

Item #: 16

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RESOLUTION APPROVING VARIOUS CHANGES TO AND  
RESTRUCTURING OF THE COUNTY-WIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE  
CONSORTIUM. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MARK  
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WHEREAS, There is a need to provide Shelby County parents, guardians, mentors, and youth with a juvenile system that is effective, equitable, and restorative in an effort to prevent juvenile crime and delinquency; and

WHEREAS, The public desires continued access to the Shelby County juvenile justice system to ensure employment of rehabilitative policies and practices while holding youth accountable, sustained best practices, development of preventative programs, identification of treatment opportunities for youth, and encourage transparency for all who are impacted by the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, The Shelby County Commission, the Shelby County Mayor, Shelby County Sheriff, Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Court Judge, and other elected officials are desirous of a Shelby County juvenile justice system that believes that youth should be treated justly, respectfully, and equitably regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, The County-wide Juvenile Justice Consortium was a product of the now-terminated Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Department of

Justice, the previous Judge of Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County, and the previous Shelby County Mayor; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Administration recommends a reconstitution of the County-wide Juvenile Justice Consortium and modification and restructuring of its operation; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Administration recommends greater emphasis on diverse community oversight, analysis of local trends that put youth at risk, assessment of resource gaps that effect youth and families, and stronger partnerships with community leaders for positive policy shifts.

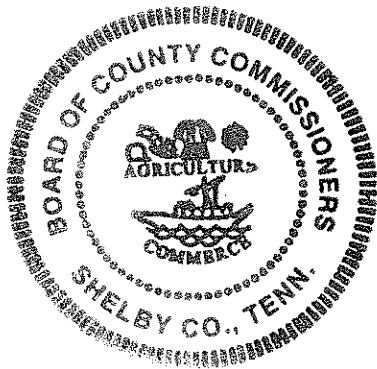
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the County-wide Juvenile Justice Consortium shall be organized and reconstituted as a local board of Shelby County Government and be comprised of up to nine (9) members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners shall approve and/or ratify all voting appointees who serve on the Consortium and who shall have the purposes, powers, and duties of procedures as set forth in "Exhibit A," a copy of which is attached hereto and specifically incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That on or after July 1, 2019, the Consortium shall adopt the initial by-laws governing its operations and that said by-laws shall not be inconsistent with the aforementioned procedures or with the Charter of Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the current members of the County-wide Juvenile Justice Consortium shall continue to serve in their existing terms, subject to Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall take effect in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).



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Lee Harris  
County Mayor

Date: 4/1/2019

ATTEST:

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Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED  
AS AMENDED: March 25, 2019

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **PROCEDURES FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE CONSORTIUM**

#### **PURPOSES OF THE COUNTYWIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE CONSORTIUM**

The purposes of the Countywide Juvenile Justice Consortium shall be as follows:

- (A) To draft the necessary by-laws for the operation of the body subject to approval by the governing body.
- (B) To select the officers and any sub-committees of the body.
- (C) To collect information regarding the experiences of families who participate in the juvenile justice system, as well as the concerns of the larger Shelby County community.
- (D) To conduct widely publicized open meetings at least twice per calendar year.
- (E) To conduct discussions with the Judge of Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County (or the Judge's designee) and the Sheriff (or the Sheriff's designee) regarding operations, policies, and perceived patterns and trends in order to evaluate concerns regarding the administration of juvenile justice.
- (F) To make recommendations to the Shelby County Mayor, the Judge of Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County, the Sheriff, or other elected leaders regarding program plans and priorities in institutions and facilities.
- (G) To compile and present requested information regarding Juvenile Court and juvenile detention activities as requested by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners or Shelby County Mayor.

## SELECTION OF THE COUNTYWIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

The up to nine (9) members of the citizen-led County-wide Juvenile Justice Consortium shall be representative of the diverse population impacted by the juvenile justice system and shall be represented as follows:

- (a) Up to seven (7) demonstrated community advocates or experts in areas relevant to juvenile justice issues, as well as, where possible, (a) individuals under who have interacted with the Court, and (b) parents or guardians of, or mentors to, individuals who have had points of contact with delinquency issues in Juvenile Court of Memphis & Shelby County, appointed by the Mayor,
- (b) The Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator (or an equivalent Shelby County employee) appointed from within the Mayor's Administration, who shall be non-voting, and
- (c) A non-voting representative employed in the Shelby County Government Division of Community Services - Office of Justice Initiatives, appointed by the Mayor in consultation with the Director of Community Services.

All voting appointees shall be brought before the Shelby County Board of Commissioners for approval. The seven voting appointees shall serve for a term of two years for a maximum of two terms. Shelby County employee and elected official appointees shall serve until replaced by the appointing authority.

## COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All members of the County-wide Juvenile Justice Consortium shall serve without pay. Volunteer officers shall be selected by appointed members based on adopted rules and procedures that are consistent with existing laws and the governing resolution. Officers shall include, at least, a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary.