



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Notes: Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board
November 4, 2019

Location: Charles City County Administration Bldg.
10900 Courthouse Rd.
Charles City, VA 23030

Members Present

- Judge Wade Bowie
- Thomas J. Byrne
- David Coe
- Maj. Sue Galvin for Sean Dunn
- Joe Jackson
- Stacy Kern-Sheerer
- Adam Kinsman, Chair
- Betty Lasris
- Charles Moss, Vice Chair
- Virginia Munoz
- Jenny Kittrell for Jenny Pauls
- Brad Rinehimer
- Andrew Trivette
- Kelly Waddell

Members Absent

- Bill Coda
- Todd Duval
- Chad Green
- Dennis Ivey
- Judge Colleen Killilea
- Judge Mike McGinty
- Joe McLaughlin
- Patricia Paige
- Tony Pham
- Rob Tyler

Staff Present

- Hal Diggs, CCC Director
- Ashley Brown, CCC Administrative Coordinator
- Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner
- Maj. Eric Peterson, JCCPD

1. CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Adam Kinsman.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM (*Ashley Brown*)

Administrative Coordinator Ashley Brown called the role and reported that a quorum was present.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (*Adam Kinsman*)

The Chair welcomed new York representative Betty Lasris and asked her to provide a brief description of her background. Ms. Lasris has worked as a school psychologist for 41 years at the elementary, middle, and high school levels in York Public Schools. She has authored both threat and suicide assessments and provided trauma instruction for teachers for much of her time in the schools.

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2019 MEETING NOTES

Chief Rinehimer made a motion to approve the meeting notes as presented, Mr. Trivette seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair noted that the Code of Virginia requires justice boards to have a “local educator” as a member. He noted that the General Assembly didn’t provide specifics but asked whether the membership would support Ms. Lasris to serve as our local educator. With no objections noted, Ms. Laris was recognized as the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board’s local educator.

Mr. Kinsman suggested that Mr. Diggs host an open house at Colonial Community Corrections for new Board members and those who might want a refresher to provide additional details about the efforts and personnel of the office.

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS (*Jack Fitzpatrick*)

Mr. Fitzpatrick has not heard back from the Charles City County Board of Supervisors regarding Mr. Coad’s re-appointment request.

Chairman Kinsman noted that Chief Rinehimer served as the Chair of the Nomination Committee last year and asked if he would be willing to serve again this year. Chief Rinehimer accepted the assignment and will choose two assistants to establish a slate of candidates who

are willing to serve as Justice Board Chair and Co-chair for the year 2020. Elections will be held for the new year at the February 2020 quarterly meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.) Juvenile Justice Committee: (*Joe Jackson*)

- Mr. Jackson voiced support for Mr. Diggs hosting an open house.
- The Committee met in September and October and is working on the next in the series of public safety videos which will explore a teen friend's dilemma with regard to confronting a friend who plans to attend a party where drugs and alcohol will be present.
- Juvenile Probation Officer Aaron Vincion and Juvenile Justice Committee Chair invited many school and community representatives to the October meeting which tripled the Committee's usual attendance. We will work to ensure that the increased interest and participation will continue.
- Our ten public safety videos have yielded 1,394 views. Significant increases in viewership were seen after Lafayette High School posted the video to their front page for several months.
- The Justice Planner is assisting the historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition with their social media outreach following their Town Hall Opioids Summit on October 25.
- No presentations of the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs and Opioids are scheduled as yet for the fall semester.

b.) CIT & Opioids Abuse Committee: (*David Coe*)

Mr. Coe reported that there is energy and interest from local law enforcement for the expansion of the hours of the Crisis Intervention Therapeutic Assessment Center (CITAC) at Riverside Doctor's Hospital. State support for a 24-hour program is unlikely, but 16-hours per day might be achievable. If funds are allocated, Colonial Behavioral Health will work with the departments to determine whether opening earlier or remaining open later would be the best use of the additional hours. Current hours are from noon until midnight, every day of the year.

