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*Board of Juvenile Justice*

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Juvenile Justice Meeting**  
**Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Detention Center**  
**300 Technology Drive**  
**Staunton, Virginia**

**June 13, 2012**

**Board Members Present:** Heidi Abbott, Anthony Bailey, Barbara Myers,  
Tamara Neo, Justin Wilson

**DJJ Staff Present:** Mark Gooch, Ralph Thomas, Daryl Francis, Robert Foster, Ed Holmes, Ken Bailey, Angela Valentine, Janet Van Cuyk, Barbara Peterson-Wilson, Deron Phipps, Joy Lugar, Greg Davy, and Deborah Hayes.

**Others Present:** Lara Jacobs-Assistant Attorney General, Jacqueline Nelson-DCE, Tim Smith-Shenandoah Valley JDC, Lianne Rozzell-FAVY, Carey Patterson-Norfolk JDC, Pete Withers-VA Beach JDC, Shunda Giles-Richmond City Attorney, Jack Scott, David Hicks, Rufus Fleming, Sandra Martin-Richmond Dept of Justice Services, Linda Filippi-Tidewater Youth Services Commission; Kate Duvall-JustChildren, Christa Pierpoint-Restorative Community Foundation, .

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Abbott called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Abbott welcomed everyone and asked the individuals present to introduce themselves. Mr. Tim Smith, Superintendent of the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Detention Center also welcomed the group to the facility.

**III. APPROVAL of APRIL 13, 2012, MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 11, 2012, Board meeting were presented for approval. On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**iv. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairperson Abbott thanked everyone for coming and participating in the public comment period and she read the guidelines for the public comment period. Mrs. Carolyn Shomo read a letter on behalf of her husband Carl Shomo. Mrs. Shomo advised that her son graduated from high school in June. She commended the principal, Ms. Patricia Davis, and the Shenandoah JDC counselors for helping her son get through this process.

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Secure Services Committee:

#### 1. Certifications

- **Loudoun County Juvenile Detention Center:** On MOTION duly made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Myers to certify Loudoun County Juvenile Detention Center for three years with a letter of congratulations for 100% compliance. Motion carried.
- **Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Home:** Mr. Bailey reviewed the non compliance issues with Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Home. After a lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Neo to place the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Home on current certification status with a status report on the implementation of the corrective action plan at the September 12, 2012, Board meeting. Motion carried.
- **Norfolk Juvenile Detention Home:** On MOTION duly made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Myers to continue the current certification status of Norfolk Juvenile Detention Home until the September 12, 2012, Board meeting with a status report on the implementation of the corrective action plan. Motion carried.
- **Prince William County Juvenile Detention Center:** On MOTION duly made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Myers to certify Prince William County Juvenile Detention Center for three years. Motion carried.

#### 2. Issues

- **Richmond Juvenile Detention Center:** On Friday, April 27, 2012, Richmond Mayor Dwight Jones announced the voluntary closing of the Richmond Juvenile Detention Center (RJDC). Mayor Jones indicated that RJDC would remain closed for at least a year. Detainees were moved on April 26-27 to Chesterfield Juvenile Detention Center, Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center, James River Juvenile Detention Center, and Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center. Ten detainees who met the criteria were moved to a juvenile unit at the Richmond City Jail. The director of Richmond Department of Justice Services resigned, and Mayor Jones appointed former Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney David Hicks as interim director of the Department of Justice Services. The Department of Justice Services appointed an employee as coordinator of the detention needs for Richmond youth. Chesterfield Juvenile Detention Center will be the primary reception center for detainees and after detention hearings, detainees will be transferred to the other detention centers to await further court hearings. Department of Juvenile Justice staff have made frequent contacts with the various detention centers and reports indicate that the detainees have made good adjustments and no problems have been encountered.

### B. Non-Secure Services Committee:

#### 1. Certifications

- **2-A District Court Service Unit (Accomac):** On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to certify the 2-A District Court Service Unit for three years with a letter of congratulations for 100% compliance. Motion carried.

- **5<sup>th</sup> District CSU (Suffolk):** On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to certify the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit for three years with a letter of congratulations for 100% compliance. Motion carried.
- **17<sup>th</sup> District CSU (Arlington):** On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to certify the 17<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit for three years. Motion carried.
- **18<sup>st</sup> District CSU (Alexandria):** On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to certify the 18<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit for three years. Motion carried.
- **26<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit (Winchester):** On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to certify the 26<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit for three years.
- **Chaplin Youth Center:** On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to: (1) continue the current certification status of Chaplin Youth Center to September 12, 2012, with a review of the corrective action plan; (2) approve the request to change the population gender of the Chaplin West facility to male or female with the stipulation that both genders cannot be housed at the same time; and (3) approve request to operate as Pre-dispositional and Post-dispositional program. Motion carried.
- **Virginia Beach Crisis Intervention Home:** On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to continue the current certification status of the Virginia Beach Crisis Intervention Home to September 12, 2012, with a status report on the program's response to recent allegations of staff misconduct and noncompliance with 6VAC35-51-880(5) and 6VAC35-5-1040(B). Motion carried.

