



# Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County

616 Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38105

## Interagency Services Report March 2019

### Highlights this Month

#### Judge Dan H. Michael's Calendar

From March 4-6, 2019, Judge Michael attended the **National Days on the Hill Conference** in Washington, D.C. The Conference is sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Judge Michael is an officer of the Board of Directors for the NCJFCJ.

On March 13, 2019, Judge Michael was a Presenter for the final CLE Seminar of Attorney Larry Rice. The event was entitled, "**Larry's Last Show,**" and held at The Fire Museum of Memphis.

Judge Michael attended the **2019 National Conference on Juvenile Justice** from March 14 -20, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Event was sponsored by the NCJFCJ.

On March 25, 2019, Judge Michael hosted a meeting with the "**Be What a Bullet Can't Be**" Program with special guests. Others participating were Leon Gray, Pam Skelton, Alan Spearman, Mark Adams, Michele Hunt and Joyce Anderson.

Judge Michael welcomed the return of **Shelby County Schools Enrollment Representatives** to Juvenile Court on March 27, 2019. The representatives will continue at Juvenile Court every Wednesday assisting parents with school registration and other information for their children.

Judge Michael and Leon Gray met with Jamal Whitlow, the new Director of the **Youth Assessment Center** on March 27, 2019.

#### Juvenile Court Staff Activities

On March 7, 2019, the Urban Child Institute hosted the **Memphis Transition to Success Presentation**. Juvenile Court participants were Chief Magistrate David Walker; Magistrate Judges Sheldon McCall, James Franklin, Jr., Debra Sanders, Alycia Chism, Mitzi Pollard, Carlyn Addison and Lyttonia Cunningham; Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, Leon Gray, Bridgette Bowman, Dr. Bernard Williams and Kim Weiss.

Eric Roberts spoke with the young men of **New Salem Baptist Church** on March 9, 2019. His topic was saving our youth and providing Juvenile Court information.

## March 2019 Highlights

### **Juvenile Court Staff Activities, Continued**

On March 12, 2019, **Court Services Parent Orientation** was held. The Orientation is a guide through the Juvenile Court process for parents whose children are in Detention. The Presenter was Bridgette Bowman.

On March 19, 2019, Hope Academy staff met with officials from **the Tennessee Department of Education, Office of Consolidated Planning and Monitoring** for an on-site visit. Hope Academy staff, Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and Detention staff participated.

Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden attended the **Leo Bearman Sr. American Inn of Court Meeting** on March 19, 2019.

On March 24, 2019, **The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Memphis Chapter** hosted the **2019 Men Who Cook Event**. Magistrate Judge Carlyn Addison was a Judge in the Competition. Other Juvenile Court staff participants were Lolita Jackson, Kevin Williams and Shirley (Armstrong) Parker.

The **Juvenile Ceasefire Gun Safety Program** was held on March 26, 2019. Briggitte Rodgers and Martha Rogers manage the Program. The Juvenile Ceasefire Program was recently selected for participation with the **At-Risk Supper Program** through Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) and Shelby County Schools. The Supper Program will provide healthy snacks and supper for Juvenile Ceasefire participants.

On March 26, 2019, Eric Roberts spoke with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students of **Cherokee Elementary School**. The topic was "Making Choices that Matter."

Congratulations are extended to Bridgette Bowman for being selected to participate in **2019 Re-Imagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ), Train the Trainer Initiative** with Julie Rotella and Tyran Copeland of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. RJJ is a staff development initiative sponsored by the **Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF)** and delivered through School & Main Institute (SMI). The objective is to develop the capacity of professionals to support, divert and redirect youth to appropriate and fair justice options. RJJ is research based in adolescent development and intends to help professionals move from a historically punitive framework to helping youth and their families minimize and avoid system involvement.

