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### Maryland Parole Commission

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### COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2018 CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM 6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

#### MINUTES OPEN SESSION

**Attendees:** Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Begosh, Cluster, DeBoy, Greene, Hill, Keckler, Miller, Reynolds and Smack; Program Manager Christine Burke; Assistant Attorney General Susan Baron

**Absent:** Program Manager Ruth Ogle

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

- Parole Commission hearing officers are scheduled to attend the October 31, 2018 Commission meeting.
- Deputy Director of Commitment Judi Hemler has rescheduled her visit to the Commission for November 14, 2018.
- The minutes from the October 3, 2018 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- If an inmate is unable to be moved to general population for medical reasons revocation hearings may be scheduled at the Metropolitan Transition Center (MTC) hospital.
- All possible outcomes must be explained to offenders that were approved for release via HB-1174 if infractions are incurred or recommended programs are not completed. Otherwise a new disposition only hearing must be held.
- Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) statistics are due by November 1, 2018 for the Joint Chairman's Report (JCR).

- **Kate Wolfson and Catherine Pitchford from the Center for Urban Families (CFU) addressed the Commission:  
The mission of CFU is to strengthen urban communities by helping fathers and families achieve stability and economic success.  
Family services are offered through the Baltimore Responsible Father and Couples Advancing Together Programs.  
Education and job readiness are a key component of the program.  
The program has community partnerships that assist with housing, substance abuse treatment and mental health services.  
The program is funded with private donations and federal grants.  
The Commission may recommend the program as part of parole. Program participants on supervision sign a consent form allowing program administrators to update parole and probation agents on their progress.**
  
- **At 10:47 a.m. under General Provisions Art. § 3-305 Chairman Blumberg made a motion to end the open session and go into a closed session to discuss personnel matters, review cases en-banc and to consult with legal counsel. A vote was taken and all commissioners were in favor. The meeting will reconvene in the Parole Commission's conference room.**