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. VJCCCA Program Success Report:** Ms. Valentine distributed a copy of VJCCCA Program Success Report to the Board members. The report outlined the history of the VJCCCA, purpose of the VJCCCA, how the VJCCCA was established, how the program is evaluated, and the services provided as well as the success rates of the program. Ms. Myers thanked Ms. Valentine for gathering the data. Ms. Abbott asked for clarification on the numbers for Richmond City. Mr. Wilson asked about the control group. Ms. Valentine advised that a consultant would have to be hired in order to conduct any more extensive research. Ms. Neo asked for clarification on accountability. Ms. Valentine said it is community service/restitution, etc. Ms. Valentine said the report can be added to the website. Ms. Neo suggested making it available to the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Association.
- B. VJCCCA Plan Approvals:** Ms. Valentine presented the FY2013-2014 VJCCCA Plan Detail; Summary of the 2013-2014 VJCCCA Programs (Number of youth projected/projected budgets, Number of Programs by Type, Plans by Localities, and Funding Distribution) in a handout to the Board members. Ms. Neo said this is an extremely helpful document
- On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the FY2013-2014, VJCCCA Plans for the localities as listed on the attached motion. Motion carried.
  - On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the FY 2013 VJCCCA plans for the following localities: Charlottesville, Albemarle; Fairfax County/City; and Westmoreland, Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, and Richmond Counties. Motion carried.

- On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Bailey to extend the FY 2012 VJCCCA plans until the September 12, 2012 Board meeting for the following localities: Franklin County; Richmond City; and the Tidewater Youth Services Commission (Chesapeake, Franklin City, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton, Suffolk and Virginia Beach). Motion carried.

**C. Legislative Update:**

- Ms. Van Cuyk presented the Legislative Training Manual to the Board members and advised that the manual was compiled by Ms. Peterson-Wilson.
- The Department monitors all legislation as it is introduced during each General Assembly session to determine which bills relate to matters within the Department's jurisdiction and responsibility. The manual provides information on amended statutes and legislation enacted in the 2012 General Assembly session.
- She directed the Board members attention to the powers of the Board.
- HB 1104 and SB 411 consolidate and eliminate powers and duties of the VA Fire Services Board and the State Board of Juvenile Justice (Board). The bill amends several code sections. The amended Code sections related to the Board include § 16.1-235.1, 16.1-238, 16.1-240, 16.1-274, 16.1-275, 66-10, and 66-23 of the Code of Virginia. Sections 2.2-223 and 66-11 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.

**D. Department of Correctional Education/Department of Juvenile Justice Merger:**

- Ms. Nelson said the Department of Correctional Education staff are looking forward to the merger. She will assume the position of Superintendent of Education.
- She advised that more students are earning high school diplomas. Sixty-seven students are graduating today from Blandford High School (Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center).
- The Education staff are looking at additional courses for those residents who are not going home after graduation.
- The Education staff are also looking at the possibility of adding on-line courses for the residents.
- Ms. Myers asked if there were plans to expand the vocational training. Ms. Nelson said the courses the residents take will relate to their ability to get a job.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

- Director Gooch said to add to the DCE/DJJ merger; executive staff conducted town hall meetings with the teachers. Teaching staff were concerned about pending changes. The meetings went extremely well and teachers were excited to hear that the Department is looking at expanding classes.
- There's also a strong effort to computerize all facilities; this means advancing technology for the teachers as well.
- The merger is going well and both entities are doing an excellent job pulling this together.
- Update on halfway houses (Abraxas and Hampton Place): halfway houses are coming into compliance with the Code. The halfway houses will be used for direct care.
- Mr. Foster said Abraxas is a greatly improved facility. Have added staffing and security. Key staff is involved in advising on the changes. Expect to have first resident July 1.
- Mr. Holmes said cameras have been installed inside and outside of Hampton Place. The Department is retraining staff and the residents will be better prepared for transition.

- Mr. Wilson asked how this affect the resident's LOS. Mr. Gooch said Department staff is preparing residents to transition to the halfway house usually between 90-120 days of their release. Department staff is working with Ms. Valentine and her funding to find lodging for residents who previously would have been placed in a halfway house after release from direct care.
- Mr. Gooch advised that the halfway houses are like a step down program.
- Ms. Neo asked what happens when treatment has been completed. Ms. Valentine said the Department has contracts with independent living programs to accommodate those residents who have nowhere to go.
- Mr. Gooch said the Department is also looking at increasing family visitation for the residents.
- Mr. Thomas said Department staff met with Ms. Kate Duvall (JustChildren). Department is looking at opportunities to expand. Parents were surveyed and the results should be in within the next week.
- He said approximately 20% of the resident population receive visitors. Video conference can be used as well. Have instructed CSUs to work with parents; have also engaged JCC superintendents in this process.
- Ms. Myers asked if the Department considered using non-profit organizations to transport families. Mr. Thomas said currently Assisting Families of Inmates provide transportation to Beaumont and Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Centers.
- Mr. Gooch thanked Liane Rozzell (FAVY) and Kate Duvall for their efforts in increasing visitation for the residents.
- Mr. Gooch advised that Dr. Lionel Jackson is the Department's new Chief Deputy Director. Dr. Jackson could not attend the meeting because his daughter is graduating today.

#### **VIII. BOARD COMMENTS**

Chairperson Abbott read a resolution from the Board for DJJ's former Deputy Director of Administration and Finance, W. Stephen Pullen. The Resolution was accepted as presented. A copy of the Resolution will be filed with the Minutes of the June 13, 2012, Board meeting. Motion carried.

#### **IX. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at the Renaissance Academy in Virginia Beach, VA.

#### **X. ADJOURN**

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Canada Hayes  
DJJ Board Secretary