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**Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships**

**American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation-** Juvenile Court Detention has undergone accreditation through the ACA. Accreditation is a system of verification that correctional agencies/facilities comply with national standards promulgated by the ACA. Accreditation is achieved through a series of reviews, evaluations, audits and hearings. ACA standards are the national benchmark for the effective operation of correctional systems throughout the U.S. and are necessary to ensure correctional facilities are operated professionally. They address services, programs and operations essential to good correctional management, including administrative and fiscal controls, staff training and development, physical plant, safety and emergency procedures, sanitation, food service, and rules and discipline. Standards reflect practical, up-to-date policies and procedures that safeguard the life, health and safety of staff and offenders. Final audit-October 3-5, 2011 & accreditation awarded on 1/22/2012. February 23-27, 2015: ACA Audit conducted and reaccreditation was successful pending Panel Interview in August. Detention Services scored 100% on mandatory standards. ACA Re-accreditation originally awarded on August 17, 2015. **Contacts: (New) Devita Dyer and Larry Weichel, SCSO**

**Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF), Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) Site-** Memphis' success in reducing the number of youth in Detention earned the City a coveted partnership with the AECF in June 2011. Memphis is one of the largest urban Courts in the U.S. and the first in Tennessee selected by AECF as a JDAI Site. The AECF has JDAI sites in approximately 300 counties and 40 states across America focusing on education, counseling, rehabilitation, and therapy. The Foundation's juvenile justice reform agenda is designed to improve the odds that delinquent youth make successful transitions to adulthood. **Contact: Kimbrell Owens, JDAI Site Coordinator**

**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Memphis & Shelby County-** CASA's mission is to empower community volunteers to be advocates in court for abused and neglected children needing safe, permanent homes. CASA volunteers receive in depth training to support their role as an advocate and are appointed by the Juvenile Court Judge to advocate for the best interest of an abused or neglected child in court. Once assigned to a child's case, volunteers are professionally supervised through the investigative process of gathering information from the child, their families, educators, social service professionals, health care providers, and any other persons having information regarding the child's case. Upon completion of the investigation, the findings are presented to the court outlining the volunteer's concerns, evaluations, and recommendations for the child's future. **Contact: Kim Weiss, Program Director**

**Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT) Advisory Coalition** - Coordinated interagency multidisciplinary response to prevent, detect, investigate, treat and prosecute child sexual abuse & severe physical abuse. **Contact: Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**

**Department of Children's Services Community Advisory Board (CAB)** – Mission is to empower families and support community safety and partnerships to insure the safety, permanency and well-being of children. The Board meets monthly and membership is composed of community organizational leaders. **Contact: Erica Glynn (New)**

**Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Society's Youth (GRASSY) (SCS)** - School and community based prevention and intervention program working with gang members to reduce involvement and provide assistance. In utilizing various approaches, GRASSY combines various forms of prevention, intervention, outreach and suppression. Based on an OJJDP Model Program, GRASSY is a comprehensive wrap-around gang intervention aiming to reduce, address, and focus on gang member issues as well as community quality of life concerns. GRASSY began within the MSC Juvenile Justice Board and evolved to separate entities. Juvenile Court participates in Steering Committee & Intervention Team (IT) **Contacts: Jason Tate, Steering Committee and Jacqueline Parson, IT Team**

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, Continued**

**Hope Academy** - Partnership between Juvenile Court and Shelby County Schools (SCS) to provide full-time academic instruction and programming for detained youth. Classes began on February 8, 2010 as partners recognized the need to insure a quality education to all children and the need to prepare youth to be successful and productive citizens. Hope Academy staff includes a Principal, certified teachers, special education services, and support staff. Further, SCS provides an educational mentor to assist the student in transition to a community school. A Recreational Coordinator, employed by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), leads students in daily activities to improve their health, wellness, and physical fitness. The **Hope Academy Advisory Council** meets quarterly to discuss program progress and make recommendations. **Contacts: Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, and Sherry Schedler**

**Juvenile Ceasefire Gun Safety Program**- Partnership with the Tennessee Department of Corrections, U.S. Attorney's Office and Memphis Police Department for juveniles aged 12-17. Organizations work together to help youth put down their weapons. The first classes were held on April 26, 2016 and take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Participants are assisted with employment training and placement, social services, faith-based services and gang outreach. **(New)** In March 2019, Juvenile Ceasefire was selected for the At-Risk Supper Program through TDHS and SCS. The Program will provide healthy snacks and supper for program participants. **Contacts: Martha Rogers, Jacqueline Parson and Brigitte Rodgers**

**Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County Evening Reporting Center (ERC) Pilot Program** - The ERC formally launched and received the first youth at JIFF on 2/24/2015. The ERC is a community-based alternative to detention for a target group of youth under supervised probation. Referrals from Juvenile Court are made in response to probation violation for youth who need additional supervision and a structured environment for a brief time. The ERC is designed to help keep youth involved in positive experiences while ensuring they are occupied during times they are most likely to recidivate. **Contact: Felicia Banks**

