

# THE BALTIMORE CITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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## MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 MEETING

**Council Members In Attendance\*:** Chair Judge Barry Williams; Secretary Sam Abed, Department of Juvenile Services; Warren Alperstein, Bar Association of Baltimore City; Kimberly Barranco, CJCC Executive Director; Commissioner Anthony Batts, Baltimore Police Department; Gregg Bernstein, State's Attorney; Joe Clocker, Director, Community Supervision, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Major Sam Cogen for Sheriff John Anderson, Baltimore Sheriff's Office; Frank Conaway, Circuit Court Clerk; Lonnie Ferguson, District Court Administrative Clerk; Wendell M. France, Director, Central Region, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Judge John R. Hargrove, Jr., District Court Administrative Judge; Judge Marcella Holland, Circuit Court Administrative Judge; Angela Johnese for Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake; Elizabeth Julian, District Public Defender for Baltimore City; Brian Kleinbord for Attorney General Doug Gansler; Secretary Gary W. Maynard, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Bernard McBride, President, BSAS; Governor Martin O'Malley; Rod Rosenstein, U.S. Attorney; Bernard C. "Jack" Young, President, Baltimore City Council.

**Others in Attendance\*:** Judge Emanuel Brown, Circuit Court; Tammy Brown, Executive Director, GOCCP; Jay Cleary, DJS; Kieran Dowdy, DPSCS; Elizabeth Embry, State's Attorney's Office; Ed Ericson, *City Paper*; Natalie Finegar, OPD; Deirdre R. Gardner, MCVRC; Justin George, *The Baltimore Sun*; Jim Green, BPD; Michael Hanlon, USAO; Kimberly Haven, MSP; Sarah L. Hyre, CJCC; Charles Innes; Annette R. March-Grier, Roberta's House; Cassie Motz, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office; Judy Pal, BPD; Deputy Commissioner Dean Palmere, BPD; Claire Rossmark, Department of Legislative Services; Deputy Commissioner John Skinner, BPD; Monica R. Smith, Baltimore City Sheriff's Office; Crista Taylor, BMHS; Dr. Daniel Webster, Johns Hopkins center for Gun Policy and Research; Bob Weisengoff, DPSCS; Stephanie Young-Medina, Circuit Court.

**\*We request that all in attendance sign the attendance sheet which is available at each meeting.**

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## MEETING DIALOGUE

The Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. and Judge Barry Williams greeted the Council. He welcomed Bernard McBride to the Council as the new President and CEO of BSAS.

### **I. CHAIR'S REPORT – JUDGE BARRY WILLIAMS**

Judge Williams requested a motion to approve the July 10, 2013 meeting minutes and they were adopted unanimously. He announced the next meetings will be on October 9, November 13 and December 11, 2013. Judge Williams advised that at the October 9, 2013 meeting there will be a presentation from the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team regarding their 2013 recommendations. Judge Williams stated that today marks the twelve year anniversary of 9/11 and that it is a day that changed us as a nation. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of those who died that day.

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## **II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – KIMBERLY SMALKIN BARRANCO**

Kimberly Barranco advised the Council that an updated contact list was provided in each Council member's packet and stated that an electronic version would be sent to each Council member.

Ms. Barranco highlighted a Warrant Committee accomplishment in which a warrant protocol was recently improved. She stated that with the assistance of Jim Green and Captain Justin Reynolds from the Baltimore Police Department, a new warrant pick-up protocol has been implemented to pick up warrants from the Borgerding and Hargrove District Court buildings at the end of the day, rather than in the morning as was the previous practice. Ms. Barranco advised that the new protocol will allow for all bench warrants issued by the court to be handled expeditiously. She thanked Administrative Judge John Hargrove, District Court Clerk Lonnie Ferguson, and Major Margaret Barillaro, Captain Justin Reynolds, and Jim Green from BPD for their assistance in working out the details. She stated that the improvement of this protocol is a concrete example of the ability of the CJCC to effectively address criminal justice issues in a collaborative fashion.

Ms. Barranco reported that DPSCS Central Region Director Pete France requested that a workgroup be formed to review pretrial detention of a year or longer and to make recommendations on this issue. She advised that a list of detainees is being evaluated by the Analyst for the Criminal Court and it will be discussed at a meeting scheduled for September 26, 2013.

Ms. Barranco thanked the Council for their support and stated that she is looking forward to sharing future Committee accomplishments at upcoming meetings.

