

Juvenile Justice Reform Council Minutes

November 20, 2019
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Department of Legislative Services
Joint Hearing Room
90 State Circle, Annapolis Maryland 21401

- Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM.

- Approval of 10/23/19 JJRC meeting minutes

Sam Abed, Chair, began the meeting by asking the members to review the minutes, noting their brevity due to the fact they are streamed live and available on the Maryland General Assembly's website. A motion was made, then seconded to approve the minutes, which were approved unanimously.

- Old Business
 - Listening Sessions: Local Management Board (LMB) Utilization – Dr. Pamela Brown, LMB Executive Director

Dr. Pamela Brown gave a presentation to the council outlining the role of the Local Management Boards within the state. She went on to explain how the LMBs will assist the council with providing a framework, resources and locations to conduct 16 listening sessions throughout each jurisdiction. (Presentation available online)

- Interim Report

The Council reviewed the draft language in the report and discussed potential edits. A motion was made by Betsy Tolentino and seconded by Rosemary King Johnston to submit an addendum to this interim report that will provide updates on the Council's activities and will include a framework outlining the work to be completed by the Vera Institute for Justice. Approval was unanimous.

- New business
 - Technical Assistance (TA) Provider: Discussion and Council Recommendation

The Chair asked if any members wished to move to vote on a TA provider. Heather Chapman motioned to approve the Vera Institute for Justice and the motion was seconded by Delegate Luke Clippinger. The Council discussed preferences for the technical service provider to address. After discussion, the Council unanimously selected the Vera Institute for Justice to provide technical services in assisting the Council with its work.

- Presentation
 - Race Equity for Leaders – Lisa Garry, Director, DJS Office of Equity and Reform

The Chair introduced Lisa Garry, who provided a presentation to the council regarding Race Equity for Leaders. (Presentation available online)