

MSBA CORRECTIONAL REFORM SECTION COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of February 9, 2012

Members Present: Michael Berlin, Khelani Clay, Christopher Flohr, Roland Knapp, Scott Oakley.

Call to Order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:45pm by Christopher Flohr, who hosted the meeting at the Offices of Blackford & Flohr in Severna Park. As host, and in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Chris chaired the meeting. Kudos to Chris for his gracious hospitality and great food!

Future Meetings: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 15, 2012.

Legislation: There was discussion of pending legislation. By an e-mail dated February 8, 2012, Walter Lomax requested consideration of SB 584 and SB 492. By an e-mail dated February 9, 2012, Phillip Dantes requested consideration of SB 165, SB 584, and SB 492. Bill summaries of the following bills were prepared for consideration by Chris Flohr: HB 586, HB 587, HB 650, HB 651, HB 652, HB 656, HB 667, HB 670, HB 681, HB 708, HB 743, HB 796, HB 821, HB 852, HB 930, HB 1012, HB 1086, HB 1121, HB 1122, HB 1137, HB 1147, SB 568, SB 569, SB 584, and SB 667. There was discussion of the following specific bills: SB 584, SB 492, SB 247, HB 528, HB 513, SB 245, and HB 198. There was not a quorum present to take a firm position on any of this pending legislation. It was also suggested in the course of discussion that an effective and expeditious means of communicating with MSBA's Director of Legislative Relations, Richard Montgomery, would be by e-mail.

DPSCS Reorganization: Scott Oakley reported that the DPSCS had been reorganized by Secretary Maynard. The reorganization effectively eliminated the former "stovepipe" agencies known as the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, the Division of Correction, and the Division of Parole and Probation. The purpose of the reorganization was to facilitate a more seamless delivery of program services to offenders as they pass from pre-trial detention through incarceration to, ultimately, community supervision. It was suggested that the Chair should invite the Secretary or a designee to give a presentation on the reorganization.

Justice Policy Institute Article - When Treatment is Punishment: There was a brief discussion of this article, and the discussion grew to encompass juvenile offenders and parole issues.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned.