HB 1607-Juvenile Services Education
County Pilot Program-Workgroup Meeting
January 13, 2020
Maryland State Department of Education
8th Floor-Conference Room 2

Meeting Minutes

Work Group Members in Attendance: Dr. Sylvia Lawson (chairperson), Ms. Megan Collins, Mr. James Johnston, and Ms. Kimberly Pogue

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.; a quorum of members was not present.

Welcome

Dr. Sylvia Lawson, chairperson, welcomed the members and the members reviewed the meeting agenda. Dr. Lawson welcomed Ms. Megan Collins, attorney for Disability Rights Maryland, to the workgroup and the members exchanged introductions. Dr. Lawson announced that a quorum of members was not present for voting purposes; the members would approve the minutes from the November 18, 2019, meeting during the February meeting. The meeting materials would be sent electronically to all of the members prior to the next meeting.

Review of Future Meeting Dates & Structure

The members reviewed the meeting materials and the future meeting dates as agreed upon by the members. The members were informed that future meetings would be structured around the charges of the workgroup as established through House Bill (HB) 1607 chapter 565 of 2018. Dr. Lawson reviewed the states that the workgroup members agreed to research, and the subcommittees that would be responsible for which states. Dr. Lawson shared with the members that the Honorable Delegate Edith Patterson has offered to file the formal request for extension of the submission deadline of the workgroup’s final recommendations.

The members reviewed the future meeting dates. The members discussed the structure of future meetings and facilitating presentations. After each meeting a discussion will take place where the members will agree on the recommendation the workgroup would like to adopt. Members will be able to review the recommendations developed after each meeting electronically, and be able to vote to approve before the following meeting.
Discussion of Next Steps

The members discussed tentative dates for subcommittee presentations. The members agreed to hold two presentations during the February meeting, three during the March meeting, and three during the April meeting. The members agreed to that the May and June meetings would be reserved for discussion. Dr. Lawson offered to communicate the proposed future meeting structure with the full workgroup electronically prior to the next meeting.

The members reviewed the work group charge and a timeline to present recommendations. A recommendation was made to review the recommendation on the pilot program between Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and the Alfred D. Noyes Children’s Center (Noyes) and management model during the next meeting. Certain recommendations are dependent on feedback and information from MCPS.

Announcements

Mr. James Johnston shared information with the members regarding regional listening sessions facilitated by the Juvenile Justice Reform Council. Mr. Johnston offered to share information about listening sessions with the members electronically. The information regarding the listening sessions would be sent to Mr. Shane McCormick, MSDE staff, so that it could be forwarded to the members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.