Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2025
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Maryland
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY

Meeting Goals and Objectives

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Departmental Reports
- Pretrial Improvement Discussion
- Next Steps

Departmental Updates

Maryland Department of Health

For the period of July 2025 to September 2025

- # of 8-505 evaluations completed: 136
  - Cycle time for 8-505 is 10.2 days.
  - We are seeing higher numbers due evaluations in Prince George's County & Anne Arundel County are conducted in person. Challenges with scheduling and detention center in person processes impact the turnaround time.
- # of 8-507 defendants placed into treatment: 142
  - Cycle time for 8-507 placements: average = 16 days

Pretrial Improvements

Pretrial Improvement Workgroups

- Standardization of terms and levels of supervision
- Legislation and local rules
- Detainers and information sharing
- Private home detention and electronic monitoring
- Risk assessments and validation
- Data Collection and analysis

Goals and Objectives

Standardization of terms and levels of supervision

- Goal: Establish consistent terminology and standardized levels of supervision across Maryland's pretrial system to align with best practices
  - Define distinct levels of pretrial supervision.
  - Define violation criteria and responses.
    - Outline technical and non-technical violations and responses.

Goals and Objectives

Legislation and local rules

- Goal: To review and propose necessary legislative changes that allow amendments to local rules.
  - Analyze existing Maryland pretrial legislation and local rules.
  - Propose amendments to state laws and local rules.
  - Engaged with stakeholders and policymakers.

Goals and Objectives

Detainers and information sharing

- Goal: To improve the process for handling detainers and enhance the efficient and secure sharing of information between Maryland's jurisdictions.
  - Reduce unnecessary delays in release decisions.
  - Establish secure and efficient information-sharing mechanisms.
  - Standardize process to authorize remote reviews of certain detainers.
  - Establish transportation responsibilities and timeline if remote processing of detainers is not authorized.

Goals and Objectives

Private home detention and electronic monitoring

- Goal: To evaluate and optimize the use of private home detention and electronic monitoring as alternatives to incarceration, ensuring public safety and offender accountability.
    - Develop a best practice analysis for the use of private home detention vendors.
    - Establish oversight mechanisms for private providers.
    - Evaluate and standardize levels of supervision across the State.
    - Establish matrix for response to technical and non-technical violations.
    - Develop requirements for mandatory notice/revocation of release with immediate pick-up order for violations impacting public safety.

Goals and Objectives

Risk assessments and validation

- Goal: Ensure the validity and equitability of risk assessment tools used in Maryland's pretrial system and to mandate ongoing validation processes that align with best practices.
    - Conduct a comprehensive review of current risk assessment instruments.
    - Review best practices and consult subject-matter experts.
    - Explore mechanism to aid local jurisdictions to validate any existing risk assessment instrument and standardize risk assessment instruments to ensure corresponding levels of supervision are consistent.
    - Provide training for practitioners on the ethical and effective use of risk assessments.

Goals and Objectives

Data Collection and analysis

- Goal: Establish a robust system for collecting, analyzing, and reporting pretrial data to inform decision-making and identify areas for improvement.
    - Develop standardized data collection protocols with relevant pretrial stakeholders.
    - Work with other workgroups to generate regular reports on pretrial performance metrics.

Next Steps

- Next Meeting: January 2026
  - In person vs. virtual

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