Judge Williams introduced Dr. Daniel Webster who is the Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research to give a presentation to the Council.

## **III. PRESENTATION ON EVIDENCE BASED STRATEGIES TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE –DR. DANIEL WEBSTER, DIRECTOR, THE JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR GUN POLICY AND RESEARCH**

Dr. Daniel Webster thanked the Council for the invitation to speak on his research of evidence based strategies to reduce gun violence.

Dr. Webster explained that the definition of the problem is shifting and noted upticks in violence due to drug sellers, gangs, "bad guys with guns", social norms calling for violence in response to conflict or provocation, and efforts hampered by a lack of in-depth, objective data collection and analysis. Dr. Webster summarized that possible solutions and strategies to counteract and redefine the problem include narcotic and gang police units, arrests for illegal drug possession and sales, building cases against drug selling gangs, focusing on cases to get long sentences, special units to focus on illegal gun possession, and utilizing the Gun Trace Task Force, the Gun Offender Registry, and Safe Streets.

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Dr. Webster reported that a systematic review of drug law enforcement and its effects on violence revealed that ten of eleven longitudinal analyses examining the effects of changes in drug arrests and seizures found harmful effects on drug market violence. He further reported that two qualitative studies of drug market actors identified several ways in which traditional drug law enforcement disrupted drug markets and as a result increased violence. Dr. Webster advised that the long term effects of the war on drugs include exploding criminal justice and correctional systems requiring less time and resources dedicated for violent crime, and that convictions of young offenders and their exposure to the justice system greatly reduces their employability making it difficult for them to become productive adults. He also noted that it harmed the relationship between the police and the community, especially with youth.

Dr. Webster explained that there is diversity in approaches and varying focuses for policing strategies. He reported that research shows that community-wide and problem-oriented policing reduced arrests for drugs while hot spots policing increased drug arrests. He reported further that neither policing strategy had any effect on violent crime. Governor O'Malley stated that he found the complete opposite result in Baltimore and advised that there were significant crime reductions from 2002-2008. He asked whether Baltimore was included in the research and suggested looking at the data for Baltimore from 2002-2008 when there was a significant decrease in violent crime utilizing hot-spot approaches. Dr. Webster advised that Baltimore was not part of the study, but stated he would be interested in looking at Baltimore and those strategies used to reduce violent crime. Dr. Webster discussed an approach used by authorities in High Point, North Carolina where intervention in a drug market proved successful in reducing violent crime. He explained that police videotaped drug sales to prepare cases for indictments and gave drug sellers a second and last chance to stop selling drugs. He further explained that the approach enlisted family and community support including assistance in getting offenders jobs. Dr. Webster stated that the intervention approach caused a reported 57% decrease in drug violence and an estimated 12% drop in violent crime.

Dr. Webster discussed studies conducted in several cities around the country where gun carrying suppression interventions were carried out by authorities focusing on locations where there were a significant number of shootings. Dr. Webster explained that Kansas City implemented special gun unit patrols which decreased shootings 49% in the targeted area. He discussed Indianapolis, where authorities conducted two area interventions, one in the East using the same Kansas City strategy and one in the North which focused on suspicious persons. Dr. Webster reported that homicides in East Indianapolis declined from 4 to 0 and from 7 to 1 in North Indianapolis. He also reported that Pittsburgh saw 71% fewer gunshot patients treated at hospitals only to have the number bounce back when intervention ceased.

Dr. Webster addressed the progress made against gun violence in Baltimore and stated that from 2007–2009 a concentrated approach to crime had a successful impact on gun violence, but he commented that the numbers have stalled lately. He advised that BPD uses and pays close attention to the Gun Offender Registry (GOR) to aid in the reduction of crime. He further explained that the GOR unit does spot checks on addresses to ensure offenders are in compliance and then coordinates the information with Parole and Probation who request

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warrants for those offenders who are out of compliance. Dr. Webster discussed the Violent Crime Impact Section (VCIS) where detective units focus on violent and repeat offenders. He advised that detective units are deployed to hotspots where they monitor and gather evidence and intelligence for probable cause for search and arrest warrants. He added that the number of detectives dedicated to these units has declined dramatically over time. Dr. Webster stated that research has shown that the more detectives in designated hotspot areas, the less homicides there were, and that contact with certain individuals when there are spikes in violence aided in the reduction of crime.

