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Department of Criminal Justice Services

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Criminal Justice Services Board

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Members Present

Mr. John Boneta
Chief Jeff Brown
Mr. Charles Ciccotti
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
Judge Sarah Deneke
Colonel Steve Flaherty
Ms. Dreana Gilliam for Ms.
Karen Brown
Sheriff Charles Jett, Chairman
Mr. Edward M. Macon
Judge Mary Malveaux
The Hon. Michelle Mosby
Ms. Catherine Mullins for Mr.
David Johnson
LTC Northern for Colonel W.
Steve Flaherty
Deputy Sheriff Kevin Pittman
Colonel Bobby Russell
Ms. Cookie Scott
Ms. Debbie Smith
Mr. Gilbert Smith
Mr. Ralph Thomas for Mr. Andy
Block
Mr. Richard Vorhis
Chief James Williams
Lt. Scott Williams
Chief Kelvin Wright

Members Absent

The Hon. Michael Doucette
Senator Thomas Garrett, Jr.
Delegate Jackson Miller
Delegate Chris Peace
Ms. Stephanie Wright

DCJS Staff Present

Kenny Adcock
Stephanie Arnold
Rick Arrington
Kassandra Bullock
John Colligan
Shannon Dion
Fran Ecker
Teresa Gooch
Paula Harpster
Sam Hoffman
Laureen Hyman
Tracey Jenkins
Laurel Marks
Joe Marshall
Jim McDonough
Rebecca McNees
Ken Rose
Donna Shiflett
Janice Waddy

Joe Marshall
Lisa McGee
Jim McDonough
Drew Molloy
Neadie Moore
Donna Shiflett
Albert Stokes
Janice Waddy
Tayler Williams

Others Present

Kurt Beach, Smithfield PD
Kristina Bryant, Chesterfield CCS
Katy Defoe, Fairfax County PD
Xavier Falero, Newport News PD
Sharon Jones, Virginia Beach
Office of CC & Pretrial Services
Patrick Lucas, Fairfax County PD
Eric Mansfield, Newport News PD
Renee Maxey, Director,
Piedmont Court Services
Secretary Brian Moran,
Secretary of Public Safety and
Homeland Security

I. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Jett called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their commitment to the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB).

Chairman Jett reminded guests to please sign the attendance sheet for the purpose of the minutes and asked the Board members to state their name when making a motion or seconding, to speak clearly for the purpose of the minutes and to check that their microphone was turned on at their seating area. He further reminded staff/persons speaking from the floor to step up to the podium and speak into the microphone for the purpose of the minutes.

Chairman Jett then asked Ms. Laureen Hyman to take the roll call. Ms. Hyman stated that there was a quorum with 22 members present.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Chairman Jett then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014, meeting. Mr. Gilbert Smith made the motion, and Chief Williams seconded the motion. Chairman Jett stated that it had been motioned and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014, meeting with no corrections, additions, or deletions.

Brian Moran, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, took a moment to thank all of the members for their important work and welcomed the new members to the Board.

III. Director's Report

Director Ecker took a few moments to welcome the new members to the CJSB who met for new member orientation before the full board meeting. Ken Rose, the Pretrial Services Coordinator for DCJS was recognized as being an award recipient of the Governor's Public Service Award for Innovation for his work to promote the use of evidence-based decision making in determining whether or not a defendant should be held in jail to await trial.

Ms. Ecker also took a moment to recognize the retirement of DCJS' Chief Deputy Director Drew Molloy on August 31, 2014, and noted that his service to the Commonwealth was appreciated.

The Governor directed state agencies to submit proposals for possible budget reductions. Ms. Ecker has asked DCJS staff to be fiscally austere given this environment and has eliminated or postponed travel and hiring of general fund staff vacancies.

DCJS' Victims Services staff is developing a plan to address the issues that the Victims Funding Workgroup identified in their meetings over the summer. An interesting outcome of the meetings was a request from Victim/Witness Program Directors to undergo a similar process to consider the strengths and weaknesses of DCJS responses to those programs.

Ms. Ecker mentioned that there have been changes made in the procedures and requirements for securing property used as collateral by bail bondsmen, which is a result of a nearly two-year review conducted in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General to determine how to adequately protect the interests of the Commonwealth in the event that a bondsman defaults. DCJS is working with bondsmen on an individual basis to give them time to fully comply with the changes.

Secretary Moran convened a Special Conservators of the Peace (SCOPs) Task Force at the request of Senator Lingamfelter, the Chairman of the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety, to look at the issues that surfaced during the last General Assembly Session. The group has met three times and one more meeting is scheduled for the end of this month when they will consider all of the recommendations received.

Virginia was selected to participate in the National Institute of Corrections' initiative to promote the use of Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM). The initiative will build capacity among Virginia localities to implement EBDM and, in doing so, enhance the effectiveness of local

criminal justice systems and improve public safety. Secretary Moran has put together a team of state and local leaders to help guide the effort with assistance from DCJS. Criminal justice leaders from throughout Virginia have been invited to an EBDM summit on October 7, 2014, to discuss the concept and enlist their participation.

DCJS periodically sponsors half day policy conversations to bring together a select group of subject matter experts, practitioners and others to explore issues and possible solutions. These meetings are called "Blueprints for Change" and have covered topics like mental health issues in jails and detention centers; domestic violence, protective orders and guns; enhancing campus security; and others. At the request of Secretary Moran, a Blueprints session is being held on September 29, 2014, to look at the sale and transfer of firearms and the so-called gun show loophole.

DCJS is also working on a Heroin and Prescription Drug Summit that will be held in Charlottesville on October 2, 2014. This event is part of the Governor's initiative to combat these very serious issues, and is being co-hosted by Secretary Moran and Attorney General Herring.

