of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) of 1974, its core requirements, and how those requirements are maintained by the states. Responsibilities of the Designated State Agency (DSA) and State Advisory Group (SAG) were also discussed, focusing on JJDPA implementation, compliance monitoring, and strategy development to strengthen youth justice.

An in-person, full day event was announced for this February to conduct a more in-depth SAG orientation, review of Maryland's Title II priorities and FY 2026 NOFA preparation. A specific date and time will be sent to members shortly after the meeting. Office staff will send the presentation slides to members following the meeting.

IV. SAG Mission and Vision*

Mr. Chavis moved discussing the two mission and vision options to the February, in-person meeting so new members can give their input.

V. Compliance Training and Updates*

Ms. Gerhardt, Maryland's Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor, gave an overview of the JJDPA Act, Maryland's compliance status, facilities that are monitored, FFY23 reported violations, and addressed questions. A more in-depth conversation regarding the core protections and how they apply in Maryland's facilities will occur at the upcoming meeting in February.

The presentation will be distributed to the group after the meeting, but should not be distributed externally due to the sensitive nature of the data.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. R/ED

Ms. Omolola informed SAG about the Stamped Screening Event on January 25, 2025 at the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center from 12 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. DJS is coordinating with regional directors to ensure the attendance of youth from DJS. The flyer for the event will be sent to members for assistance in marketing the event.

Ms. Omolola also shared that the next R/ED subcommittee meeting will be January 31, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

B. Grantee Engagement

Mr. Chavis noted that the in-person meeting in February will consist of significant time to build out the NOFA for this upcoming year and the grant review process to ensure SAG priorities are being met and the process is transparent and equitable.

VII. Roundtable

Staff will provide additional information about the in-person SAG meeting in February.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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