Dr. Webster reviewed the GOR and how offenders are placed on the registry. He reported that 62% of offenders were placed on the registry for illegally wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm; 27% were prohibited persons such as being a felon, violent misdemeanor, or youth under age 21 arrested with a firearm; and less than 2.6% were placed on the list for committing a crime with a handgun. Dr. Webster advised that the current GOR consists of those more likely to be a convicted felon in possession of a handgun and that GunStat data revealed that very few offenders charged with committing a violent crime with a handgun were convicted of that charge. He added his research showed that in many of these cases the gun related charge was dropped when a violent crime occurred, and that many people using guns when committing a crime are not on the GOR.

Dr. Webster reported the preliminary findings on the GOR and its effects on recidivism. He advised that 4.8% of 1,903 offenders were rearrested for gun charges, 2% of which were rearrested for violent crime with a gun. He added that being on the GOR was associated with a lower risk of re-arrest, and advised that 77% had a lower risk for being arrested for any offense, 53% had a lower risk of arrest for a violent offense, and 92% had a lower risk for being arrested on another gun offense. He stated he found that the GOR was a useful, effective deterrent. He suggested that moving forward authorities should determine if there are ways to get more violent offenders on the registry. Judge Marcella Holland commented that convicted violent offenders are incarcerated and not on the street, and therefore they would not be placed on the GOR.

In closing, Dr. Webster recommended that there should be a systematic review of homicides and non-fatal shootings and suggested that the approach to drug crime should be reexamined to focus on the impacts on violent crime. He also suggested that resources should be redirected toward deterring illegal gun possession and transfers with close oversight, commitment should be made to strong implementation of focused deterrence, and authorities should invest in prevention efforts such as Safe Streets.

Circuit Court Clerk Frank Conaway questioned why gun charges are dropped. State's Attorney Greg Bernstein stated that there are a limited number of offenses that qualify for the gun offender registry, and he further stated that the City may wish to consider expanding the list.

Judge Williams thanked Dr. Webster for his report and called upon Director France for his report.

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## **IV. CENTRAL REGION REPORT – WENDELL M. FRANCE, DIRECTOR,**

### **CENTRAL REGION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

Director Wendell “Pete” France advised that a copy of the Central Region Statistics Report was provided in the meeting packets for the Council’s review and stated he would answer any questions the Council may have about the report.

## **V. BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – COMMISSIONER ANTHONY BATTS**

Commissioner Anthony Batts reviewed the Police Commissioner’s Report included in the Council’s packet. He reported that as of August 31, 2013 homicides were up 9% but as of today there is an 8% increase with thirteen more homicides year to date compared to the same time last year. He further stated that non-fatal shootings were up 23% year to date compared to the same time last year. He noted that there has been a reduction in forcible rapes and stated that robberies are about even with last year. Commissioner Batts stated that they are seeing an increase in cell phone thefts, and although aggravated assaults are up, total property crime is down. He further advised that total violent crime is down 5% and total Part I crime is down 4%. He reported that there were five major incidents in June with seventeen victims, and there were four incidents in August again with seventeen victims.

Commissioner Batts discussed the Hot Spot zone at the Monument Street Corridor and noted there has been a 9% reduction in crime there. He stated that there has been a 31% reduction along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor as well. Commissioner Batts reported that they are starting to see reductions outside of the VCID zones, and that they are re-evaluating and looking at the data and will shift and adjust zones accordingly to continue to move forward. Mr. Conaway asked the Commissioner his position regarding cameras on police officers. Commissioner Batts replied that he is in favor of them and that officers had them in one of his previous employment locations. He stated that Deputy Commissioner Rodriguez was currently attending a conference about cameras on police officers.

Judge Williams thanked Commissioner Batts for his report and stated that Governor O’Malley would present a PowerPoint presentation to the Council.

## **VI. PRESENTATION BY GOVERNOR MARTIN O’MALLEY**

Governor Martin O’Malley stated that Commissioner Batts and the Baltimore City Police Department have a difficult balance in doing their job while being told how to do their job. He complimented Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and the City’s partners for a successful Grand Prix event this past Labor Day weekend. He also acknowledged State’s Attorney Gregg Bernstein for his efforts and U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein for his work with gun prosecutions.

