

THE BALTIMORE CITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 13, 2016 MEETING

Council Members In Attendance*: Chair Judge Charles Peters, Circuit Court; Mary Abrams, Administrative Clerk for District I, District Court; Kimberly S. Barranco, CJCC Executive Director; Commissioner Kevin Davis, Baltimore Police Department; Glenn Fueston for Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; Elizabeth Julian, Baltimore City Public Defender; Walter Nolley, Regional Administrator, Central Region-Parole and Probation, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Judge W. Michel Pierson, Administrative Judge, Circuit Court; Tyrone Roper for Kathleen Westcoat, President and CEO, Behavioral Health System Baltimore; Thiru Vignarajah for Brian Frosh, Attorney General of Maryland; Judge Barbara Baer Waxman, Administrative Judge, District Court; John S. Wolfe, Commissioner, Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and Bernard "Jack" Young, President of the Baltimore City Council.

Others in Attendance*: Margaret Boyd-Anderson, CJCC; Doug Colbert, University of Maryland School of Law; Olivia Farrow, Baltimore City Health Department; Justin Fenton, Baltimore Sun; Natalie Finegar, OPD; Eboni Pearson, Circuit Court; Paul Plymouth, Baltimore City Council President's Office; and Robert Weisengoff, DPSCS-Pretrial Services.

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

MEETING DIALOGUE

The meeting was called to order at 12:39 p.m. and Judge Charles Peters greeted the Council members and their representatives.

I. CHAIR'S REPORT – JUDGE CHARLES PETERS

Judge Peters requested a motion to approve the February 10, 2016 meeting minutes and they were adopted unanimously. Judge Peters advised that the next meeting will be held on May 11, 2016 at which time Council members would provide their Legislative updates. Judge Peters welcomed Glenn Fueston, the new Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP).

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II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – KIMBERLY SMALKIN BARRANCO

Kimberly Barranco shared updates regarding the CJCC budget. Ms. Barranco reported at the last CJCC meeting held on February 10, 2016 that the CJCC budget was reduced by \$16,000 from \$235,500 to \$219,500 which was a 7% reduction. She further reported that the funds provided to the CJCC have been used primarily for the operation of a permanent office in which the activities of the Council are planned, coordinated, monitored, and shared with the member agencies, other government agencies, the Legislature, and the public. Ms. Barranco informed that she attended the GOCCP Senate and House subcommittee budget hearings when the CJCC budget was considered since the Council funding is a line item in GOCCP's budget. Ms. Barranco further informed that Christopher Shank, former Executive Director of GOCCP, advised that the Baltimore City CJCC is the only state funded CJCC, and although of great value to the state, the Administration thought it was time for Baltimore City to contribute to the Council's operating budget. She stated that she was very pleased to report that after discussions with the Mayor's Office, Baltimore City will contribute \$16,000 to the CJCC's operating expenses, making the CJCC level funded. Ms. Barranco thanked Mayor Rawlings-Blake, Neal Janey, Jr., Director of the Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice, and Sunny Schnitzer, Deputy Director of MOCJ.

Ms. Barranco informed that she had met with the new GOCCP Executive Director Glenn Fueston prior to the CJCC Council meeting to provide him with an overview of the Council, its eight committees, and the tremendous accomplishments that have been made since its formation through MOU in 2001. She stated that she had advised Mr. Fueston that she was very grateful for the continued funding over the past 14 years, and that she and Judge Peters would like to meet with him this fall to discuss future funding for the Council. Ms. Barranco said she explained to Mr. Fueston that the CJCC is a collective body dedicated to working cooperatively to enhance public safety and reduce crime in Baltimore City, to advance the fair and timely disposition of cases, and to ensure justice for those accused of crimes and victims of crimes, and that the CJCC and its eight committees provide the framework for so many of the accomplishments made to improve criminal justice in Baltimore City.