**Juvenile Court Precinct Liaison (JCPL) Initiative**- On October 5, 2015, an MOU was executed between Shelby County Government, Juvenile Court, City of Memphis and Memphis Police Department to implement the Juvenile Court Precinct Liaison (JCPL) Initiative. The Initiative calls for placing an experienced Juvenile Court staff member at MPD precincts selected by the MPD Director. The JCPL will act as liaison with Juvenile Court to assist law enforcement officers in screening and/or referral of juveniles brought to the precinct. Further, the JCPL will serve as facilitator for communication and coordination with the Court. The objective is to reduce the need for detention where possible and assist MPD officers in communicating and dealing with juveniles and Juvenile Court staff. The pilot began on November 6, 2015 at Old Allen Station Precinct and may expand to Raines Station Precinct. **May 2018 Update:** JCPL at Tillman Station Precinct is **Debbie Holdman** and JCPL at Old Allen Precinct is **Anthony Clear**. **Contacts: Pam Skelton, Martha Rogers, Debbie Holdman & Anthony Clear**

**Juvenile Intervention & Faith Based Follow-up (JIFF)** – Provides juvenile justice system involved youth with the skills, support and direction necessary to break the destructive cycle of delinquent behavior. JIFF provides holistic, intensive intervention with a goal of successful reintegration to the community for youth under the supervision of Youth Services Bureau (YSB). Since 2003, JIFF serves youth under YSB supervision and is a partner in Operation: Safe Community. **Contact: Felicia Banks**

**Juvenile Intervention & Faith Based Follow-up (JIFF), Early Intervention Program (E.I.P.) (formerly Mediation and Restitution/Reconciliation Services -MARRS)** - E.I.P (formerly MARRS) is a program of JIFF. The mission of E.I.P. is to intervene in the lives of first and second-time juvenile offenders by providing mediation, restitution, character development and positive outreach activities. E.I.P.'s vision is to change lives thereby empowering youth served to become healthy community members and avoid further offenses using a restorative justice approach. **Contact: Yolanda Rumph and Jacqueline Parson**

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, Continued**

**Law Enforcement Assessment Phone-In (LEAP) Pilot Program**– LEAP was created in 2013 to pilot a project to reduce the number of youth transported to Juvenile Court who do not pose a danger to themselves or the community. LEAP allows law enforcement to phone in information about a youth taken into custody to determine if they may be issued a Juvenile Summons in lieu of transport. Local law enforcement calls Detention Services 24/7 to determine if the youth meets criteria for discretionary transport. The DAT may be given telephonically. LEAP incorporates elements of the OJJDP Model Program, Diversion and the Annie E. Casey Foundation's, JDAI. **September 2015 Update: (1)** MOU originally executed with **Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO)** on 9/4/2013. **(2)** 10/23/2014-MOU amended to include **Memphis Police Department** as Project Partner. **(3)** 8/27/2015- MOU further amended adding **Collierville Police Department (4)** 9/3/2015-MOU amended adding **Germantown Police Department** as project partner. **2017:** From February through October 2017, weekly in-service training was conducted at MPD's Training Academy on the LEAP Program. Juvenile Court instructors were Pam Skelton, Bridgette Bowman, Avis Allen and Kimbrell Owens. **Contacts: Pam Skelton and Gary Cummings**

**Memphis and Shelby County Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Task Force** – Sponsored by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY), the mission is to bring together citizens, stakeholders, and families to identify and address issues leading to overrepresentation of minority youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. **Contacts: Gary Cummings and Morrie Noel**

**Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board (Juvenile Justice Board)** – The Juvenile Justice Board provides direction in developing and implementing school safety programs and strategies. Further, Board works collaboratively with partners in seeking improvements and policy changes addressing emerging and changing needs of Memphis and Shelby County youth at risk of delinquency. In January 2009, the group adopted bylaws, elected an executive committee, and adopted the OJJDP Gang Reduction Model Program, Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Society's Youth (GRASSY). In June 2009, GRASSY became the GRASSY Steering Committee and Implementation Team separate and apart from the Juvenile Justice Board. **Contacts: Gary Cummings, Sherry Schedler, Bridgette Bowman & Kimbrell Owens - Board Chairman**

**Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI)** – Group of school and community-based agencies that meet monthly to study and formulate truancy reduction strategies. Meetings are held monthly during the school year. **NOTE:** Participating schools include Arlington Community Schools, Bartlett City Schools, Collierville Schools, Germantown Municipal Schools, Lakeland School System, Millington Municipal Schools, Shelby County Schools and the Achievement School District (ASD). Other agencies represented include Commission on Missing and Exploited Children (COMEC), District Attorney General's Office (DAG), Shelby County Community Services Agency (CSA), TN Department of Children's Services (DCS), Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and Shelby County Mayor's Administration. **Contacts: Jacqueline Parson, Lolita Jackson and Sherry Schedler**

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, Continued**

### **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Initiatives:**

**1) Juvenile Justice Model Court**-Juvenile Justice Model Courts Project of the Juvenile and Family Law Department of the NCJFCJ; Short Title: NCJFCJ Juvenile Justice Model Courts Project – On 7/1/2011, Juvenile Court became one of only a dozen courts nationwide designated a Juvenile Justice Model Court. A Juvenile Justice Model Court is one that makes the commitment of human and fiscal resources to follow key principles and recommendations set forth in the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines. This term means that a court seeks to improve practice by implementing the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines and assessing its progress serving as a “model” for broad systems change. The Project advances essential elements to help courts achieve improved delinquency case processing and outcomes for youth, families and communities while aspiring to excellence. **Contacts: Pam Skelton and Trisha Monteil**

**2) National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect** - On July 7, 2014, the NCJFCJ chose Juvenile Court as one of only eight sites in the country as a National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect. This is a nationwide child welfare program to "implement best practices and to improve court systems for the benefit of the children and families in the respective jurisdiction." Juvenile Court was chosen, in part because of "the commitment and motivation to implement system reform; willingness to organize and form a strong collaborative team; and desire to improve current court practice." The NCJFCJ has partnered with courts across the country since 1992 to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families. Sites receive assessments, training and technical assistance as they work to improve practices and outcomes. The NCJFCJ provides training on the Enhanced Resource Guidelines and fosters connections to the network of the NCJFCJ Model Courts. On November 12-14, 2014, the first TA Site Visit was conducted by Franz Braun and Sarah Ray, Project Leaders. On March 18-20, 2015, Judge Michael and key Court staff attended the All-Sites Conference in Reno, NV. **Contact: Pam Skelton**

**3) Memphis and Shelby County Trauma Audit** - In order to successfully meet contradictory goals, courts need to understand the many underlying factors affecting the lives of juveniles and their families. One of the most pervasive of these factors is exposure to trauma. To be effective in achieving its mission, juvenile courts must both understand the role of traumatic exposure in the lives of children and engage resources and interventions that address child traumatic stress. The NCJFCJ is working with juvenile and family courts and stakeholders nationally to (a) define and operationalize what it means to be a trauma-responsive court, and (b) develop a protocol to conduct "trauma audits" in courts to assess the degree to which environment, practice, and policy are trauma-responsive. The NCJFCJ formed a multidisciplinary team of staff and consultant experts in social psychology, developmental psychology, trauma/victimization, domestic violence, and research methods to explore various methodologies and conduct trauma audits in courts. On February 16-18, 2016, Juvenile Court participated in the first comprehensive Trauma Audit. The NCJFCJ Team was comprised of Sarah Ray, Lorie Sicafuse, PhD, Carlene Gonzalez, PhD, Kelly Ramasinghe, JD and Monique Morrow, PhD. Court staff participated, including Judge Michael and Magistrates. Additional participants included Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) -Bailiffs, Security and Detention; Child, Juvenile and Non-Custodial Attorneys; Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Guardian Ad Litem (GAL). **Contact: Pam Skelton**

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, Continued**

**Operation: Safe Community (OSC)** - Partnership of government leaders, faith-based community, neighborhood groups, business leaders and citizens across Memphis and Shelby County in an unprecedented joint effort to reduce crime. Goal is to make Memphis & Shelby County one of the safest communities in the U.S. Key local and federal agencies and partners originally convened to develop the original plan presented at a Crime Summit. 2012: OSC 2012-2016 launched incorporating the Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan & Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI). **November 15, 2016:** Press Conference announcing the Crime Plan 2017-2021, Operation: Safe Community 3. Contacts: **Judge Michael and Pam Skelton -Executive Committee**