Governor O’Malley stated that when he became Mayor in 1999, Baltimore was a violent and addicted city. He advised that Part 1 crimes in Maryland are now at historic lows but noted that rapes are now higher than in 2011. He reported that by working together at the federal, state, and local levels violent crime has gone down by 26% with homicides, robberies, aggravated assaults, breaking & enterings and thefts at the lowest level ever reported. Governor O’Malley added that recidivism decreased by 20% since 2007 and said that not

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many states in the USA can report such an accomplishment. He also discussed a map which showed there were thirty five Security Threat Group Members with homicide-related convictions released from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services from January 1, 2013 to July 26, 2013.

Governor O'Malley explained a comprehensive approach to crime reduction by tracking violent offenders through the Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI), increasing access to substance abuse treatment, teaching work skills through the DPSCS's Public Safety Works program, and utilizing unprecedented information sharing through the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC). He remarked that VPI closely monitors adult and juvenile offenders who are most likely to engage in violent crime and allows offenders to be put immediately back in jail when they are noncompliant. Governor O'Malley reported that the state is experiencing a spike in overdose deaths with Cecil County recording the highest number of overdose deaths last year. He also suggested that Dave Engle from the MCAC should be invited to present on the work of the MCAC to the Council.

Governor O'Malley discussed using technology to fight crime with the creation of a one-stop-shop for public safety information. He explained that the Criminal Justice Dashboard, a web-based system, contains over one hundred data sets from forty agencies that enables law enforcement to search in one place for critical information. Governor O'Malley reported that with the state's interoperable communication system now up and running, the DPSCS Transportation team has the ability to communicate immediately when assistance is needed as well as with other law enforcement agencies. He added that MSP has worked with BPD to deploy two fixed License Plate Readers (LPRs) which will be monitored by CitiWatch and six mobile LPRs which are networked to the statewide LPR server at MCAC. Governor O'Malley also highlighted the creation of the Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID), a central repository for all transactions related to pawn, secondhand precious metal, and automotive dismantler records in the State to aid in the reduction of property crime in Maryland.

Governor O'Malley stated that providing children with critical services, such as the Under 13 Initiative which focuses on youth and their families to keep kids out of the criminal justice system, has resulted in a 40% reduction in CINA cases. He added that the Ready by 21 program helps prepare kids for the challenges of adulthood by providing resources and information in such areas as housing and healthcare. Governor O'Malley reported that Operation Safe Kids (OSK) is another program providing community-based case management. He added that "Place Matters" is another program launched in 2007 that provides a strategy for proactively strengthening families and keeping children at home when it is safe to do so. Governor O'Malley stated that since 2007, 13,000 children have found permanent homes, 55% of which were in Baltimore City. He commented that because of these services families are being healed instead of being taken apart, and there has also been a 55% reduction in juvenile homicides in the State.

Governor O'Malley discussed the progress in Baltimore and stated that after the implementation of the Violence Prevention Initiative in 2008, homicides and non-fatal

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shootings have been steadily driven down. Governor O'Malley reported that the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention has provided over \$16.9 million in grants to Baltimore City for a number of crime-fighting initiatives currently in operation. He advised that the State is dedicated to working together with Baltimore City. Governor O'Malley reported that with the creation of the City Correctional Investigative Unit and through the partnership with the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office they are continuing to investigate corruption at BCDC. He advised that they launched the Managed Access System in 2012 at the Maryland Transition Center in Baltimore City and have found the number of phones found there has dropped from an average of eighteen per month to two per month. Governor O'Malley stated that they will be the first jail in the nation to make cellphones paperweights, and he advised that he hopes to "flip the switch" on this at the jail sometime in November. Governor O'Malley reported that to assist BPD with the crime fight, the State provided additional weekend resources utilizing the services of the Maryland State Police and the Maryland Transportation Authority Police. He added that the State also provided support for special events such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Ravens Parade, the Grand Prix, Artscape and the New Year's Eve celebration to ensure citizens' safety during major events. Governor O'Malley also reported that from June 2011 through June 2013, GOCCP made grant funding available for warrant initiatives that resulted in the disposal of 3,961 warrants, many of which were for violent offenders.

