



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Notes:

Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board
November 2, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL-via Zoom.com

Members Present

- Bruce Call, designee for Joe Jackson
- Sean Dunn
- Andy Engemann
- Adam Kinsman, Chair
- Betty Lasris
- Joe McLaughlin
- Charles Moss, Vice Chair
- Virginia Munoz
- Patricia Paige
- Jenny Pauls
- Brad Rinehimer
- Kelly Waddell
- Tommy West
- Roy Witham

Members Absent

- Lewis Black III
- Judge Elliott Bondurant
- Judge Wade Bowie
- David Coe
- Todd Duval
- Stacy Kern-Sheerer
- Judge Colleen Killilea
- Andrew Trivette
- Rob Tyler
- Williamsburg-VACANCY

Staff Present

- Hal Diggs, CCC Director
- Ashley Brown, CCC Administrative Coordinator
- Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner
- Brandee Ponce, CCC Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER (*Adam Kinsman*)

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chair Adam Kinsman.

2. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM (*Ashley Brown*)

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

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (*Adam Kinsman*)

N/A.

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MEETING NOTES AS WELL AS MAY 4 AND AUGUST 3 MEMOS TO THE BOARD (due to CoVID-19 restrictions) (*Adam Kinsman*)

Chair asked for a motion to approve the notes and memos with the correction included. Chief Dunn made a motion to approve and Chief Rinehimer seconded. The motion was approved.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (*Adam Kinsman*)

Mr. Kinsman shared that since there are so many new or newer Board members, there would be value in discussing why we do what we do. Mr. Kinsman was first appointed in 2015 and he noted that only 9 of the 24 remain from that time. He discussed the Virginia Code sections that authorize/require the creation of Justice Boards for those jurisdictions who wish to provide local probation and pretrial services. Additionally, he noted that this Board has created three committees-Adult Re-Entry (from jails and prisons), Juvenile Justice, and Crisis Intervention Team-Opioid Abuse Prevention.

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS (*Adam Kinsman*)

County Supervisor Lewis Black III was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Bill Coad, following our last in-person Board meeting in February, and he will represent Charles City County.

Chief Circuit Court Judge Elliott Bondurant was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Judge McGinty, Capt. Tommy West was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Dennis Ivey, and Andy Engemann was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Chad Green. All three will represent York County.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.) Juvenile Justice Committee: *(Bruce Call for Joe Jackson)*

- The Committee has not met since February due to the pandemic and related school closures.
- Our eleven public safety videos have yielded 1,761 views (357 more than a year ago). Notices were sent to local law enforcement agencies as well as the Avalon Women's Shelter offering them the use of the "Love You To Death" video during October for Domestic Violence Awareness month. However, no additional views were logged during the month of October.
- The Justice Planner continues to assist the Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition with their social media outreach via a Facebook page. The group has had to change plans for the town hall event and has chosen to provide a lunch and learn series with the Greater Williamsburg Trauma-Informed Care Network on Thursdays in October 2020. Session topics included trauma, stress, and resilience.
- The Justice Planner provided a presentation of the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs and Opioids for Virginia Delegate Amanda Batten's office (12 attendees) on October 7, 2020 and has provided information to Virginia Secretary of Health-Carey's Office regarding the effort to legalize marijuana.
- James City Police Department was able to overcome the pandemic to offer two COPS Camp sessions for local youth. A total of 26 campers were served.

b.) CIT & Opioids Abuse Prevention Committee: *(Jack Fitzpatrick for David Coe)*

Mr. Fitzpatrick displayed the FY 20 written report on the Crisis Intervention Therapeutic Assessment Center (CITAC) and highlighted a few of the points made in the report narrative. Due to the report's length and detail, he will send a copy with the Justice Board meeting notes to the membership.

c.) Re-Entry Committee: (*Jenny Pauls*)

- The **DMV Connect** program remains on-hold with March being the last visit serving 11 and bringing the total served through the program to 338.
- The **Community Of Faith Mission-Winter Shelter** has announced that they will open on January 3, 2021 for the winter session due to the CoVID restrictions. The pandemic may well cause additional changes to what the shelter provides and how it does so. The shelter normally runs from mid-November through mid-March.

