

THE BALTIMORE CITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM THE JULY 8, 2009 MEETING

In Attendance*: Chairman Judge John Philip Miller; Kimberly Barranco, CJCC Executive Director; Frederick Bealefeld III, Commissioner, Baltimore Police Department; Bruce Brown, Acting Regional Administrator, Division of Parole and Probation; Frank Conaway, Circuit Court Clerk; Donald DeVore, Secretary, Department of Juvenile Services; Mayor Sheila Dixon; Lonnie Ferguson, Administrative Clerk for District 1; Marcella Holland, Circuit Court Administrative Judge; Cynthia Jones for State's Attorney Patricia Jessamy; Elizabeth Julian, District Public Defender for Baltimore City; Michael Kaminkow, Bar Association; Keith Mathews, District Court Administrative Judge; Kwame Manley for US Attorney Rod Rosenstein; Gary Maynard, Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Jeremy McCoy for Attorney General Doug Gansler; Cassie Motz, Governor's Office; Howard Ray, Jr., Commissioner of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services; Andrew Smullian for City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake; Greg Warren, President and CEO, BSAS.

Ronald Brothers, DPSCS; Tia Brunson, DPP; Elliott Driscoll, Tuerk House; Ernest Eley, DPP; Victor Fooks, DPSCS; Sheryl Goldstein, Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice; George Nilson, City Law Department; Darren O'Brien, SAO; Rafael Ortiz, Circuit Court; Angelita Plemmer, MD Judiciary; Claire Rossmark, Department of Legislative Services; Angela Sobol, CJCC; Joe Sviatko, SAO; Crista Taylor, Baltimore Mental Health Systems; Robert Weisengoff, Pretrial Services.

MEETING DIALOGUE

The Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:35 p.m. and Judge John Philip Miller welcomed the Council.

Judge Miller requested a motion to approve the May 13, 2009 minutes. The minutes of May 13, 2009 were adopted unanimously.

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – JUDGE JOHN PHILIP MILLER

Judge Miller introduced Kwame Manley, Deputy Chief of the Violent Crimes Unit for the US Attorney's Office. He announced that Michael Hanlon has been named Chief of the unit, replacing Jason Weinstein. Judge Miller also introduced Angelita Plemmer and Darrell Pressley, who work for the Judiciary in the Office of Communications and Public Affairs.

Judge Miller advised members that the next Council meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2009 at which the courthouse renovations consultants will present on their findings. The remaining 2009 meeting dates are October 14, at which the DVFRT recommendations will be presented, November 18, and December 9.

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Judge Miller referred to the funding requests that were emailed last month and directed members to the copies of those requests in their meeting packets. Judge Miller called on Darren O'Brien to discuss the funding requests.

Mr. O'Brien thanked the Council members for supporting the work of the CJCC Technology Committee, and he thanked the individuals serving on the CJCC Technology Committee for their participation. Mr. O'Brien reviewed the first funding request and explained that the request for funding of equipment and supplies would allow IT personnel in each agency utilizing the CJCC fiber to more effectively and quickly resolve and prevent a number of potential issues, including the possible loss of connectivity. Mr. O'Brien explained that the second request is to provide funding for the replacement and installation of 24 strand single mode cable/fiber between the Mitchell Courthouse and 6 St. Paul Street, which serve as two key locations in the City and which will expand the reach of the CJCC fiber network. Mr. O'Brien advised that most agencies use at least a part of the CJCC fiber and 6 St. Paul Street is the most critical entry point for agencies outside of the City.

Mr. O'Brien advised that the third funding request is to provide funding for the installation of fiber to the Borgerding District Court on Wabash Avenue, which is a new location for CJCC fiber in Baltimore City. The fiber would connect the Wabash spur to the Network Maryland subway corridor. Mr. O'Brien also advised that MTA donated fiber for the project, which is equivalent to one-quarter to a half-million dollars.

Judge Miller asked for a motion for the formal ratification of the three funding requests. The motion was unanimously approved.

Judge Miller directed members to the copy of the CJCC Annual Report included in their meeting packets. He advised the Annual Report highlights the work the CJCC has done over the past year.

Judge Miller offered condolences to State's Attorney Patricia Jessamy, whose mother passed away on Monday. He advised that the Office of the State's Attorney will present their report at the next meeting.