Ms. Barranco also discussed a recent accomplishment involving a protocol change for FTA Warrants that was first raised at the CJCC Warrant Committee. She said that the Committee discussed with former Chair Judge Halee Weinstein as well as the current Chair Judge James Green that commissioners and Judges did not have all of the pertinent information they needed to make an informed decision regarding release

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and bail. Ms. Barranco informed that the Judicial Officer would only have a copy of a failure to appear warrant, indicating the charge, but no underlying information about the facts of the case as written in the statement of charges. Ms. Barranco further stated that upon learning of this issue, District Court Administrative Judge Barbara Baer Waxman and District Court Administrative Clerk Mary Abrams began the process of creating a protocol to affix a copy of the statement of charges to the FTA Warrants, thereby assisting the Commissioners at initial appearances and Judges at bail review hearings in making more informed decisions. Ms. Barranco thanked Judge Waxman and Ms. Abrams for making the change possible and further improving the criminal justice system.

Ms. Barranco thanked the CJCC for their support and stated that she looked forward to sharing additional accomplishments at future CJCC meetings.

Judge Peters thanked Ms. Barranco for her report.

III. CENTRAL REGION REPORT – JOHN S. WOLFE, COMMISSIONER, DIVISION OF PRETRIAL DETENTION AND SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES,

Commissioner Wolfe advised Council members that a copy of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services Statistics Report was included in their meeting packets. Commissioner Wolfe reported that the FY16 bookings processed during the month of February were 2,545 and year-to-date 21,488. He further reported that releases on own recognizance during the month of February were 959 and year-to-date 7,740. Commissioner Wolfe shared FY16 year-to-date totals for the following: , 1,446 arrestee DNA samples collected; 11 sentenced DNA samples collected; 9,819 police warrants; 1,086 out-of-jurisdiction warrants (detainers); 165 released without charge; and 104 released to citation. Commissioner Wolfe reminded Council members that Secretary Stephen T. Moyer shared information regarding the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Capital Improvement Plan at the February 10, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Wolfe reported that the Legislature has approved funding for all of the older buildings to be demolished. Judge Charles Peters commented that DPSCS have been doing a great job with getting individuals to court on time but he questioned how DPSCS construction efforts would impact the court. Commissioner Wolfe replied that there will be some challenges but DPSCS believes that they can work through them and keep individuals from being delayed to court. He elaborated that there they will end up having five or six islands after the demolition work but DPSCS will make adjustments for any potential transportation

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issues.

Judge Peters thanked Commissioner Wolfe for his report.

IV. BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – POLICE COMMISSIONER KEVIN DAVIS

Commissioner Davis advised Council members that the Police Commissioner's Report was included in their packets. He further advised that the month of April has been an important month for the citizens of Baltimore and he shared that the City Lights event had been launched and was a great event. Commissioner Davis reminded members that April 12, 2016 marked the one year anniversary of Freddie Gray's arrest, and that outside of the jurisdiction there were low expectations. He stated however that April was an opportunity to prove the world wrong. He reported that during the week there have been approximately one dozen NBA players attending Baltimore area elementary, middle, and high schools to speak with students. Commissioner Davis further reported that as of April 9, 2016 homicides year-to-date were up 11%; non-fatal shootings year-to-date were up 43%; and the Total Part I Crime was down 2%. Commissioner Davis discussed that some of BPD's biggest challenges are street robberies and auto thefts and that juveniles were committing these crimes. He further stated that BPD is focusing on the 600 people who are disproportionately responsible for violence in the city. He noted that 47 of these individuals have been murdered since last September. Commissioner Davis expressed concern that gun arrests, up year-to-date by 53%, have not coincided with a reduction in violence. He stated that BPD is working very hard on this issue.

Judge Peters thanked Commissioner Davis for his report.

V. DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND REPORT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT- JUDGE BARBARA BAER WAXMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Judge Barbara Baer Waxman advised that the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City report was included in members packets. Judge Waxman further advised the CJCC that Mary Abrams, Administrative Clerk for District I would be sharing the District Court's report with its members; however, Judge Waxman shared some of the accomplishments within the Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee (DVCC) during the past fiscal year. Judge Waxman stated that the Sheriff's Office improved the service of Protective Orders on respondents and the provision of returns of service to the District and Circuit Courts from a reported 12% in July 2014 when the Sheriff's Office's assumed service to a service rate of 64% in 2015. She further stated that

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Committee members assisted in the creation of the Protective Order and Peace Order Pamphlet produced by the Sheriff's Office and disseminated it to petitioners and stakeholders. Judge Waxman mentioned that there were nearly 300 individuals who participated in the Interfaith Domestic Violence Day of Dialogue that provided outreach to the faith-based community in order to heighten awareness of domestic violence as well as educate citizens on the impact domestic violence has within the community. Judge Waxman further mentioned how DVCC members established a new protocol for the service of respondents by Bailiffs at temporary Protective Order hearings as well as inputting this information into the Vine Protective Order System by the Sheriff's Office.

Judge Waxman shared information surrounding the formation of an LGBTQ workgroup. She discussed that the Committee responded to an increase in same sex domestic violence incidents by forming a dedicated workgroup to increase outreach and awareness of services to the LGBTQ community. Judge Waxman advised that the workgroup has afforded an opportunity for representatives from LGBTQ legal, health care, and community providers to discuss Domestic Violence and its impact on the LGBTQ community with DV service providers and law enforcement. Judge Waxman further advised that the Committee is exploring ways to gather information on domestic abuse perpetrated on the elder population. She conveyed that the DVCC is working with the police department and elder groups to assess data and formulate system responses. Judge Waxman further conveyed that the Committee continues to monitor progress on the Dating Matters Initiative to provide healthy relationships curriculum in select Baltimore City middle schools. She concluded her report by advising how the DVCC continues to provide an opportunity for members to meet regularly with updates and information of interest and importance.

Judge Peters thanked Judge Waxman for her report.

VI. DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE REPORT – MARY ABRAMS, ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Ms. Abrams reported that the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City is comprised of four separate court buildings and has 28 judges that preside over eight criminal dockets. She further reported that there are 34 dockets total. She informed that they are proud of the implementation of the Baltimore City Veterans Treatment Docket (VTD) which began in October 2015 under Judge Halee Weinstein. Ms. Abrams elaborated that the VTD is a court supervised voluntary program for justice involved veterans charged with misdemeanor and concurrent jurisdiction felonies in the District Court. She further elaborated that veterans charged with these offenses who have had

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prior military service, whether eligible for VA benefits or not, are eligible for the VTD. Ms. Abrams thanked the United Way of Central Maryland and other service providers who assist in providing services such as health care, employment, continuing education, physical fitness, and shelter to participants. Ms. Abrams reported on the District Court's improved accesses to the Court for non-English speaking citizens. She stated that in the past year, the Court has eliminated almost all of the old building signs across the district and has replaced them with multilingual signs in Spanish, French, English, and braille. She further stated that there are forty-two signs that have been replaced around the four court facilities.

Ms. Abrams shared that in 2014, DPSCS was awarded funding from GOCCP for a LiveScan project which offered fingerprinting in the District and Circuit Courts. She further shared that this LiveScan project has been finalized and that there are currently LiveScans at the Mitchell, Hargrove, Wabash, and Eastside Courthouses locations. Ms. Abrams discussed the security measures that have been implemented in response to the National Center for State Courts recommendations. She detailed that facility and security staff reviewed surveillance and monitoring equipment in the interior and exterior of all District Court locations in Baltimore City. Ms. Abrams further detailed that a major project has been approved to expand, enhance, install and/or replace security surveillance equipment in all facilities. Ms. Abrams also reported on Bail reviews. She further reported that Wabash has two dockets per day for the male bail reviews and that Hargrove conducts bails each day for women and juvenile defendants. Ms. Abrams thanked the Office of the Public Defender (OPD) and the State's Attorney's Office for Baltimore City (SAO) for assisting with the bail reviews. Ms. Abrams reported on initial appearances and she stated that 2015 was the first full year of the implementation of appointed attorneys at bail review. Ms. Abrams further reported that with the cooperation of all of the Court's justice partners, it has been a smooth transition that has been working very well. Ms. Abrams outlined that there were 29,688 initial appearance hearings in 2015; 18,160 appointed attorneys; 11,413 waivers of hearings, and a waiver rate of 38.4%.