**School-Based Probation Liaison (SBPL) Initiative** - Partnership between Juvenile Court and Shelby County Schools (SCS) whereby trained school faculty/staff serve as liaisons with probation counselors for probationers who are students in those schools. The Initiative launched on January 7, 2014 and serves students under the active supervision of Juvenile Court's Auxiliary Probation Service (APS) or Youth Services Bureau (YSB) in target schools. Liaisons are paid a stipend by SCS for their work. Liaisons serve as monitors of school attendance and academic progress of probationers and as advocates and mentors for them in the school setting. An MOU was fully executed with SCS on April 22, 2013. September 2016 update: 2016-2017 SBPL Training was held on 9/19/16. Twelve schools participating. **3/13/2018:** 10 Schools are participating in the 2017-2018 School Year: Booker T. Washington High, Carver High, Hamilton High, Kirby High, Manassas High, Mitchell Road High, Sheffield High, Trezevant High, Wooddale High, and Northeast & Northwest Prep. **Update-November 6, 2018:** Nine (9) schools participating this school year- Cordova High, East High, G.W. Carver College & Career Academy, Hamilton High, Manassas High, NE Prep, NW Prep, Overton High and Wooddale High. SCS staff Liaison Training held on 11/7/2018. **Contacts: Pam Taylor, Gary Cummings, Martha Rogers and Sherry Schedler**

**School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE)** – Legacy Memphis City Schools (MCS) originally awarded grant funds in 2007 for a DMC Pilot to develop & implement an informal adjustment program. Grant funds ended in 2011 and program sustained Shelby County Schools. SHAPE provides immediate intervention with students who commit minor offenses & provides alternatives from transporting to Juvenile Court. Coordinators in schools assign dispositional alternatives such as community service, restitution, and/or counseling. On 8/24/11, SHAPE was selected as a DMC Best Practice by OJJDP and added to the Model Programs Guide. 2014: MOU updated with expanded charges and project partners in 21 schools. 2015: SHAPE is operational in 22 schools. The Seven Challenges Curriculum was added and interns from the UT monitor their progress post-release. July 2016: SHAPE is operational in 19 schools (15 high & 4 middle) for 2016-2017 school year. August 2017: SHAPE is operational in 41 schools for the 2017-2018 school year. **(New) January 2019:** SHAPE is operational in 40 schools for the 2018-2019 school year. **Contacts: Gary Cummings and Morrie Noel**

**Youth Court** - Juvenile Court and project partners, Tennessee Bar Association, Memphis Bar Association, Memphis Area Legal Services, and Shelby County Schools implemented a Youth Court in 2010. The first cases were heard on 2/24/11. Students from Cordova, Hillcrest, Overton, and Middle College High Schools comprised the inaugural student volunteers, who perform the roles of prosecutors, defense counsel, and jurors. Participation provides a rich learning experience and mentoring by volunteer attorneys. Youth Court is a model program of OJJDP and incorporates elements of restorative justice to hold youth accountable and prevent future delinquency. Youth courts, also known as teen or peer courts are an alternative disposition for first time, non-violent offenders who appear before and are sentenced by a jury of their peers. **2018:** Participants- Seventeen (17) Shelby County Schools, 300 youth volunteers and 70 attorney volunteers. **Contacts: Avis Allen, Thomas Coupé, Jasmine Newsom and Pamela James**

## **Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement**

- **Countywide Juvenile Justice Consortium (CJJC)**- Gary Cummings, Court Liaison
- **Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT) Advisory Coalition**- Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett
- **Commission on Missing and Exploited Children (COMEC) Board of Directors**- Pam Taylor
- **DCS Community Advisory Board (CAB)**- Erica Glynn **(New)**
- **DMC Taskforce of Memphis & Shelby County** –Gary Cummings and Morrie Noel
- **DMC State Taskforce**- Gary Cummings
- **Early Success Coalition Steering Committee** – Michael Blancett and Erica Glynn
- **Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Society's Youth (GRASSY) Committees (Shelby County Schools)** - Steering Committee Member - Jason Tate; Implementation Team (IT)- Jacqueline Parson
- **Hope Academy Advisory Council**- Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings and Sherry Schedler; Larry Weichel-SCSO; and Hope Academy Staff
- **International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention (IATDP), 109<sup>th</sup> Annual, 2019 Conference Planning Committee**- Sherry Schedler **(New)**
- **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Governing Committee & Sub-Committees** - Kimbrell Owens
- **Juvenile Justice Realignment Task Force** - Judge Dan Michael
- **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Advisory Committee** - Sherry Schedler
- **Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inns of Court**- Judge Dan Michael and Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden
- **Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board** - Gary Cummings, Sherry Schedler, Bridgette Bowman and Kimbrell Owens-Board Chairman
- **Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI)** – Jacqueline Parson, Lolita Jackson and Sherry Schedler
- **Memphis Area Psychological Association**- Dr. Tucker Johnson, 2019 President **(New)**
- **Memphis Shelby Crime Commission Board of Directors**- Judge Michael
- **Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council**- Michael Blancett- **Executive Committee**; *Other Members* - Bridgette Bowman, Pam Taylor, Martha Rogers, Avis Allen, Belynda Dwyer, Thomas Coupé, Jason Tate, Felicia Banks, Erica Glynn, Brenda Johnson, Bernard Williams and Sherry Schedler
- **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Board of Directors**- Judge Michael, Treasurer of the Board of Directors
- **Porter-Leath Board of Trustees**- Leon Gray **(New)**