He reported that the Town Hall Meeting on the Opioid Crisis at Legacy Hall was very successful. Over 80 attendees gathered on October 25th with the Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition (HTDPC). Gail Taylor, Director of Department of

Behavioral Health Developmental Services (DBHDS) provided a presentation on the latest statewide and local statistics and a guest speaker panel discussed the issues locally.

Mr. Coe will send a copy of the PowerPoint presentation provided by the state to Mr. Fitzpatrick who will forward it to the Board members.

C.) Re-Entry Committee: (*Jenny Kittrell for Jenny Pauls*)

- The **DMV Connect** program last visited VPRJ in July. Due to problems in acquiring a new state computer fob, the program had been suspended. We have just been advised that the program will return in January 2020. The total number served since inception at VPRJ is 309.
- The **Community Of Faith Mission-Winter Shelter** will open on November 17 and will run through 3/22/2020.
- Two male volunteers are approved for service in the **One Stop Resume' computer center**. We were advised, last week, that the female volunteer has resigned from serving at One-Stop. Currently, Ma'rea Proctor-Colonial Re-Entry Coordinator-and two female CCC probation Officers can serve the women.
- VPRJ **therapeutic substance abuse recovery pod** called "We Are In This Together" (WAITT) finished its second session and currently has 12 women in their third session which will graduate on Friday, 12/13/2019 at 11:30 a.m. As a reminder, the program is all-inclusive, three-months in length, serves up to 20 women at a time, provides trauma-informed counseling, AA/NA support, job prep, family reunification, and religious programming. Prospective inmates have to apply and be interviewed for admission to the pod.
- **The VPRJ first Re-Entry Fair** had 167 inmates and 15 vendors participate. The spring fair is planned for the end of March 2020. Surveys from the Fair were overwhelmingly positive but the one improvement that was suggested, by the inmates, was that they would like to have more time to visit the different tables. State Senator Tommy Norment and Williamsburg City Manager Drew Trivette attended. Richmond Radio station WRVA held their "Reed on the Road" program from the jail during the event and WTKR-TV interviewed Ma'rea for their news episode.
- **Electronic Monitoring Program** continues to show positive results. Several inmates have served the last portion of their sentences on an ankle monitor, working during

the day and living outside of the jail. This program saves the jurisdictions money and costs for the services are paid for by the inmate.

Jail Administrator (and Justice Board member) Tony Pham has announced that he will resign from his post on Dec. 13, 2019. The search is ongoing for his successor.

8. REPORT OF CCC AGENCY DIRECTOR

Mr. Diggs said that he would be very interested in hosting a tour of Colonial Community Corrections to educate on the positions of Pre-Trial Investigation, Pre-Trial, Probation Supervision, and Re-Entry. He noted that Re-Entry Coordinator Ma'rea Proctor proposed a Re-Entry Fair six months ago and, with the help of Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail Administration and staff, held a very successful first Fair. Some discussion followed regarding representation of the Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) and employers who are willing to consider ex-offenders for their businesses. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that he has two lists of ex-offender-friendly companies that he will send to Judge Bowie and noted that a DCSE representative formerly attended most Re-Entry meetings and that a new DCSE will begin attending soon.

Mr. Diggs officially introduced Ashley Brown as the new Colonial Community Corrections Administrative Coordinator.

The state will discuss possible expansion of Pre-Trial diversion at the November 11th Crime Commission meeting. A significant amount of research has been conducted in this arena and it may have a great impact on our efforts.

The Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association (VCCJA) has requested an additional \$4 million statewide for the expansion of Pre-Trial efforts. Secretary Brian Moran unsuccessfully attempted to have the funds included in the state budget. Mr. Diggs advised that this effort is behind his request to have Justice Board members submit letters of support. Some discussion followed about the letters of support. CCC funding requests to our localities will begin to be due soon. CCC was fully funded last year and is expected to be level this year.

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

None

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Chief Rinehimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by several people at once, and Chairman Kinsman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, **February 3, 2020**, in the City of Poquoson