Governor O'Malley said that he supports Commissioner Batts and that he has his work cut out for him to improve enforcement efforts. He further stated that there has been much progress in Baltimore but there is still work left to do. He said that he is concerned about the uptick in non-fatal shootings and homicides this year and fears that Baltimore has stalled in its efforts to reduce crime. Governor O'Malley reported that compared to the same time last year, homicides and non-fatal shootings have increased by 8% and 19% respectively. He advised that the decrease in violent crime has leveled off in recent years, while arrests have continued to decline by more than 50% in Baltimore City over the past decade. Governor O'Malley also reported that out of the 2,121 defendants awaiting trial at the Baltimore City Detention Center, there are 1,144 people awaiting trial for more than 90 days. He added that of the 1,144 defendants awaiting trial, 252 have been waiting over a year, 26 have been waiting over two years, 6 have been waiting over three years, and 2 have been waiting over four years. He stated that the longer defendants are sitting in jail, the more they can corrupt the system and jail. He asked that the Council look at the length of time defendants are in pretrial detention and the felony trial backlog. Judge Williams advised the Governor that a workgroup had been formed which would be looking at this issue.

## **VII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONAL SERVICES REPORT – SECRETARY**

### **GARY MAYNARD**

Secretary Maynard stated that he appreciated the work of the Council and the opportunity for continued cooperation. He stated that he moved his office to the jail and began administrative investigation reviews as soon as indictments were handed down for the correctional officers at BCDC. He said that the integrity review process began at the top and is continuing. Secretary Maynard added that the Jail Administrator and Assistant Jail Administrator passed the integrity review but the Security Chief did not and was replaced.

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He explained that to provide better intelligence coordination the Intelligence and Internal Investigations Units merged. He added that in order to coordinate investigations at City facilities, DPSCS joined forces with the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and Maryland State Police to form the City Correctional Investigative Unit.

Secretary Maynard discussed security measures taken at BCDC which included transferring twenty five high risk detainees to other facilities to disperse collaboration among gang members, updating cameras throughout the facility to ensure 45 days of high definition recording, and installing rotating front entrance search teams to check for contraband. He also explained technological security measures such as installing cell phone detection programs, deploying fingerprinting technology to verify the identity of visitors, instituting a computerized random search of cells and employees, and beginning the use of cell phone blocking technology at MTC last year. Governor O'Malley added that Maryland is the first state in the nation using dogs to sniff for cell phone batteries.

Secretary Maynard reported that they are using technology in a variety of ways in an effort to save taxpayer dollars and to reduce the incidences of offenders in public, thereby increasing public safety. He advised that they have begun using closed-circuit technology for bail hearings, video connections are utilized at select institutions for visitation, public defenders have the option to meet their clients through a video feed, and healthcare is moving in the direction of telemedicine in appropriate cases throughout the State. He also discussed a partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to share information regarding mental health issues since 49% of arrestees have some mental health history. Secretary Maynard advised that this technology is being implemented to ensure continuity of care since most offenders, especially those going through the Baltimore City Detention Center, are not in the system long.

Secretary Maynard discussed Public Safety Works (PSW), a restorative justice program that allows offenders to give back to the communities they may have harmed. He stated that there is great benefit to the program because offenders also learn work skills that will aid them when they return to the community after release. Secretary Maynard reported that PSW crews contributed 617,000 hours of work statewide in FY13. He reviewed such programs as the VetDogs partnership in which incarcerated veterans train puppies that will assist wounded warriors. He stated that Maryland is the first maximum security prison to have the VetDogs program. Secretary Maynard discussed the MD House of Corrections Deconstruction project, a green project that saved tax dollars through recycling materials and utilizing inmate labor. He thanked the Abell Foundation for the \$150,000 grant that provided training for the project. Secretary Maynard discussed several other PSW projects including SHA road crews, Parks & Recreation crews, City Transportation crews, the Mt. Auburn Cemetery crew, the Jones Falls/Northern Parkway logjam crew, and the Inner Harbor boat clean-up crew. He advised that PSW is also providing construction and renovation crews for the St. Frances School where a renovated abandoned house will be used for homeless students attending the school and the Living Classrooms Foundation which will renovate classrooms to be used for mentoring returning offenders. Secretary Maynard stated that there



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were several projects he would like to add to PSW, including removing graffiti, cleaning and deconstructing vacant homes, and cleaning the harbor.

