Meeting Minutes

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

MSDE Staff in Attendance: Mr. Shane McCormick

Members of the Public in Attendance: Mr. Nick Moroney

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

The members discussed the juvenile services education system academic year calendar, as the subcommittee is responsible for reviewing and identifying an optimal calendar length. Ms. Pogue shared the length of academic year calendars in the States of Alabama, Alaska and Washington. The members discussed computer based classes and instructional time and how they could potentially impact calendar length. Ms. Pogue shared that the State of Arkansas operates on a 12-month calendar, but offers a job certification program during the summer. Ms. Pogue shared that the District of Columbia does not offer the GED through detention facilities.

The members discussed the states that they would like for the full work group to research to compare with the State of Maryland. The members agreed on the States of Washington and Oregon, and the District of Columbia. Ms. Pogue shared that the State of Washington operates a mixed-management model, and the members agreed that it would be optimal for comparison to Maryland. The members further discussed how many states the work group limit itself to.

The members agreed the work group should look at the States of Kentucky, Florida, and Arkansas. The members agreed to identify a state that is operated by an independent board of education, and a state where juvenile service facilities are operated by local school systems. The members agreed to look at the State of Georgia, as it is operated by an independent board of education. The members agreed to look at the State of Alabama, as the local school systems operate the juvenile services facilities. The members also agreed to look at the State of Virginia.

Ms. Pogue asked about the timeline to have the final report prepared. Dr. Lawson stated that the draft of the report would need to be completed by November 1, 2019, in order to allow for member feedback and corrections. Dr. Lawson shared that a request for an extension to the final submission deadline was sent to the Governor, State Speaker of the House, and State Senate President. The extension request would be discussed at greater length with full work group.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.