Judge Miller advised that there have been several meetings held regarding Safe Surrender, and the Steering Committee is making progress in moving forward. He called on Kimberly Barranco to provide an update to the Council. Mrs. Barranco stated that at the March 11 CJCC Meeting, the Council approved a study to determine the feasibility of conducting Safe Surrender in Baltimore City. Over 25 representatives from Baltimore City attended the Wilmington, DE Safe Surrender in April, and several representatives who could not attend the Wilmington program traveled to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in early June to observe the program first hand. She reported that in furtherance of studying the feasibility of conducting this program in Baltimore, a steering committee has been formed. The Steering Committee is

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comprised of representatives from 17 different state and local agencies who all have a role to play in a successful Safe Surrender initiative. She advised that two meetings have been held to date, and all agencies have indicated a willingness to participate in a Fugitive Safe Surrender program. Mrs. Barranco stated that since this program will require holding sessions of court, she and the Administrative Judges for Circuit and District Court along with their representatives to the Committee will be meeting with Chief Judge Bell and Judge Clyburn to discuss the participation of the Judiciary, along with jurisdictional issues. Mrs. Barranco stated she would keep the Council informed as to the Steering Committee's progress at the next Council meeting in September

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – KIMBERLY SMALKIN BARRANCO

Mrs. Barranco advised that the CJCC website at www.baltimorecitycjcc.org is now accessible for people with visual disabilities. She advised that the CJCC website adheres to the uniform non-visual access standards, which are to be used in the provision of information technology services as set forth in COMAR. In doing so, the CJCC joins other state agencies in supporting all members of the public as they seek to access available services and information.

Mrs. Barranco explained that the Felony Family Violence Division of the Office of the State's Attorney and the police department's Family Crimes Unit (FCU) joined forces in 2008 in an innovative centralized program to improve services to victims of domestic violence. The purpose of centralization is to provide better supervision, greater efficiency, effective and comprehensive investigations of serious domestic violence cases, immediate services to victims and seamless coordination between agencies. Other partners in this endeavor are the Circuit Court, Mercy Hospital, Johns Hopkins Hospital, the CJCC and its Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee and service providers such as the House of Ruth, Women's Law Center and Adelante Familia. Judge Holland and the Circuit Court were early supporters of this program, and since its inception the FCU has been housed in the Mitchell Courthouse. However, the space the unit is currently occupying will need to be renovated for other uses, and the FCU is in the process of searching for a new site that will ideally continue to allow for co-location of the detectives with the attorneys and advocates. Mrs. Barranco advised that the Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee is continuing to monitor developments and she will keep everyone posted once a new location is determined.

Mrs. Barranco directed members to the copy of the CJCC Comprehensive Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2009 included in the meeting packets. She explained that this report documents the Council's history, committees, successes, and obstacles, and encouraged members to review it at their convenience. This report is also submitted to GOCCP for funding purposes. Mrs. Barranco referred members to pages 9 through 11 for the Council accomplishments from July 2008 through June 2009.

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III. PRETRIAL DETENTION AND SERVICES REPORT – HOWARD RAY, JR., COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Ray directed members to the Population Briefing handout provided in the meeting packets. He also reported that no one is being housed in the gymnasiums or on the floor.

Frank Conaway thanked Commissioner Ray and his staff for giving him a tour of CBIF yesterday. He reported the process at Central Booking was much better than he originally thought.

IV. BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Bealefeld referred to the Week 26 ComStat data included in the Police Commissioner' Report. Commissioner Bealefeld pointed out that robberies are down 11%, violent crime is down 8% and property crime is down 7% from the previous year. He noted that total crime is down 7% for the year. Commissioner Bealefeld referred to the last page of the report concerning homicides and non-fatal shootings. He reported that 90 fewer people were shot this year than last year at the same time. He advised the department worked hard to prioritize warrant service and that they are arresting fewer people, with arrests down nearly 10% this year over reductions in 2008.

Mr. Conaway thanked Commissioner Bealefeld for sending over the head of the homicide unit to meet with him to discuss the issue of unclassified deaths. He advised that as a result of the meeting all of his questions were answered and he was satisfied with the information he received.

VI. CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE REPORT – FRANK CONAWAY

Mr. Conaway directed members to the charts included in the meeting packets, and he stated that Marian Soto, Manager of the Criminal Division, and Daniel Smith, Supervisor of the Court Clerks, were present to assist in answering any questions. He stated the biggest challenges facing his office are paperwork and an antiquated courtroom system of data processing. He advised that at present, information cannot be entered into the database in real time. Paperwork in the courtroom is written by hand and then given to other clerks who enter it into a database. Mr. Conaway commented that this system is ineffective, and he proposed having the CJCC form a committee to do a thorough needs assessment to determine what applications would be necessary to make the courts run smoother. Judge Miller advised that this suggestion would be referred to the CJCC Technology Committee.

VII. DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES REPORT – DONALD W. DEVORE, SECRETARY

Secretary DeVore advised that DJS was awarded \$3.1 million from the United States Department of Labor for the Continuum of Opportunity Reentry Program and Services (CORPS) initiative in partnership with the Baltimore City Mayor's Office on

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Criminal Justice. This grant is intended to serve 400 youth, 14 years and older returning to Baltimore City from in-state or out-of-state placements. Emphasis will be placed on these youth completing their secondary education, offering further educational and employment opportunities, and support to follow their individualized education and career paths.

Secretary DeVore advised that DJS has increased funding by approximately 300% for evidence based practices within the last two years. Two of the evidence based practices that have been implemented in Maryland are Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Multisystemic Therapy (MST). Data has shown that FFT can reduce recidivism between 25 and 60%, while evaluations of MST have shown reductions of 25 to 75% in long-term rates of re-arrest for serious offenders, as well as 47 to 64% reductions in out-of-home placements.