## **VIII. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES REPORT– SECRETARY SAM ABED**

Secretary Abed discussed and updated the Council on several initiatives at the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). He explained the Under 13 Initiative and stated that through the StateStat process, DJS analyzed historical juvenile homicide data in Baltimore City from 2007 to 2011 and determined that of the 115 juvenile victims of homicide who were known to DJS, nearly 40% had some prior contact with DJS at age 12 or younger. Secretary Abed advised that DJS embarked on a mission to collaborate with state agencies and the Baltimore City School System to develop the first Under 13 (U-13) initiative in Maryland which became operational in Baltimore City on May 1, 2013. He reported that the U-13 Initiative brings together state and local agencies that have a vested interest in the well-being of Baltimore City youth including the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, the local DSS, Baltimore City Public Schools, and Baltimore Mental Health Services. Secretary Abed advised that this program is for eligible youth referred from DJS's intake process and who do not pose a public safety risk. He further advised that the goal is to create a plan to address the youth and the youth's family offering a multidisciplinary approach of services. He stated that this method of intervention is far more preferable for youth offenders age 12 and under rather than pushing them deeper in the court system. Secretary Abed reported a 51% reduction in juvenile homicides and stated he is hoping to be under that number this year. He stated that he is very proud of this initiative and that it is a wonderful collaborative effort in Baltimore.

Secretary Abed also discussed the Juvenile Warrant Apprehension Task Force (JWATF), a joint initiative between DJS and BPD which focuses on apprehending youth in Baltimore City with outstanding warrants. He thanked Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Commissioner Batts for their efforts and stated that apprehensions are much faster because of their collaborative efforts. Secretary Abed reported that from 2007 to 2013, the average amount of time that juvenile warrants were open and outstanding in Baltimore City has decreased 71% from 167 days in 2007 to 27 days in 2013.

Secretary Abed reported that in June 2013, an agreement was reached between DJS, the SAO, the OPD, and the Circuit Court to allow youth charged as adults in Baltimore City to be held in secure detention at DJS's Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center as long as they were legally eligible. He advised that the process officially commenced on July 1, 2013. Secretary Abed stated that as of today there are 17 youth charged as adults residing at BCJIC and that due to internal reforms and the work of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative the number of youth pending placement has been driven down which has opened up beds at BCJIC. He thanked the courts and all partners for their collaborative efforts in making these reforms happen.

Secretary Abed advised that through VPI, Operation Safe Kids, the use of Global Positioning System (GPS) enhanced supervision, and collaboration with BPD and the Mayor's Office, the highest risk youth in Baltimore and statewide are receiving intensive supervision and

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services in the community. He stated that preventing youth from perpetrating further violent crimes or becoming victims themselves helps make communities safer for everyone.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORT: THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – JUDGE EMANUEL BROWN, CHAIR**

Judge Emanuel Brown stated that the Transportation Committee continues to address concerns with delays in transportation of inmates to Circuit Court and District Court. He advised the Committee was again instrumental this year in facilitating improvements to prisoner transportation and assisted in fostering greater communication between member agencies. He stated that in order to eliminate the unnecessary transportation of indicted defendants to scheduled preliminary hearings, a protocol was developed to remove those defendants from the preliminary hearing transportation list, and the implementation of this protocol will be monitored by the Committee. Judge Brown reported that a protocol allowing for the direct reporting of inmates sentenced to serve weekends was established collaboratively with stakeholders last year, eliminating the need for inmate transportation by DPSCS and the Sheriff's Office, and the Committee distributed a memo to all judges clarifying the parameters of the protocol and continued to monitor its effectiveness. He also reported that the Committee enabled the Office of the Public Defender to confer with their clients more rapidly by facilitating their receipt of transportation lists from the DPSCS Transportation Unit. Judge Brown explained that the Committee monitored issues regarding the transportation of defendants to Circuit Court for bail review hearings resulting in improvements in this area, and facilitated better communication among the stakeholders concerning the writ process for Federal prisoners.

Judge Brown advised that although inmate transportation to the District Court and between and within the Circuit Court buildings has improved due to better communication, issues remain which the Transportation Committee will work to address. He stated that the Committee will continue to collaboratively work on solutions to shared concerns and provide an opportunity for members to meet regularly with updates and information of interest and importance. He thanked all the partners and Ms. Barranco and her staff for their continued support and efforts with the Committee.

Judge Williams adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 12:30 p.m., Courthouse East, Room 510.

## **MEETING HANDOUTS**

- 1) Minutes from the July 10, 2013 meeting
- 2) Dr. Daniel Webster's Evidence-Based Strategies to Reduce Gun Violence in Baltimore PowerPoint Presentation
- 3) Central Region Statistics Report
- 4) The Police Commissioner's Report
- 5) Governor O'Malley's PowerPoint Presentation to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

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- 6) Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Update PowerPoint Presentation
- 7) Maryland Department of Juvenile Services Rotating Report

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Executive Director