Other upcoming events were mentioned and can be found on DCJS' website at www.dcls.virginia.gov. Board members were reminded that they are always welcome at these agency events.

IV. Grants

Victim Witness Grant Modifications

Victim/Witness Programs are supported by the "Virginia Victim/Witness Fund;" Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds, and State General Funds. Victim/Witness Programs statewide are designed to meet the needs of crime victims, address the statutory requirements of the Victims' Bill of Rights, and meet DCJS grant requirements. Previously, the Criminal Justice Services Board approved awarding a total of \$9,731,400 to 109 applicants at its June 12, 2014, meeting. This amount included a 3% increase for all the local victim/witness programs, supported by available federal and state special funds. The four state agency programs were excluded from the 3% increase at that time due to the uncertainty of the state budget.

The current modification adds the same 3% increase for the four state programs. The other adjustment is for the Russell County Victim/Witness Program, which erred in their budget request by failing to include fringe benefits for staff. If the award modification is approved, these applicants will be required to submit revised budgets equal to the amounts awarded for review and approval by DCJS prior to disbursement of funds.

Ms. Debbie Smith made the motion that the Board approve an award modification for \$18,594 to the Office of the Attorney General, Victim/Witness Notification Program, Virginia Department of Corrections, Victim Services Program, Virginia Parole Board, Victim Notification Program, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Info-Line Program and the Russell County Victim/Witness Program. Superintendent Russell seconded the motion. **Recusals:** Ms. Cookie Scott for DOC, and Mr. Richard Vorhis for the AG's Office.

Corrections Subcommittee

The Corrections Subcommittee met to review DCJS staff recommendations for two RSAT grants. The Subcommittee recommends that funding be approved as requested for two RSAT continuation grants in the amount of \$171,023 in federal funds, and that funding be approved, as recommended by staff, for two of the three new RSAT grants in the amount of \$153,207 in federal funds.

Ms. Charles Ciccotti made the motion that the Board accept the recommendations of the Corrections subcommittee. Lieutenant Scott Williams seconded the motion. **Recusals:** Ms. Cookie Scott for DOC, Sheriff Vanessa Crawford for the Riverside Regional Jail Authority, and Superintendent Bobby Russell for the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority.

V. Certified Crime Prevention Community Certification and ReCertification

Mr. Rick Arrington, DCJS Crime Prevention Program Manager, provided an overview of the applications for Certified Crime Prevention Community recertification for the County of Fairfax and the City of Newport News as well as the initial application of the Town of Smithfield. The Committee recommended the Board approve these jurisdictions as Certified Crime Prevention Communities. The Committee also requested that the Board approve an application extension to the County of Greene until April 2015.

Chief Brown made the motion that the Board approve these recommendations. Mr. Gilbert Smith seconded the motion.

VI. Committee Reports

Committee on Training

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The Committee on Training met prior to the CJSB meeting and conducted an election for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Chief Jeff Brown was elected as the Chairperson and Superintendent Bobby Russell was elected as Vice Chairperson.

Suggestions for New Members of the Law Enforcement Curriculum Review Committee

The Committee heard recommendations from Ms. Stephanie Morton, DCJS Law Enforcement Program Coordinator, to fill vacancies on the Law Enforcement Curriculum Review Committee. The Committee approved the Department's recommendations.

Suggested Revisions for 6VAC20-80-20, Rules Relating to Certification of Criminal Justice Instructors

Ms. Stephanie Morton also presented the Department's request to proceed with amending 6VAC20-80-20, *Rules Relating to Certification of Criminal Justice Instructors*, through the Administrative Process Act. The requested amendment will align the Virginia Administrative Code with current law enforcement practices and policy concerning the certification of speed measurement instructors. The Committee requests the Board's approval for the Department to proceed with amending these regulations.

Chief Brown made the motion that the Board approve these recommendations. Mr. Charles Ciccotti seconded the motion.

VII. Old Business

Data and Risk Informed Decision Making in Local Community Corrections

At the last CJSB meeting on June 12, 2014, there were questions from some members regarding this topic and the proposed changes to the Minimum Standards for Local Probation and Pretrial Services. Those members weren't present at this meeting to hear the presentation from Ms. Paula Harpster, Criminal Justice Program Coordinator with the Division of Programs and Services. Sheriff Jett asked that the Board defer the vote on the changes to the minimum standards until the General Assembly members who had asked questions are able to be present.

VIII. New Business

Sheriff Jett called on Mr. John Colligan, Director of the Division of Administration and Finance with DCJS to discuss a grant review committee change proposal which would consolidate the existing grant committees into a single committee of the CJSB that would review all grants and make recommendations to the full Board. This would make it easier to achieve a quorum as there would be a larger number of people to pull from.

Superintendent Russell made the motion that DCJS provide a more specific framework for this proposal for the next CJSB meeting on December 11, 2014. The motion was seconded by Chief Williams.

IX. Public Comment

Ms. Sharon Jones, Director, Virginia Beach Community Corrections & Pretrial Services and a member of the statewide standards group, spoke in support of the Minimum Standards for Local Probation and Pretrial Services. Ms. Kristina Bryant, the Interim Director of Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Community Corrections and Pretrial Services who also served on the standards committee, also spoke in favor of these standards.

X. Next Meeting

Chairman Jett thanked Board members and guests for attending the meeting and stated that the next meeting was scheduled for December 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in House Room D of the General Assembly building.

XI. Adjournment

Sheriff Crawford made the motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Lt. Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved:



Sheriff Charles Jett, Chairman