

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council



Meeting Minutes December 12, 2023

Opening:

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council was called to order at 8:06 a.m. on December 12, 2023 by Lauren Phillips.

Voting CJCC Members Present:

Chief Robert McCullough, Honorable Dorothy Wilson, Scott Shellenberger, Maria Fields, and James Dills.

Attendees:

Rebecca Young, Lauren Phillips, Honorable Kimberly Davis, Aimee Bollinger-Smith, Brittany Jackson, Amy Park, Elise Andrews, Mark Millspaugh, Meg Ferguson, Captain Charles Stahm, Delmonica Hawkins, Hilary Siakor-Sirleaf, Candace Johnson, Lisa Morris, Jennifer Magin, Lisa Morris and Kelly La Valley.

Welcome Remarks:

Lauren Phillips, Assistant Deputy Administrative Officer for Public Safety, welcomed and thanked the members for attending.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for October 10th, 2023 meeting were presented. Motions were made, seconded and carried to adopt the minutes for both meetings.

Committee Reports:

- **Domestic Violence Coordinating Council – Aimee Bollinger-Smith:**
 - The next DVCC meeting is in February, 2023. There is an upcoming DVCC conference.

- **Forensic Mental Health Workgroup – Candance Johnson:**
 - Had presentation by All Over Health Care.
 - Keona Harris, Re-entry Coordinator, coordinated a resource fair at the Baltimore County Detention Center on November 2, 2023. There will be a giveaway of 25 chrome books that have been donated.

- James Dills asked how many people on mental health holds are waiting to go to the Department of Health? Ms. Johnson answered that she does not have the number available at this time, but will find out.

Presentations:

- **Mental Health Presentation - Corrections presented by Candance Johnson:**
 - October 2023, Tanya Smith and Candance Johnson attended the AJA Summit for jail professionals.
 - Candace Johnson presented on a Summary of the Mental Health Summit for jail professionals, which focused on how correctional employees endure a significant amount of stress due to feeling undervalued and the importance of building a safety net for staff wellness by establishing a full-time wellness and retention coordinator.
- **Mental Health Presentation – Mental Health Court presented by Judge Kimberly Davis:**
 - A presentation was made on the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore County Competency Docket and Mental Health court Programming by Judge Kimberly Davis.
 - Delmonica Hawkins from Juvenile Services asked if the ten-day statute to be transported to a hospital after being found incompetent and dangerous, is similar to the juvenile process? Judge Wilson answered that Juveniles are different and that it would be best to pose that question to the Juvenile Court.
 - Hilary Siakor-Sirleaf asked, what happens to immigrants, who come before the Court and have refused to cooperate and are deemed incompetent, after the 10 days, when deemed competent and released, where would they then go? Judge Wilson answered that if there is a language barrier an interpreter will be provided. If the individual has ties to the community, once they are found to be competent and restored, they will be then released into the community. If the individual cannot be restored and has no ties to the community or may be dangerous, it is treated like any other bail review.
 - James Dills asked if the Secretary of Health gave a time line as to when the aforementioned issues will be resolved? Judge Wilson answered there have been no timelines established as of this date, but action is being currently taken to resolve this issue.
 - Ms. Hawkins stated that there is a desperate need for beds for juveniles.
 - Judge Davis stated that she is on the Administrative Judge’s Committee for District Court and that at the December 8, 2023 meeting, mental health was discussed at length. The judiciary in collaboration with the Department of Health is addressing this issue.

Roundtable Updates:

- Delmonica Hawkins, Regional Director for the Department of Juvenile Services Central Region introduced herself.

Next Steps:

- The next CJCC meeting will be held on February 13th, 2023, in Room 118 of the Historic Courthouse, at 8:00 a.m. The Mental Health topic for the February meeting will continue with Corrections, with a

presentation focused on inmates. Also, presenting will be the State Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office, which may be extended to the April 2024 meeting if necessary.

Adjournment:

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. by Lauren Phillips. Motions were made, seconded and carried for adjournment. The next general meeting will be on February 13, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., Room #118, Historic Courthouse in Towson, Maryland.

Minutes submitted by: Kelly La Valley

Approved by: Name