## **Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement, Continued**

- **Shelby County Citizens Review Panel (CRP)**- Michael Blancett
- **Shelby County Interagency Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team**- Michael Blancett
- **Southwest Tennessee Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Board** - Sherry Schedler
- **Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association (TJCSA) Executive Committee**- Jennifer McKissick, Member
- **Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN)**- Dr. Audrey Elion, Regional Chair

## **Active Interagency Memorandum of Understanding and/or Agreement**

- **June 11, 2003:** MOU with **COMEC** for use of computer network system.
- **October 13, 2006:** MOU with **Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Jail Division**, to establish policies and practices for communication & information for juveniles transferred to Criminal Court.
- **August 8, 2008:** MOU signed between Shelby County Schools, City of Memphis, MPD, Shelby County Government, Shelby County PD, and Juvenile Court for the **School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE)**. August 27, 2010: Updated MOU signed. Revision updates original MOUs of 8/8/08 & 1<sup>st</sup> revision of 6/3/09 extending partnership. 11/22/2013: Updated MOU. 11/30/2014: Updated MOU executed with expanded project partners and charges. **(New) March 22, 2018:** Fully executed and updated MOU received.
- **December 21, 2009:** MOU signed to develop & implement educational services in Detention. NOTE: **Hope Academy** opened in February 2010. February 8, 2011: MOU Extension approved for 1 year. October 5, 2012: Extension approved. October 15, 2014: MOU Extension approved.
- **November 8, 2011:** MOU with Memphis City Schools (now Shelby County Schools) to establish policies and practices for Memphis and Shelby County Youth Court (**Youth Court**). January 26, 2018- MOU updated & executed copies received & distributed. **July 3, 2018-** First Renewal of Youth Court MOU executed and distributed.
- **February 15, 2013:** Letter of Agreement between **The Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF)** and Shelby County Government on behalf of Juvenile Court (and Shelby County) for grant funds and to support replication of the JDAI. NOTE: Updated MOU for funding & programming from 2016 through 2017.
- **April 22, 2013:** MOU with Shelby County Schools to implement a **School-Based Probation Liaison (SBPL) Initiative**. December 5, 2017: MOU updated and fully executed copy received. Agreement expires on June 30, 2018 with up to three one-year annual renewals. **July 13, 2018-** First Renewal of SBPL MOU executed. Copies received & distributed.
- **April 24, 2013:** Revised Multi-agency MOU signed with **The Memphis Child Advocacy Center, Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT)** and project partners. Purpose is to work through interagency approach to insure best outcomes for child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse. Protocol is culmination of teamwork of law enforcement, child protection, medical, victims' services, mental health, and prosecution per TCA 37-1-607.
- **September 4, 2013:** MOU with SCSO for the **Law Enforcement Assessment Phone-In Pilot Program (LEAP)**. October 23, 2014: MOU signed to include MPD. August 27, 2015: MOU amended adding Collierville PD. September 3, 2015: MOU amended adding Germantown PD as a project partner.
- **June 2, 2014:** MOA with **Shelby County Early Success Coalition (ESC)** for participation as Endorsing Partner.
- **July 6, 2015:** MOU with **Arlington Community Schools** for receipt of a morning report.
- **August 4, 2015:** MOU with **Shelby County Schools** for receipt of a morning report.

