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Justice Reinvestment Local Government Commission Minutes
Monday, February 24, 2025 · 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: https://meet.google.com/czg-iarw-cxx

Board Attendees

- ~~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 County, Captain Joe Wise
- ~~Harford, Captain Wayne Rumsey~~
- Howard, Director Margaret Chippendale
- ~~Kent, Warden Herbert Dennis~~
- Montgomery, Director Ben Stevenson
- Prince George's, Director Terence K. Clark
- Queen Anne's, Warden LaMonte Cooke
- Somerset, Sheriff Ronnie Howard
- St. Mary's, Warden Mary Ann Thompson, Chair
- ~~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**
    - **PIGF Quarter 2 Grant Tracking**
        - A chart is shown detailing the total PIGF amounts requested in each county by the end of Quarter 2 (January 31st, 2024).
        - The target percentage of requested funds would be 50% by the end of Q2. Most jurisdictions are either right around that point or quite underspent.
        - However, this is likely due to the PIGF awards going out later than anticipated this fiscal year. Ideally, next quarter will provide a better understanding of how subrecipients are spending their grant funds.
        - This year, GOCPP released the PIGF/PJRA NOFA much earlier so applications can get submitted and reviewed earlier, in turn, ensuring awards can be sent out prior to the start of FY26 (July 1st, 2025).
    - **FY26 NOFA Releases**
        - The PIGF NOFA was released on Friday (February 21st), so applications are now open on GMS. Applications are due by April 11th, 2025.
            - The NOFA looks slightly different this year, as it was adjusted to better align with the legislation. These adjustments especially provide clarity on how the funding categories are delineated.
            - A mass email will be sent out with more information.
        - The Adult Day Reporting Center Grant Program (DRCE) will be released within the coming days, as it just has to go through some approval stages.
            - Chair Thompson asks if DRCE can be used to support existing programs, or only the implementation of new programs.
            - McCullough clarifies it can be used for both existing and new.
            - Assistant Director Brandi Cahn (GOCPP) adds that it is a small amount of $270,000, but GOCPP is looking to diversify its grantees and make up to three awards this year.
        - RSAT runs on the federal fiscal year so that will not be released until summertime, probably June or July.
    - **2024 Report of the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board**
        - Part of this report establishes the Local Government Commission's goals for 2025. The following list of LGC efforts synthesizes information from this report, the PIGF NOFA, and previous Commission conversations:
            - Expanding access to behavioral health programming in local detention centers
                - Corrections-based MOUD programming, substance use treatment, and mental health programming, etc.
                - Increase opportunities for warm hand-offs
            - Establishing reentry hubs that provide wraparound services to individuals returning home from incarceration

        - Continuing to assess gaps and analyze local best practices to identify future PIGF funding priority areas
            - Using performance measures
        - Conducting a series of JRA-related surveys to gather and analyze local detention data to target reinvestment funding
- **JRA Budgetary Requirements on Local Detention Centers Qualtrics Survey**
    - A PDF version of the survey was emailed with the meeting materials, so members could review it in advance.
    - The survey largely reflects the original survey from the *Budgetary Requirements on Location Detention Centers Report*, published in 2016 before the implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Act.
    - The goal of this new survey is to compare the data from 2016 to current data to see how the Act has impacted local detention centers.
    - The survey collects data on population counts and average lengths of stay for various offenses, parole/probation violations, restitution, pre-release services, and more.
    - The survey will be submitted through Qualtrics, a data collection and analysis software. A link will be sent out in the coming days.
    - McCullough and JRA data analyst, Dean Atanasoff, field questions and request feedback from the group.
        - Thompson asks which date should be used for data collection.
        - Atanasoff notes that there are a few timelines indicated in the survey, but data points should generally reflect the average for the prior calendar year.
        - Thompson voices concerns about this methodology, as her jurisdiction's software does not allow her to retroactively view data from an entire year. Her software is only able to provide a snapshot of a specific day.
        - Warden Cooke and Captain Fridman have similar software limitations.
        - Director Stevenson says his software would probably be able to analyze data from an entire year.
        - Atanasoff suggests adjusting the survey to utilize January 1st, 2025 as the date to collect data.
        - Thompson also wanted the survey to provide respondents with an opportunity to clarify how restitution is being collected in their jurisdiction, if not from work release programs. St. Mary's County no longer offers that type of program, so they collect restitution through other means.

- **Emerging Adults Program Presentation - Principal Deputy State's Attorney Jason Abbott**
    - *See slide deck for more details.*
    - The Emerging Adults Program (EAP) was initiated by State's Attorney Braveboy. Her focus is on opportunities for restorative justice and improving the justice system in her county.
        - She recognized that the juvenile justice system has programs and services geared toward reducing recidivism, and she wanted to provide services targeted toward a group only slightly older but no longer juveniles.
            - These individuals are still very young and impulsive, still committing the same crimes they did as juveniles.
            - The goal is to reduce their likelihood of reoffending, providing for a long-term successful reentry.
    - The EAP focuses on men aged 18 to 26, and women ages 18 and up pre-release.
    - The EAP offers post-release accountability coaching and entrepreneurial services.
    - The first male cohort started in 2021, and the first female cohort started in 2024.
    - There are specific cohort dynamics and eligibility requirements based on age, area to be released, type of offense, and unique needs and challenges.
    - Key components of the EAP include life-skills training, employment readiness, educational and vocational training, mentorship and support services.
    - A wide variety of guest speakers come to talk about potential employment opportunities and expand participant understanding of what is available to them.
    - EAP contains programs facilitated through partnerships with three organizations:
        - Listening is Key: includes coping, life skills, professional development, life transitions
        - EverFourward: comprehensively addresses business development through entrepreneurship
        - National No Entry Network: tailored to empower women, provide vital life skills and alternatives to criminal justice system involvement, and foster opportunities for meaningful employment and personal growth
    - Right now, 56 individuals are engaged with the EAP.
    - Participants report gaining confidence in their ability to reenter society and the workforce. Over time, they feel comfortable sharing their feelings and experiences with the facilitators. Female participants report their program providing a "safe space" to share challenges and build support systems.
    - In the future, Prince George's County is looking to expand and improve the services they provide and to strengthen local community partnerships.
    - Chair Thompson asks if there was any consideration for individuals coming back from DPSCS to be put on home detention programming or something similar before fully releasing them.

        - Prince George's has had these conversations with their local detention center, as the pre-release center is now open again.
        - Director Clark confirms that both the community release center and home detention are available options in these instances.

- **Local Detention Center Updates - Chair Thompson**
    - **Discuss the impact of various policy decisions on local detention centers and specific populations within them**
        - The local detention centers recently found out that Medicaid was changing through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, where Medicaid will be available to certain incarcerated individuals.
            - Individuals that were in foster care and are now 22 to 26 years of age may be eligible for Medicaid. This will impact the local detention centers and the programming they can provide, making it easier to prepare for reentry.
        - The FCC ruling for the telephone commissions will negatively impact the locals if it remains as is, because they use this revenue to fund programming.

- **Open Discussion**

- **Next Steps and Closing Remarks - Chair Thompson**
    - The next meeting will be on Monday, April 28th at 11:00 a.m.
    - The JRA survey will likely be sent out by next week.