Ms. Abrams concluded the report by providing information on peace orders. She advised that there were a significant number of peace order cases and she referred members to the chart within the report on the Peace Order and Domestic Violence Cases Filed and Terminated for Fiscal Year 2015. Ms. Abrams identified that the District Court handles the largest criminal docket in the state and the second largest civil domestic violence docket. She further identified that Judge Waxman has had to assign two full-time judges to hear civil domestic cases daily and that on Tuesdays,

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there are four judges assigned to that docket.

Judge Peters thanked both Judge Waxman and Ms. Abrams for the District Court's report.

VII. PRESENTATION ON TRAUMA INFORMED CARE INITIATIVE - OLIVIA FARROW, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF YOUTH WELLNESS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Olivia Farrow reported on the Trauma Informed Care Initiative (TIC) and she identified that the trauma informed approach consisted of an organizational structure and treatment framework that involves realizing, recognizing, and responding to the efforts of all types of trauma and resists re-traumatization. Ms. Farrow further identified that children living in communities have great exposure to trauma. Ms. Farrow posed the question, how can we work with our communities to address that trauma? Ms. Farrow conveyed that trauma informed care realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery. She further conveyed that it is important in recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, and staff. Ms. Farrow discussed the importance of fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices and that there should be great efforts to actively resist re-traumatization. Ms. Farrow noted that youth experiencing chronic stress potentially act differently from adults and she asked Council members how they infuse trauma informed care into their day-to-day work. Ms. Farrow reported that during the summer of 2015, there were 10 introductory trainings. She further reported that over 1000 city employees attended. Ms. Farrow conveyed that participants included members from BPD, City Schools, DSS, Library systems, Recreation and Parks, 911/311 Operators, MOHS, MOED, and youth serving agencies. She further conveyed that participants reported that training of staff and buy-in were the top two changes needed to implement trauma-informed approaches at their agencies. Ms. Farrow further shared that over 70% of government Social Service, Health and Education employees said they would use client oriented responses when asked, "What will you do tomorrow?"

Ms. Farrow reported on the principals of Phase II of the program: Safety; Trustworthiness and Transparency; Peer Support: Collaboration and Mutuality; Empowerment, Voice and Choice; and Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues. She further reported that Phase II consists of monthly team trainings, train-the-trainer, action plans, individualized team support, and site visits. Ms. Farrow stated that the reality involves talking to people to let them know that you recognize what they are

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going through and that you are there to be supportive. Ms. Farrow advised that the Baltimore City Health Department can offer city-wide trainings on trauma informed care strategies. She discussed that moving forward they will continue TIC learning communities, introductory TIC trainings, and development of city-wide TIC strategies. Tyrone Roper mentioned how it is important to ensure provider networks are obtaining the skill-sets needed to address trauma. Commissioner John Wolfe shared how earlier that morning he had read an article from the American Jail Association on trauma informed care and the associated issues regarding trauma. Commissioner Davis stated that BPD officers and commanders who have completed the trauma informed care trainings provided positive feedback. Judge Peters asked Ms. Farrow if there was a way to offer TIC treatment to victims in Baltimore, and he asked if she was coordinating with the SAO. Ms. Farrow stated that she would be happy to figure out a way that the Health Department could collaborate on combining the trainings on trauma with other agencies.

Judge Peters thanked Ms. Farrow for her report.

Judge Peters adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., Courthouse East, Room 510.

MEETING HANDOUTS

- 1) Minutes from the February 10, 2016 meeting
- 2) Central Region Statistics Report
- 3) Baltimore Police Department Report
- 4) District Court of Maryland Report
- 5) Presentation on Trauma Informed Care Initiatives – **PowerPoint & Flyer**

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Smalkin Barranco
CJCC Executive Director