

Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention



FINAL MINUTES

Varina Area Library

1875 New Market Road

Henrico, VA 23231

9/14/2021

Members Present

Shelly Baker-Scott
Gena Berger (for VDSS)
Morgan Faulkner
Joseph Gong
Kim Gretes for Dave Johnson
Mary Langer
Julie McConnell
Nina Marino (DBHDS)
Sen. Joe Morrissey
Lawrence Webb

Members Absent

Marilyn Brown
Ngan Bui
Nancy Campos
Jeff Charity
Alana Corn
Linda McWilliams (DJJ)
Sable Nelson (VDH)
Samuel Perez
Toni Randall
Maribel Saimre (DOE)
Del. Rodney Willett
Niyah White
Rick White (DOC)
Amy Woolard

DCJS Staff Present

Tom Fitzpatrick
Ed Holmes
Greg Hopkins
Laurel Marks
Ken Stables

Guest Present

Dawn Barber, City of Richmond, Dept. of Justice Service
Dr. Rhonda Gilmer, City of Richmond, Dept. of Justice Services
Valerie Slater, Rise for Youth

- I. **Call to Order** – Julie McConnell, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:015am. Ms. McConnell preformed roll call which resulted in ten members being present. As a result, quorum was not established.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – The committee was unable to approve the meeting minutes for the April 13, 2021 meeting, due to not having a quorum.
- III. **Approval of the ACJJP Bylaws**- The committee was unable to approve the ACJJP Bylaws, due to not having a quorum
- IV. **DCJS Updates**
 - Ken Stables updated the committee on compliance activities to include virtual visits and data collection.
 - Greg Hopkins shared with the committee the current grant opportunities through DCJS to include the new Title II Promising Youth Opportunities grant. Mr. Hopkins also provided the committee with a summary of the OJJDP, Enhanced Desk Review for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 grants.
- V. **Formation of the ACJJP Grants Subcommittee**- Ms. McConnell discussed the formations of a grants subcommittee to review Title II grants recommendations. Mr. Hopkins provided the committee with an overview of the current grants review process. Mr. Hopkins will reach out interested committee members prior to the due date of the new Title II grant solicitation.
- VI. **ACJJP Subcommittee Report**- Mr. Hopkins updated the committee on the ACJJP Best Practice subcommittee meeting. Mr. Hopkins, shared that the subcommittee explored current practices on the local, state and national level as it relates to juvenile justice prevention and intervention programing. The committee also reviewed the new requirements for state compliance as a result of the Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act in 2018. Mr. Hopkins stated that the committee will take up two recommendations at the next committee meeting, and that is creating a statewide awareness on JJDPA compliance and to review current child serving agency screening instruments.
- VII. **Approval of Remote Participation Policy** The committee was unable to approve the Remote Participation Policy, due to not having a quorum
- VIII. **Presentation**- Dr. Rhonda Gilmer, Deputy Director for the City of Richmond Department of Justice Services (DJS) provided the ACJJP committee members with an overview of the Richmond City, 2020 Title II grant Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities. The power point presentation outline the collaboration between the City and the Haywood Burns Institute which resulted in conducting a readiness assessment for the local child serving entities. Dr. Gilmer provided the committee

with local RED data for 2019 and 2020, detailing the key decision points of entry for youth entering the local juvenile justice system. Dr. Gilmer also explained the five recommendation from the Burns Institute for the City of Richmond. Senator Joe Morrissey requested that the RED presentation be shared with his fellow General Assembly members.

- IX. **Roundtable Discussion-**Valerie Slater, Executive Director for Rise for Youth provided committee members with an overview of the organization’s 2021 and the upcoming 2022 Legislative Priorities. Ms. Slater, shared that the organization will be supporting the elimination of the Valid Court Order Exception in the upcoming 2022 session. Additionally, Rise for Youth hope to explore the expansion of the use of credible messengers not only to diffuse community disputes but to be used in schools as an additional resource.
- X. **Public Comment-**None
- XI. **Adjourn** –Meeting adjourned at 11:50am