Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Ms. Kimberly Pogue, Ms. Melanie Shapiro

MSDE Staff in Attendance: Mr. Shane McCormick

Members of the Public in Attendance: Ms. Nicole Collier, Mr. Nick Moroney

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Dr. Lawson asked the subcommittee to identify states they would like for the full work group to review to compare management models of JSES facilities to the current model in the State of Maryland. Dr. Lawson explained the map key which lists the management system within the states. Ms. Pogue asked if any states operate their juvenile facilities at the local level. Dr. Lawson shared that the States of Florida and Virginia operate their facilities on the local level, and the State of Louisiana operates their facilities under a mixed-management model.

Ms. Shapiro suggested reaching out to Dr. Peter Leone for guidance and information, as Dr. Leone has written extensively on the subject of juvenile justice. Ms. Shapiro recommended information be presented to the work group regarding recidivism, employment issues, logistical issues, IEP services, and post-secondary options. Dr. Lawson reminded Ms. Shapiro that subcommittees were assigned specific tasks to research.

Ms. Pogue shared that she would like more information on the States of Washington and Oregon because they also operate their facilities on the local levels, and Virginia because they are close in proximity to the State of Maryland. Dr. Lawson expressed her approval with researching the States of Washington, Oregon, and Virginia. Ms. Shapiro expressed her approval with researching these three states, but also expressed an interest in researching the State of Louisiana. Ms. Pogue asked if the subcommittee could look at one more state where JSES management operates at the local level. Dr. Lawson stated that the only additional state she was aware where management was on the local level was the State of Florida. Dr. Lawson asked the members
how many states the work group should look at; the members did not arrive at a definitive number.

Ms. Pogue shared that one of the areas she was interested in was research into current educational practices in juvenile services. Ms. Shapiro discussed some of the in-state operational examples that the subcommittee and the work group could consider, including DJS operated facilities, not-for-profit facilities, and locally operated facilities such as the Eager Street Academy in Baltimore City.

Dr. Lawson asked if the members were in agreement that the work group look at the States of Washington, Oregon, Louisiana, Virginia, and Florida. Ms. Shapiro asked that the State of Kentucky be considered as well. Dr. Lawson stated she would send information to the subcommittee members about the funding model. Dr. Lawson highlighted four funding models: State Funding, Legislative Funding, Educational Agency Funding, and Combined Funding. Ms. Shapiro and Dr. Lawson discussed some of the limitations of per-pupil funding. Dr. Lawson stated that a request could be made to have Ms. Amalie Brandenburg, Deputy State Superintendent for Finance, present to the work group regarding the state funding formula and the Kirwan Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.