

Maryland Commission on the School to Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices

September 25, 2017

1:00 – 4:00 pm

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University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

MINUTES

Commission Members Present:

Barbara Grochal, Chair

Barbara Robinson, Maryland State Senator

Walter Sallee, Maryland State Department of Education designee

Sam Abed, Secretary, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services

Michael Bunitsky, Maryland Association of Boards of Education designee

Robin McNair, Maryland State Education Association designee

Marla Posey-Moss, Maryland PTA designee

Gail Sunderman, Executive Director, Maryland Equity Project

Wendy Shaia, Positive Schools Center designee

Rhonda Richetta, Principal (Baltimore City Public Schools)

Kimberly Humphrey, American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland designee

Melanie Shapiro, Maryland Public Defender designee

Shamarla McCoy, Advocates for Children and Youth designee

Lorig Charkoudian, Executive Director, Community Mediation Maryland

Matt Zernhelt, Executive Director, Community Conferencing Center

Phillip Leaf, Executive Director, Youth Leadership and Advocacy Network, Johns Hopkins
Bloomberg School of Public Health

Craig Minor, Youth Leadership and Advocacy Network youth representative

Tiffany Nace, Teacher (Worcester County Public Schools)

Deborah Eisenberg, Faculty Director, Center for Dispute Resolution, University of Maryland
Francis Carey School of Law

Additional Attendees:

Marty McGowan, Legislative Aide, Office of Delegate Alonzo T. Washington

Ed Clark, Director of the Maryland Center for School Safety

Jennifer Williams, Youth Program Director, Mid Shore Community Mediation Center

Beth Doory, Program Coordinator, Advocates for Children and Youth

Sara Kaplan, Department of Juvenile and Family Services

Andrew Hill, Education and Justice Legal Theory and Practice, University of Maryland Francis
King Carey School of Law

Dena Robinson, MLAW Legal Fellow

Danny Adamson, Mediation Clinic, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Kaela Boyden, Student, University of Maryland, College Park

Kendra Ogunshina, Co-chair of Education Committee for Circle of Restorative Initiatives for
Maryland

Barbara Sherrod, Restorative Practices Specialist, Community Conferencing Center

Smita Dey, Program Manager, Positive School Center

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Grochal called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. She indicated her intent to involve the wonderful group of members and attendees and their rich experiences and knowledge in their work together.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms.Grochal then asked the members to introduce themselves and share one goal for the Commission.

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Walter Sallee, Director of Student Services and Strategic Planning, Maryland State Department of Education and Commission member, provided a PowerPoint briefing. Specifically, he presented an overview of student discipline in Maryland, an update on school arrest data, the Maryland guidelines for a state code of discipline, and the local codes of discipline. Mr. Sallee reported he did not have accurate and consistent school arrest data from the local education agencies (LEA's) as there were data collection issues. A number of LEA's must revise their reported data so outside arrests are not counted in school-based arrests and referrals to law enforcement. MSDE is now directing school superintendents to review and revise data if needed. He plans to report this refined data in the future, possibly at the next Commission meeting in November.

A number of Commission members and attendees asked questions of Mr. Sallee around the statewide data which he answered.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Grochal shared a slide with several suggestions for future meetings, which included tapping internal expertise of Commission members as well as national experts. She then opened the floor for comments about the Commission's next steps.

She then asked members to complete an input form as a means of gathering specifics regarding what information they are seeking, suggestions for presenters, and interest in participating in the Planning Sub-Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Grochal adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

(Note: Meetings are recorded and can be found online on the Center for Dispute Resolution's Commission webpage.)