## **Active Interagency Memorandum of Understanding and/or Agreement, Continued**

- **September 18, 2015:** MOU with **Shelby County Community Services Agency (CSA)** for partnership, referrals and confidentiality.
- **October 5, 2015:** MOU between Shelby County Government, Juvenile Court, City of Memphis and MPD for the **Juvenile Court Precinct Liaison (JCPL) Initiative.**
- **November 2, 2015:** MOU with **Achievement School District (ASD)** for morning report.
- **March 9, 2017:** MOU with **Bartlett City Schools** for a morning report.
- **October 19, 2016:** MOU with **Millington Municipal Schools** for receipt of a morning report.
- **January 26, 2018:** MOU executed between Shelby County on behalf of Juvenile Court, SCSO Office and Memphis Safe Place Emergency Shelter for Teens, **Poplar Group Home (Youth Villages Inc.)** to begin a pilot establishing a safe place for youth from Juvenile Court who do not meet requirements to be detained and as an alternative to detention.
- **April 12, 2018:** MOU with **Germantown Municipal School District** for morning report.
- **June 5, 2018:** MOU with **Lakeland School System** for morning report.

## **Juvenile Court Grant Initiatives & Activity**

❖ **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)/YSO - TCCY State Supplement - Youth Services Officer (YSO).** (**Trisha Monteil and Kim Weiss**)

❖ **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)-** JAG replaced Byrne Formula & Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) with single funding for specific purpose areas in law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment, and planning, evaluation and technology improvement. Funds provided by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), passed through to Shelby County. (**Trisha Monteil and Sherry Schedler**)

❖ **(New)** Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) & Shelby County Schools (SCS)- Nutrition. In March 2019, Juvenile Ceasefire was selected for the At-Risk Supper Program through TDHS and SCS. The Program will provide healthy snacks and supper for Juvenile Ceasefire program participants. (**Trisha Monteil and Martha Rogers**)

## **Interagency Activity Detail**

**March 4-6, 2019:** National Days on the Hill Conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the NCJFCJ (**Judge Michael**)

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**March 7, 2019:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)

**March 7, 2019:** GRASSY Implementation Team Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)

**March 7, 2019:** Youth Court (**Avis Allen, Jasmine Newsom and Pamela James**)

**March 9, 2019:** Speaking Engagement: New Salem Baptist Church young men. Topic: saving our youth and Juvenile Court information (**Presenter -Eric Roberts**)

**March 12, 2019:** Court Services Parent Orientation (**Presenter- Bridgette Bowman**)

**March 12, 2019:** Auxiliary Probation Service (APS) Monthly Meeting at Airways Station Police Precinct (**Pam Taylor, Eric Roberts & Olivia Campo**)

**March 13, 2019:** Presenter for Final CLE Seminar of Atty. Larry Rice (**Judge Michael**)

**March 14, 2019:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)

**March 14, 2019:** GRASSY Implementation Team Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)

**March 14, 2019:** COMEC Board of Directors Meeting (**Pam Taylor**)

**Interagency Activity Detail, Continued**

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- March 21, 2019:** Youth Court (**Avis Allen, Jasmine Newsom and Pamela James**)
- March 21, 2019:** Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI) Meeting (**Lolita Jackson and Sherry Schedler**)
- March 24, 2019:** The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Memphis Chapter hosted the 2019 Men Who Cook Event (**Competition Judge-Magistrate Judge Carlyn Addison; Participants - Lolita Jackson, Kevin Williams and Shirley (Armstrong) Parker**)
- March 25, 2019:** Meeting with the "Be What a Bullet Can't Be" Program and special guests (**Participants- Judge Michael, Leon Gray, Pam Skelton, Alan Spearman, Mark Adams, Michele Hunt and Joyce Anderson**)
- March 26, 2019:** Juvenile Ceasefire Gun Safety Program (**Brigitte Rodgers & Martha Rogers**)
- March 26, 2019:** Speaking Engagement: Cherokee Elementary School 3rd and 4th grade students on "Making Choices that Matter" (**Presenter-Eric Roberts**)
- March 27, 2019:** Shelby County Schools Enrollment Representatives onsite weekly assisting families with school registration & information for their children (**Pam Skelton and Marquita Dudley Evans**)
- March 27, 2019:** Meeting with Jamal Whitlow, Youth Assessment Center Director (**Judge Michael and Leon Gray**)
- March 28, 2019:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)
- March 28, 2019:** GRASSY Implementation Team Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)
- March 28, 2019:** GunSTAT Meeting (**Sherry Schedler**)

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