

# Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention



**FINAL**

September 19, 2023

## **Members Present**

Sallie Amos  
Teresa Berry  
Bridget Bowman  
Gena Boyle  
Valerie Coley  
Bernadette Knight (DBHDS)  
James Laster  
Melissa Morgan  
Samuel Perez  
Kathryn Rowell  
Brook Rudis  
Doranda Scott (DOE)  
James Towey (DJJ)  
Alexandria Wall  
Jack White  
Rick White  
Joseph Wharf (DOE)

## **DCJS Staff Present**

Ed Holmes  
Greg Hopkins  
Tracey Jenkins  
Tony Nelson

## **Members Absent**

Stephanie Ayers  
Cecilia Gomez Brown  
Delegate Robert Bell  
Erik Conyers  
Joseph Gong  
Robert Gray  
Maria Matricardi  
Senator Joseph Morrissey  
Toni Randall  
Olivia Saunders

## **Guests**

Mike MacNamara Boys and Girls Northern Neck  
Phillip Mumford, Boys and Girls Club Northern Neck  
Rebecka Smith-Norris, Boys and Girls Club Northern Neck  
Rick White (former member, ACJJP)  
Kyle Woods, Office of the Attorney General

- I. **ACJJP Member Roll Call** – DCJS staff Greg Hopkins conducted a verbal roll call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 10:05am.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – The committee received and reviewed the draft minutes of the April 18, 2023, meeting. Gena Boyle made a motion to approve the April 18, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by James Towey. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.
- III. **DCJS Updates** --Tony Nelson updated the committee on JJDP Act compliance and data collection. Mr. Nelson shared a summary of the current data for Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders, Sight Sound Separation, and Jail Removal core requirements of the JJDP Act for FY22 monitoring and inspections period, and reported on the number of compliance visits made during this reporting period. Additionally, Mr. Nelson shared that the process of validating non-secure facilities that are outside of the monitoring universe.

Greg Hopkins provided agency updates. He provided a summary of the Coalition of Juvenile Justice Annual Conference which took place in Washington D.C. during the week of May 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>. Erik Conyers, Melissa Morgan, and Olivia Saunders attended the conference in their capacity as members of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention. Further, Mr. Hopkins provided a list of current and past trainings, conferences and presentations sponsored by the Juvenile and Child Welfare Section of DCJS. Mr. Hopkins shared that the 2023 Title II JJDP Formula Funding grant application was submitted on August 18, 2023. Lastly, Mr. Hopkins provided the committee with an overview of the new Title II solicitation the 2024 Youth Violence Prevention and Substance Use Prevention Grant.

**Approval of the Remote Participation Policy** The committee reviewed the new Updated Remote Participation Policy which had been previously distributed. The committee discussed what was allowed under the policy, and what was not allowed. After discussion about the concern for smaller Boards and Committees if a quorum cannot be established to make necessary votes on critical issues. Gena Boyle made a motion to adopt the Remote Participation Policy. James Towey seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### IV. **Presentation**

##### **Boys and Girls Club of Northern Neck**

Phil Mumford, Executive Director, and Rebecka Smith-Norris, Quality Assurance Director, with the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Neck (BGCNN), provided the Committee with an overview of their current Title II program that supports Richmond, Lancaster, and Northumberland Counties. The Committee members were briefed on the funding of youth development programs that included the Five Key Elements for Positive Youth Development, and were provided a detailed overview of an average day

at the facility through the lens of the youth. Ms. Smith-Norris shared with the Committee how the BGCNN track program performances through their data console.

**Office of the Attorney General: Virginia Rules Overview**

Kyle Woods, Central Virginia Group Violence Intervention Coordinator with the Office of the Attorney General, provided an overview of the Virginia Rules program curriculum. Committee members were briefed on the history of Virginia Rules, the program goals, and who can be responsible for administering the curriculum. Mr. Woods also reviewed the 26 lesson plans associated with the curriculum, including the first six plans that focus on the justice system.

**V. Virginia Three-Year Plan Review**

Greg Hopkins provided an update to the committee on the three-year plan priority areas including the status of each priority area. Greg Hopkins also informed the Committee that this is the final year of the current three-year plan and that DCJS has hired a new Research Analyst who will spearhead the new planning process. Greg Hopkins shared with the Committee next steps which includes, framing the three-year plan, reviewing previous priority area, establishing workgroups, conducting a crime analysis, reviewing of goals and finalizing new priority areas.

**VI. Public comment:** None

**VII. Next Meeting:** November 9, 2023

**VIII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:59am.