



**HB 1607-Juvenile Services Education
County Pilot Program-Research Subcommittee Meeting**

**March 25, 2019
Maryland State Department of Education
8th Floor-Conference Room 3
9:55a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Ms. Kimberly Pogue, Ms. Grace Reusing (on behalf of Melanie Shapiro)

MSDE Staff in Attendance: Mr. Shane McCormick

The was subcommittee meeting called to order at 9:55 a.m.

The subcommittee members discussed other facilities they would be interested in looking at, in addition to the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center (Noyes) and Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (R.I.C.A.), both in Rockville, MD. One of the suggested locations to look into is the Fairfax Detention Center. Ms. Reusing stated that a presentation by a detention center to the work group would be valuable. The group also discussed the Silver Oak Academy in Keymar, MD, as well as the Eager Street Academy in Baltimore City.

Dr. Lawson stated that the subcommittee should look at budgets and results data. Dr. Lawson disclosed some of the resources that are shared between Montgomery County Public Schools and Noyes at the present time that benefit students and assist in the transition back to the school system.

The subcommittee members discussed the limitations and challenges of school systems that utilize block scheduling. The members agreed that the recommendations developed by the full work group need to be flexible and applicable across the state, because what works in one facility in one region of the state may not work within another. Dr. Lawson expressed her belief that what is established at Noyes can be replicated statewide.

Dr. Lawson summarized the discussion to this point, including the interest areas of members of the subcommittee:

- Ms. Reusing would like to look further into the history of JSES in Maryland;
- Ms. Pogue would like to identify a detention center facility to present to the full work group;
- The subcommittee would like to further research the following topics:
 - JSES budgets nationwide;
 - Student data nationwide;
 - Current teaching methods

Ms. Pogue shared that the teaching staff at Noyes discussed at the beginning of the partnership with Montgomery County the steps and methods they would use.

Dr. Lawson asked the members what other items the subcommittee should consider researching. Dr. Lawson stated that she would like the subcommittee to research what other partnerships have been established nationwide to bring in additional resources for students.

Ms. Reusing asked if there were any potential downsides to a local education agency (LEA) assuming responsibility over a detention center, such as the partnership between Montgomery County and the Noyes Center. Dr. Lawson stated that they are likely not far enough down the road to be able to properly address the question. Ms. Pogue stated that from her experiences throughout the partnership that Montgomery County Public Schools has been tremendously supportive.

Next Steps

Dr. Lawson stated she will reach out to the MSDE Office of Research to look into national data trends, and offered the services of the department to other members of the subcommittee and to the full work group. Ms. Reusing stated she would look into the Silver Oak Academy to learn more about their model, as well as an out-of-state facility. The subcommittee agreed that under the history of JSES they would look at positions that were available in the past that have been eliminated due to budget cuts.

The subcommittee discussed and established a timeline of next steps and responsibilities:

- Securing presentations from other schools in Maryland and from out-of-state;
- Teaching methodologies;
- Credit issues;
- Resources provided;
- How success is measured monthly;
- How systems are structured nationwide, and who has primary oversight responsibility.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.