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Justice Reinvestment Local Government Commission Agenda
Monday, April 28, 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, Acting Colonel David Stem (designee)
- Cecil, Lieutenant William Jolly
- Charles, Director Ryan Ross
- ~~Dorchester, Don Satterfield, Interim Director~~
- ~~Frederick, Assistant Director Randy Martin~~
- ~~Garrett County, Captain Joe Wise~~
- ~~Harford, VACANT~~
- Howard, Dr. Alaina Elam (designee)
- ~~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, Cindy Green (designee)
- Washington, Maylon Campher
- ~~Wicomico, Director Stephanie King~~
- 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**
    - **Justice Reinvestment Reentry Simulation Recap**
        - Last Monday, April 21st, GOCPP hosted a Reentry Simulation at the Judicial College of Maryland in Annapolis. In the simulation, participants navigate a complex reentry process to understand what kind of barriers returning citizens often face upon release.
        - The event was a success and fostered lively and thoughtful discussions.
        - Chief Judge John Morrissey presented opening remarks and GOCPP presented a proclamation from Governor Moore establishing April 2025 as Second Chance Month.
    - **FY25 PIGF Q3 Reminders**
        - GOCPP will be running the Quarter 3 Report after the April 30th deadline to submit has passed. Subrecipients should have requested about 75% of their award at this point.
        - Underspent PIGF/PJRA subrecipients should reach out to GOCPP as soon as possible to discuss deobligating funds or adjusting budgets.
            - The last day to submit a GAN is May 31st.
    - **Status of FY26 PIGF Applications**
        - GOCPP received 100 applications for FY26 PIGF. This is the most we have ever received for this grant.
        - These applications total almost $24 million dollars in requested funds, and we have just under $10 million in available grant funds to award.
        - Technical review was completed on April 24th, and peer reviews are due May 15th.
    - **JRA Budgetary Requirements on Local Detention Centers Qualtrics Survey**
        - As of Friday (4/25), 14 responses have been submitted.
        - The results will be presented at the next meeting (July 28th).
        - The survey will close completely and stop accepting responses around the end of May.

- **Rehabilitative Programming, The Real Public Safety - Dr. Alaina Elam, Work Release & Reentry Supervisor, Howard County Detention Center**
    - The goal of the presentation is to shed light on the fact that reentry professionals also contribute to reducing recidivism, keeping the public safe.
    - Shares mission and basic information for Howard County Detention Center.
        - Central booking is also located here.
        - Recently created a mental health housing unit.

- Client Statuses: pretrial, pretrial community supervision, sentenced, work release, home detention
- Pretrial Community Supervision
  - 1 full time case manager, 1 part-time case manager, and 1 supervisor
- Work Release
  - Individuals are able to pay off any restitution, fines, fees, child support, rent, etc.
- Home Detention
  - Have to have a verified home plan.
- The reentry department at HCDC has their own mission statement focused on providing vital services and support to returning citizens through key community collaborative partnerships.
- Reentry department is broken down by: work release, reentry, peers, programs, Guilford House
  - Reentry staff structure includes 2 work release counselors, 2 reentry case managers, 2 peers, 1 mental health case manager, and 1 transition house manager.
- Paytel Tablet Programs
  - Engage in programs without having to speak to staff or go somewhere else
  - Take different/more classes and earn certifications
  - Risk/needs assessment taken at beginning recommends programs to individual based on responses
  - Program usage reports generated through system
  - Access to course catalog, course descriptions, and enrollment through tablet. Certificates provided upon completion of courses.
- Client success stories are shared.
- TJC Model (Transition from Jail to Community) implemented in 2013
  - Model aims to improve public safety and reintegration outcomes
  - Assists in creating reentry plans
  - TJC is neither the sole responsibility of the jail system nor of the community → it is everyone's responsibility to make sure there is a system in place where people can be set up for success.
- Reentry Coordinating Council (RCC): A board of Howard County community organizations that all share reentry clients at some point. Works together to remove barriers for clients.
- Over time, HCDC has implemented numerous reentry initiatives such as registering people with workforce development, helping them access forms of identification, providing clothing backpacks with various necessities, opening a transition house, forming a reentry needs checklist, etc.
- Top needs of incarcerated individuals at HCDC

        - Substance use treatment is top need at 83% → referred to SUD program
        - Overall, goal is to address each type of need with a specific program
        - Needs of population stay mostly the same from year to year
    - HCDC tracks returning individuals by county
        - The majority return to Howard county, but a large portion also return to Baltimore City and County. This information highlights their need to work closely with organizations in those areas as well.
    - Continuum of Care Cycle: Booking → CMR/Reentry Plan → Program Completion → Community Referrals
        - Their information is retained to inform new plan if cycle is to be repeated
    - ACTS Assessment: identifies both recommended needs and perceived needs of the individual, fosters conversation with the reentry team.
    - Provides examples of reentry forms and class structure utilized by agency as well as community partnerships.
        - Overdose lists are shared by the health department (fatal & nonfatal), utilized to identify what happened and potential gaps
    - Reentry, Recovery & Rehabilitation: program at HCDC funded by PIGF
        - Recidivism rate for program was 3%
    - Discussed/showed pictures of programs including: family support group, creation of murals in facility, bee keeping program, knitting program, art program, dance therapy, reentry & recovery conference, domestic violence conference, women's health symposium, financial education, mental health unit painting, CDL graduation, landscaping program, graphic design graduation, laptop program, etc.

    - Chair Thompson asks about the Guilford house program and how it was established. Dr. Elam shares that the house manager started off working as a peer, and they partnered with a nonprofit to own/operate the house. Those in the house are often in the work release program. They are not charged rent, but the facility puts half the year's paycheck in a savings account for future planning.
    - Chair Thompson asks about recidivism rates for the house. Dr. Elam estimates that about 2 out of 28 have recidivated, but notes that they are not tracked after leaving the house.
    - Tatiana Reyes (GOCPP) asks about challenges faced in establishing the multi-service center and how they were overcome. Dr. Elam clarifies that HCDC did not establish the service center but is one of the agencies with an office there. She was not involved with the implementation, but to keep it running successfully, HCDC meets with the center every month to ensure there are no concerns. In the beginning, people were skeptical about formerly incarcerated individuals coming to the building, so educating people is a priority.

- **Local Detention Center Updates - Chair Thompson**
    - None.

- **Open Discussion**
    - None.

- **Next Steps and Closing Remarks - Chair Thompson**
    - The next LGC meeting will be Monday, July 28th, 2025 at 11:00 AM.
    - GOCPP will get a list of JRA survey respondents to Chair Thompson, so she can notify wardens.