

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM**

Mayor's Order 2009-13  
February 9, 2009

**SUBJECT:** I. Designation of a Single State Agency to Administer the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency  
II. Establishment of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

**ORIGINATING AGENCY:** Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by sections 422(6) and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code §§ 1-204.22(6) and (11) (2008 Supp.), and in accordance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (Act), approved September 7, 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-415, 88 Stat. 1109, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

**PART I**

The Justice Grants Administration (JGA) is the sole Agency in the District of Columbia responsible for supervising the preparation and administration of the state plan according to section 223(a) of the Act.

**PART II**

**I. ESTABLISHMENT**

There is hereby established in the Government of the District of Columbia, a Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG), as the state planning agency required by section 223(a)(3) of the Act.

**II. FUNCTIONS**

The JJAG shall:

- a. Serve as the advisory board for the JGA, as required by section 233(a)(3) of the Act;
- b. Participate in the development and review of the District's three-year juvenile justice plan, as required by section 233(a)(3) of the Act;
- c. Participate in the review of, and advise JGA, on juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grant applications submitted to the JGA;
- d. Advise the Mayor and JGA on problems which concern:

1. The identification and analysis of the service needs of youth involved, or at-risk of becoming involved, in the juvenile justice system in the District of Columbia, and
  2. Program and policy recommendations for addressing these needs;
- e. Assist in the development of operating standards for all juvenile detention/correction facilities, group homes, and foster care homes and programs used in the juvenile justice system;
  - f. Assist in monitoring all juvenile detention/correction facilities and community-based programs to ensure compliance with the Act;
  - g. Review, in partnership with JGA, the progress and accomplishments of public and private sector juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs funded under the District's juvenile justice plan;
  - h. Undertake studies for review or comment on special public or private juvenile research studies that impact upon District youth or juvenile services;
  - i. Submit a proposed budget for the use of JJAG funds to JGA by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If a budget is not received, then JGA will have full discretion on the use of the funds;
  - j. Undertake other duties as assigned; and
  - k. Submit to the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia, an annual report that provides recommendations regarding compliance with the core requirements and with progress related to Formula Grant programs and challenge activities pursuant to Parts D and E of the Act.

### **III. COMPOSITION**

- a. The Mayor shall appoint not less than 15 and not more than 33 members to the JJAG, including a Chairperson. Members shall be private individuals, representatives of non-government organizations, or representatives of appropriate agencies of government who have training, experience, special knowledge, or a demonstrated interest in the preventions and treatment of juvenile delinquency, the needs of neglected and dependent children, or the administration of juvenile justice.
  1. The majority of the members, including the Chairperson and Vice-Chair, shall not be full-time employees of the Federal, or District government.

2. At least one-fifth of the members shall be under the age of 24 at the time of appointment.
  3. At least three members shall have been or currently be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.
- b. The JJAG shall be composed of members, which include:
1. One locally elected official representing general purpose government;
  2. Representatives from law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, including juvenile and family court judges, prosecutors, counsel for children and youth, and probation workers;
  3. Representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment, such as welfare, social services, mental health, education, special education, recreation, and youth services;
  4. Representatives of private non-profit organizations, including persons with a special focus on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency preventions and treatment, neglected or dependent children, the quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for children;
  5. Volunteers who work with at-risk youth;
  6. Persons involved with alternative incarceration programs, including programs providing organized recreation activities;
  7. Persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion; and
  8. Persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, child abuse and neglect, and youth violence.

#### IV. TERMS

- a. Each of the members shall serve two-year terms. All members of the JJAG shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired portion of the term for that vacancy.
- b. Members may not serve for more than three consecutive terms, regardless of the length of those terms. However, members may continue to serve beyond the end

of their terms until reappointed or replaced.

**V. COMPENSATION**

Members of the JJAG shall serve without compensation.

**VI. ADMINISTRATION**

The Juvenile Justice Specialist in the JGA shall provide appropriate administrative support for the JJAG.

**VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The JJAG shall develop and publish procedures to guard against conflicts of interest for its members and include those procedures in the JJAG By-Laws. These procedures shall provide that no member of the JJAG may participate in any way in the review of grant applications for his/her own organization or for an organization offering the same or similar services. This prohibition extends to any member of the JJAG having a family member in an organization being considered for a grant. In addition, no member of the JJAG may participate in the review of grant applications for the same or a related grant program for which his/her organization has also submitted a competing funding application.

**VIII. RECISSION**

This Order supersedes Mayor's Order 2008-73, dated April 30, 2008, in its entirety.

**VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective immediately.

  
ADRIAN M. FENTY  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
STEPHANIE D. SCOTT  
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA