



**HB 1607-Juvenile Services Education  
County Pilot Program-Workgroup Meeting**

**March 25, 2019  
Maryland State Department of Education  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor-Conference Room 2  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Work Group Members in Attendance: Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Ms. Shebra Evans, Dr. Marvin Krohn, Mr. Gavin Patashnick, Ms. Kimberly Pogue, Ms. Grace Reusing (on behalf of Melanie Shapiro), Ms. Chrisandra Richardson, Ms. Julie Stevens, Ms. Amanda White

MSDE Staff in Attendance: Ms. Deborah Grinnage-Pulley, Mr. Shane McCormick, Mr. Elliott Schoen

Members of the Public in Attendance: Mr. Nick Moroney

The was meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Opening Remarks & Updates

Dr. Sylvia Lawson welcomed the work group members. Dr. Lawson acknowledged and welcomed Ms. Grace Reusing, Office of the Public Defender of Maryland, who would be representing Ms. Melanie Shapiro. Dr. Lawson also welcomed and introduced Dr. Marvin Krohn, Professor of Criminology at the University of Florida, to the work group. Dr. Krohn shared his background and research interests with the work group members.

Dr. Lawson requested that the meeting agenda be amended to add discussion of state ethics reporting.

Motion to amend the meeting agenda made by Gavin Patashnick and seconded by Chrisandra Richardson. The motion carried.

Dr. Lawson introduced Mr. Elliott Schoen, MSDE Deputy Legal Counsel, and asked Mr. Schoen to discuss the state ethics requirements with the work group members.

Mr. Schoen shared with the work group that Mr. Shane McCormick, Executive Assistant to Dr. Lawson, received an email from the State Ethics Commission regarding filing a financial disclosure exemption form. The State Ethics Commission has determined that the work group constitutes a voting body under the law. Mr. Schoen shared that some members of the work group are required to complete state financial disclosures because of the nature of their positions, while others are not required to do so. Mr. Schoen stated he has drafted an exemption form submission because the work group is purely an advisory board and is not making any policy decisions.

Ms. Reusing asked for clarification regarding the financial disclosure requirement. Dr. Lawson stated that the MSDE is following the legal guidelines of who may serve on the work group, and that members receive no compensation for their services. Mr. Schoen distributed a copy of the exemption form response draft.

Ms. White restated the question asked by Ms. Reusing regarding financial disclosures and compensation of work group members, and whether any member was being paid to serve on the work group. Dr. Lawson stated that no member is being paid to serve.

The work group members reviewed the minutes from the February 25, 2019, meeting.

Motion to approve the February 25, 2019, meeting minutes as presented made by Shebra Evans and seconded by Gavin Patashnick. The motion carried.

#### Discussion of Work Group Subcommittees

Dr. Lawson reiterated that moving forward each subcommittee would report back to the full work group. Dr. Lawson stated that the charge of the work group, a description of the subcommittees, and some general guiding questions for each subcommittee was included in the meeting materials provided. Dr. Lawson stated that a request for an extension on the deadline to submit final recommendations to the General Assembly has been submitted; however, the work group members should carry on under the expectation that an extension would not be granted.

Ms. White asked about the timeline for the subcommittees to recommend speakers to present to the full work group. Dr. Lawson encouraged the subcommittees to discuss potential speakers during their meetings.

Dr. Lawson shared that during the scheduled subcommittee meetings a computer lab on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor would be available to any subcommittee members that would like to utilize it to conduct research.

Ms. Richardson asked if there were any staff members from the Juvenile Services Education System (JSES) or Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) that would be available to speak with the Transition Subcommittee. Mr. Patashnick stated that DJS has a transition team, as well as contacts within the local school systems that may be beneficial. Dr. Lawson encouraged the Transition Subcommittee to speak with Ms. Reusing and Ms. Deborah Grinnage-Pulley, JSES Executive Director, to share their knowledge and expertise.

The meeting was recessed at 9:55 a.m. to allow work group members to meet in subcommittees.

#### Meeting Reconvene & Subcommittee Reports

The full work group was reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

Dr. Lawson asked the subcommittees to report out on their breakout meetings.

Ms. Evans shared on behalf of the Equity Subcommittee that from her research DJS has an Office of Equity. Mr. Patashnick clarified the purpose of the DJS Equity Office, and that it offers equity training and an equity assessment. Mr. Patashnick encouraged reaching out to DJS equity staff for more information. Ms. Evans shared she will reach out to fellow subcommittee member Dr. Barbara Dezmon, and fellow work group member Senator Craig Zucker to serve on the committee.

Ms. White shared on behalf of Transition Subcommittee that the committee would like to hear from DJS and OPD staff to hear their experiences, as well as families that have gone through the transition process. Additionally, the committee would like to hear from local school system officials. Dr. Krohn added that the committee would also like to identify national best practices.

Mr. Patashnick shared on behalf of the Operations Subcommittee that the committee has identified the State of Washington and the State of Florida for further research of an existing JSES model. The subcommittee discussed the topic of screen time, specifically online learning, as it relates to JSES students. Ms. Reusing asked about the definition of screen time and its use in teaching methodologies. Dr. Lawson stated that Ms. Sarah Spross, Assistant State Superintendent-Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval, facilitates meetings regarding screen time, and that she would ask Ms. Spross to present on the subject during a future work group meeting.

Dr. Lawson shared on behalf of the Research Subcommittee the topics the committee was most interested in looking into further:

- History of JSES in Maryland;
- Teaching methodologies;
- How success is measured nationwide;
- Responsibilities of facility management nationwide

Ms. Evans stated that her committee was also interested in looking into funding and allocation. Dr. Lawson added that the research committee was interested in knowing about positions that existed in the past but that were reduced or eliminated due to budget cuts. Dr. Lawson stated that the MSDE Office of Research would be able to provide technical and data collection assistance to the committees as needed.

Ms. White asked if during the next meeting of the work group that some additional context about JSES be presented to the work group. Dr. Lawson stated that she would provide a copy of the legislation for the work group during the next meeting.

The work group discussed the intention of the current JSES pilot partnership between Montgomery County Public Schools and the Noyes Center, as some members were uncertain if the long-term goal was for Montgomery County to take over the Noyes Center. Dr. Lawson and Ms. Richardson clarified that the pilot is for one-year, as established under House Bill (HB) 1607, and that no long-term decision making will have been made solely because of Montgomery County agreeing to serve as the county participant in the pilot.

Mr. Patashnick stated that it may be of interest for the work group to report out on the potential challenges that may exist under such a model. Mr. Patashnick stated it may also be beneficial for the work group to limit itself in its report to the General Assembly, as members of the General Assembly, from his experiences, will be looking for specific conclusions in the final recommendations.

Ms. Reusing asked if next steps with the General Assembly could be added to the next meeting agenda. Dr. Lawson reiterated that she would provide a copy of the law during the next meeting.

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Gavin Patashnick and seconded by Amanda White. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.