Secretary DeVore reported that seven DJS facilities received Level 3 recognition from the National Performance-Based Standards for Youth Correction and Detention Facilities.

Concerning the outbreak of H1N1 at the Juvenile Justice Center, Secretary DeVore advised that as of June 26, 2009, there have been no further cases of influenza identified among youth at the Juvenile Justice Center. The youth who were diagnosed have all recovered and are doing well. The facility has resumed regular movement of youth to school and recreation, and the family visitation schedule is again in effect.

Mayor Dixon commended Secretary DeVore on the innovative efforts of DJS. She referenced the recent case of the 5 year-old shooting victim and inquired as to why GPS versus a secure facility would be recommended for a juvenile with such an extensive record. Secretary DeVore advised that he is somewhat restricted in discussing the case due to confidentiality issues and the ongoing police investigation. He suggested scheduling a meeting with Mayor Dixon as well as Commissioner Bealefeld to discuss the matter. Mayor Dixon asked Secretary DeVore to speak generally as to how GPS monitoring is determined for a juvenile. Secretary DeVore advised that GPS is used for youth under the Violence Prevention Initiative supervision, and it is only one of seven or eight services that are components of VPI supervision. In speaking of the juvenile in question, Secretary DeVore reported that DJS staff was out in the community within seven minutes looking for the juvenile once contact was lost. He advised that DJS tries to identify those juveniles who are the most prone to violence and at risk in the community. He reported there are currently about 1200 youth statewide in residential placements.

Mr. Conaway expressed concern about individuals who have lengthy juvenile records of violence that are not divulged until a homicide is committed. He asked why those individuals are not in jail and are instead out on the street. Judge Miller in addressing the juvenile records advised that juvenile records are confidential and cannot be

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disclosed until the juvenile is charged as an adult. Secretary Maynard advised that he and Secretary DeVore have been sharing arrest information to determine the supervision level and classification of individuals as a result of that information.

IX. PRESENTATION ON THE DASHBOARD – RONALD C. BROTHERS, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Secretary Maynard introduced Ron Brothers and advised that he would be discussing the Dashboard. Secretary Maynard reported the Dashboard has about 8,000 users and receives 25,000 inquiries per day.

Mr. Brothers stated that the Dashboard essentially takes a number of unrelated databases and puts all their data together through one web-based site. He advised that anyone charged in the criminal justice system is assigned a state identification number (SID#). Dashboard queries are made using an individual's SID #, and a single request retrieves all pertinent data in real time. He advised that anyone with access to NCIC can access the Dashboard since it uses the same NCIC logon username and password. The Dashboard is available via a secure website and maintains a log of user access.

Data from the following agencies and applications can be accessed via the Dashboard: Division of Parole and Probation, Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, MD Automated Firearms Services System (MAFSS), MD Offenders Banking System, IDENT/INDEX, MD State Police DNA, Arrest Disposition Records, MD Online Sex Offender Registry, Network Livescan System and MAFIS, MVA, DJS, Baltimore City Police Department, DC Metropolitan Police, HIDTA Case Explorer, and Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Mr. Brothers advised that they are working with a number of agencies to expand the data available through the Dashboard, including JIS to access protective orders and warrants, the DC Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to access federal criminal justice information, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to access birth and death certificates. He stated that GOCCP is putting together an Executive Steering Committee to determine what additional information should be made available on the Dashboard.

Commissioner Bealefeld advised that BPD was awarded a \$200,000 grant from Target to invest in Pocket Cops, which are similar to Blackberries. He advised that the MVA photo section is a valuable tool to officers and encouraged DPSCS to download as many photographs as possible on the Dashboard. He advised that eventually the Pocket Cops will have the capability to take pictures. Mr. Brothers reported that the Central Photo Repository will be up and running in the next 30 to 60 days. He reported that it is equipped with facial recognition software. He also advised that thumbprint machines will be made available and will attach to

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Blackberries. The Commissioner thanked DPSCS and GOCCP for their leadership on the Dashboard project.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED

Judge Miller adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 9, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.**, Courthouse East, Room 510.

MEETING HANDOUTS

- 1) Minutes from May 13, 2009
- 2) Comprehensive Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2009
- 3) Memo regarding request for funding for CJCC Fiber Network Equipment
- 4) Memo regarding request for funding for CJCC Fiber from the Mitchell Courthouse to 6 St. Paul St.
- 5) Memo regarding request for funding for CJCC Fiber Spur to Wabash District Court
- 6) Division of Pretrial Detention and Services Population Briefing
- 7) The Police Commissioner's Report
- 8) Circuit Court Clerk's Office Report
- 9) Department of Juvenile Services Report

***As always, we request that all in attendance sign the attendance sheet which is available at each meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Smalkin Barranco
Executive Director