



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Commission for Children, Youth and Families

### (Local Management Board)



Tuesday, August 19, 2025

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Welcome - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Courtney Wimbush, at 4:32 p.m. A quorum was confirmed with seven voting board members in attendance at the time of the call to order.

II. Introductions - Roll call was facilitated by Mikaela Robinson. The following members and attendees confirmed their presence.

Courtney Wimbush (Chair/Citizen Member), Sharon Christmas-DeBerry (Vice Chair/Citizen Member), Jamie Dixon (Department of Social Services), Tiffany Hardy (Citizen Member), Police Chief George Nader (Prince George's County Police Department), Erica Turner (Health, Human Services and Education), Assistant Police Chief George Nichols (Prince George's County Police Department), Sheriff John Carr (Office of the Sheriff), Jonathan Baiden (Commission for Children, Youth and Families, Support Staff), Aaron Prather (Commission for Children, Youth and Families, Support Staff), Chimere Bryant (Commission for Children, Youth and Families, Support Staff)

III. Review/Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting was made by Sheriff John Carr and seconded by Police Chief George Nader

IV. LMB Chair – Courtney Wimbush

- Ad Hoc Committee Workgroups Reports
  - There were no reports from the Ad Hoc Committees.
  - Chair Wimbush stated that LMB Director Dr. Orethea Mattison strongly encourages participation, stating that the committees "really do drive the work of the LMB board" and help members stay abreast of community needs. She urged members to find a committee that suits their talents and to consider serving as a committee chair.
  - Jonathan Baiden explained that there are four ad hoc committees: Infrastructure, Programs, Data, and Communication, with support staff assigned to each committee. Admin Assistant Mikaela Robinson will send out the Ad Hoc

Committee Guidelines as well as the sign-up sheet for board members to select their committee.

V. LMB Director's Report – Dr. Orethea Mattison

In Dr. Mattison's absence, Jonathan Baiden, Senior Planner with the Children, Youth and Family Division, delivered the Director's Report.

- Division Update & Vacancies
  - Mr. Baiden provided an overview of the division's structure and acknowledged the significant effort of the current staff. He highlighted several crucial vacancies the division is actively recruiting for: Clinical Therapist, Program Monitors, Data Analyst, and Family Navigator.
- FY26 Funding Streams
  - The division's total funding for Fiscal Year 2026 is just over \$3 million.
  - Children Cabinet Interagency Fund (CCIF): This remains the largest funding source, provided by the Governor's Office for Children to support programs aligned with the Governor's ENOUGH Initiatives Four Pillars.
  - CCIF LMB ENOUGH Capacity Building: the LMB received \$190,686 to form learning communities between grantees, aligned grantees, service providers, and facilitators. All aimed at curating a space of co-learning, co-strategizing, and co-creation.
  - Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE): Chimere Bryant confirmed that while the grant has been approved, the final dollar amount is not yet confirmed. The division proposed \$250,000.
  - County General Funds: The division received \$469,000+, which reflects an 11% budget cut from the previous year. Mr. Baiden noted this cut directly impacted funding for Youth Service Bureaus (YSBs) in College Park, Laurel, Bowie, Greenbelt, and District Heights, reducing their annual funding from \$105,000 to approximately \$93,000 each.
- FY26 CCIF Approved Programs/Strategies
  - Mr. Baiden detailed the five providers supported by CCIF funds, emphasizing that returning providers have expanded their services for FY26 to better align with the Governor's ENOUGH Initiative Four Pillars.
    - Big Brother/Big Sisters (New): Provides one-on-one mentoring to build youth resilience. A bilateral referral process is being established with the Local Care Team.
    - CCI Health Services (New): Expands health access for families, aligning with the Health and Well-being Pillar.
    - Community Services Foundation (CSF) (Returning): Expanding its after-school enrichment programs under the Safe and Thriving Communities Pillar.
    - Cultural Academics for Excellence (CAFE) (Returning): Continues its music enrichment program while adding more academic support to reinforce education and aligning with the Cradle to Career Education Pillar.

- Hope Project (Returning): Expanding its IT and workforce training programs and aligning with the economically Secure Families Pillar.
- Division Program Overviews
  - Local Care Team (LCT) & Family Navigation: Chimere Bryant described the LCT as a collaborative body of child-serving agencies (e.g., LMB, PGC Health Dept Local Behavioral Health Authority (PGC LBHA), PGC Public School System (PGCPS), Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), Department of Social Services (DSS), Development Disabilities Administration (DDA), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Maryland Coalition of families (MCF), and a parent advocate that develops plans of care for youth with intensive behavioral, educational, or mental health needs who may require residential placement. The Family Navigation service helps families connect to resources and develop skills in parenting, communication, and stress management to follow through on LCT recommendations.
  - Children in Need of Support (CINS) Program: CINS Case Manager Aaron Prather explained that CINS is a juvenile diversion program for youth aged 9-17. It provides case management, community service opportunities, and two eight-week youth and parent group sessions per year, a 4-day Spring break Session, and a 4-week/4-day Summer Enrichment program. Referrals come from the PGCPS, DJS, DSS, other child-serving agencies, and parents/family members.
  - Home Visiting Program: Ms. Bryant detailed this voluntary program aimed at preventing adverse childhood experiences. It supports families by offering in-home visits and connecting them to resources. To participate, families must enroll prenatally or before their child is three months old, which allows the program to help with developmental milestones and provide early intervention, if needed. Families can remain in the program until the child is 5 years old.
- Questions
  - Sharon Y. Christmas-DeBerry requested a copy of the presentation, and Mr. Baiden confirmed it would be emailed to the board.
- VI. Announcements and Program Updates
 

There were no announcements or program updates.
- VII. Adjournment
 

Chair Wimbush moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Police Chief George Nader. The meeting was officially adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

**Next scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**