James City Social Services announced that they received two grants through the CARES act to assist with homelessness during the pandemic. The first grant is for \$129,630 (\$62,390 for direct services) and the second includes \$90,141 for a “non-congregate, winter shelter” (in 4 different hotels) through Dec. 30, 2020.

- The **One Stop Resume’ computer center** at VPRJ remains mostly closed with the exception of Re-Entry Coordinator Proctor assisting individuals on a one-on-one basis.
- **VPRJ therapeutic substance abuse recovery pod** called “We Are In This Together” (WAITT) remains on-hold due to the pandemic. As a reminder, the program is all-inclusive, 3-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 second VPRJ Re-Entry Fair** was held on October 29th in a virtual format that reached between 330-350 inmates. CCC Re-Entry Coordinator Ma’rea Proctor had to clear many hurdles in order to allow the Williamsburg House of Mercy, Virginia Career Works, Fresh Start, and local Social Services representatives to provide information and answer questions via Zoom.com to inmates.
- Re-Entry partner, Child Development Resources has received a federal grant in the amount of \$897,740 to allow them to continue their fatherhood programs—including the in-house program at VPRJ through 2025. They noted that only 5% of the grantees who sought renewed funding were awarded it.
- **The New Kent-Charles City Re-Entry Council** remains on hold due to the pandemic.

Colonel Witham added details concerning changes at the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail. He highlighted Colonial Community Corrections Re-Entry Coordinator Ma’rea Proctor’s and community partners’ efforts in changing the Re-Entry Fair from being in-person to being online/virtual. The fair was well-received and appreciated. He noted that

Ms. Proctor will likely have a large number of follow-up questions and requests to address in the coming weeks.

He corrected the earlier information on the WAITT program advising that it has *just* restarted with some changes due to the pandemic. The program participants will *not* be segregated, as they had been, to focus on their issues. The participants will use workbooks and DVD's to participate in class sessions. He noted that an advantage to this method is that the jail is likely to be able to serve more inmates in this format.

The jail's friends and family visitation program has also resumed, just seven days ago, following a cessation due to the pandemic. Inmates are permitted a 5-minute call each week for free and they can now schedule a video visitation with loved ones who come to the jail lobby and use the video consoles that the jail provides and sanitizes between uses.

Col. Witham noted that there is a service fee for use of the video visitation system.

Friends and family who choose to make use of the system need to establish an account and provide login information in order to access the system but can make one video visitation each seven days.

Mr. Kinsman voiced appreciation for the near-constant changes that the jail staff has had to endure during the pandemic restrictions.

8. REPORT OF CCC AGENCY DIRECTOR

Mr. Diggs added his support for the work that Ms. Proctor and the jail did with the conversion of the in-person Re-Entry Fair to the virtual format. He noted that she also purchase giftbag items for the 292 inmates who participated in the program.

He reported that it appears that the \$1.3 million (& \$2.3 million for the next fiscal year) that the Commonwealth had budgeted for pretrial expansion remains and will be allotted. CCC will not be a recipient of any of those funds due to the fact that the funds are for jurisdictions that do not currently have a pretrial program.

The nine entities that comprise the PAPIS (Pre-release And Post Incarceration Services)—CCC being one—are expected to split \$500,000 this year and \$1 million in FY2022.

Two pretrial forums were held by the Justice Advancement Advisory Group and he will provide a link to them for Mr. Fitzpatrick to send with the Justice Board meeting notes (*no link available, 3.38MB PowerPoint presentation can be emailed upon request).

CCC is not performing random drug screenings during the pandemic but is testing those who are high risk and required to be tested.

Mr. Diggs expects to keep the funding requests flat for the coming year due to the costs to localities associated with the pandemic. He has seen a 30% decrease in supervision fees due largely to the change in the law with regard to marijuana. He is cutting the CCC budget in any places that he is able to. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has authorized funding to entities in the Commonwealth to change the PTCC computer system, used for tracking probation and pretrial clients, to a new software system.

Mr. Diggs noted that the CCC staff contributed more than \$300 to the Avalon Shelter for Women and Children (Greater Williamsburg area) and Bridges of Change in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that Bridges of Change is a relatively new program serving New Kent and Charles City Counties (among others).

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

N/A.

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kinsman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

The next meeting is expected to be held Monday, **February 1, 2021**, in the City of Williamsburg