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Juvenile Justice Commission releases annual report

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Juvenile Justice Commission approved its annual report at a quarterly meeting recently in Charleston.

“The Juvenile Justice Commission was not only created to promote rehabilitation services for juveniles, but also to provide cost savings and promote public safety,” said Chief Justice Margaret L. Workman, who established the commission in 2011.

“Our goal is improving treatment, education, and public safety while providing the best possible guidance and structure to juveniles. This latest report outlines all the commission has done and will continue to do to help this process.”

In 2014, Ninth Judicial Circuit (Mercer County) Judge Omar Aboulhosn became chairman of the commission when Justice Workman stepped down.

“I am very proud of the work that this Commission has done over the last year. The Commission started a few years ago as a project of Chief Justice Workman to look into concerns regarding the untimely death of a juvenile while in custody. Over the last year, the Commission has expanded its role to monitor nearly every aspect of the Juvenile Justice System,” said Judge Aboulhosn.

“The juvenile justice system, from when the Commission began to where it is today, has changed greatly in West Virginia for the better and there is more work to be done. I look forward to the continuing good work that this Commission will do in the future.”

A link to the commission’s 2014 report is available on the West Virginia Judiciary website at www.courtswv.gov/court-administration/juvenile-justice-commission/juvenile-justice-commission.html.

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