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# **Summary Minutes Juvenile Justice Advisory Group** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:00AM -12:00 PM

# **University of Delaware Good Stay Center** 2600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, DE

Committee Members: Michael Arrington (Chair), Hon. Michael Newell (Family Court), Abigail Layton (Attorney General), Lisa Minutola (Chief Defender), Brian Moore (Dept. of Education), Renee Ciconte (for Secretary of DSCYF), John Stevenson (DSCYF-DYRS), Chief Robert Tracy (Wilmington PD), Chief. Marvin Mailey (DPD), Chief. R.L Hughes (GPD), James Kane (Public Member), and Angelis Olivo (Public Member Youth)

**CJC and SAC Staff:** Cliffvon Howell (CJC)

**Public Attendees:** None

The agenda items were discussed in the following order:

### I. **Approval of Minutes from previous JJAG Meeting**

The meeting was called to order with the unanimous approval of the September 17, 2018 meeting minutes.

#### II. **Federal Issues**

Mr. Howell informed the committee that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) was reauthorized by Congress on December 13, 2018. Mr. Howell doesn't anticipate the Delaware juvenile justice system and the way local agencies process juveniles to be greatly impacted, but admits there is still much to learn about subtle nuances related to the classification of facilities under the new act.

### III. **JJAG Administrative Matters**

Mr. Arrington informed the committee that the JJAG Annual Report is due to the Governor by March 31, 2019, and that he's asked staff to begin preparing the report with input from any committee members interested in helping to draft the report. Mr. Arrington asked for a members to volunteer for the report drafting committee. Chief Judge Newell, Sec. Manning, Mrs. Minutola, and Mr. Kane volunteered.

Mr. Arrington explained the first report to the Governor reflects where we are currently with our juvenile justice system, and that he envisions future reports to demonstrate where we hope go with our juvenile justice system.

Mr. Arrington discussed the difficulty finalizing the JJAG 2019 calendar due to conflicts with the standing meeting day and time (Tuesdays) utilized during the 2018 calendar. Tuesdays conflict with the PFA Calendar for Commissioner Jones and Melissa Dill.

Mr. Howell Indicated that the electronic poll for meeting dates and time continues to yield Tuesdays at 10am as the time most agreeable to the majority of committee members.

Mr. Arrington requested an additional poll of committee members be circulated with additional times, including times nearing the end of the business day.

Mr. Arrington discussed efforts currently underway to engage the youth at-large members of the committee. The efforts include holding a youth-member planning day to facilitate greater buy-in.

### IV. Functional Areas Presentation

The Statewide Planning Grant Co-Charis Com. Sedivec and Renee Ciconte provided an update on grant activities and progress.

## V. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted, Cliffvon Howell Juvenile Justice Specialist