

Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention



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Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Dr, Henrico VA 23229

January 25, 2022

Members Present

Marilyn Brown
Nancy Campos
Jeff Charity
Robert Gray
Joseph Gong
Morgan Faulkner
Mary Langer
Nina Marino (for DBHDS)
Julie McConnell
Linda McWilliams (for DJJ)
Melissa Morgan
Toni Randall
Joseph Wharf (for DOE)
Rick White
Amy Woolard

DCJS Staff Present

Ed Holmes
Greg Hopkins
Laurel Marks
Ken Stables

Members Absent

Shelly Baker-Scott
Victoria Baldwin
Gena Berger (for DSS)
Ngan Bui
Alana Corn
Dave Johnson
Sable K Nelson (for VDH)
Samuel Perez
Lawrence Webb
Niyah White
Sen. Joe Morrissey
Del. Rodney Willett

Guest Present

Drew Dickinson, JLARC
Brittany Utz, JLARC
Joseph Cobb, City of Roanoke
Christopher Roberts, City of Roanoke
Jenna Easton, DJJ

- I. **Call to Order** – Julie McConnell, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:17am. A verbal roll call was taken.

II. **Approval of Minutes** – The committee received and reviewed the draft minutes from the meetings on April 13, 2021 and September 14, 2021. Toni Randall made a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Nina Marino. The minutes were approved unanimously. Marilyn Brown made the motion to approve the September 14, 2021, meeting minutes, seconded by Rick White. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. **DCJS Updates**

Ken Stables updated the committee on compliance activities including the OJJDP Compliance Policy Manual update and data collection.

Greg Hopkins shared with the committee a summary of juvenile justice legislation introduced in the 2022 General Assembly session. Additionally, Greg Hopkins provided an overview of the nine grant awards which began January 1, 2022, and were funded from the 2022 Title II Promising Youth Opportunities 2022 solicitation.

IV. **Approval of the Remote Participation Policy**

The committee reviewed the Remote Participation Policy which had been previously distributed. The committee discussed what was allowed under the policy, and what was not allowed. Jeff Charity made a motion to adopt the Remote Participation Policy. Marilyn Brown seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. **ACJJP Bylaws**

Greg Hopkins shared with the committee proposed revisions to the current ACJJP Bylaws. The revisions were to Article III (Members) Section 5, and Article VI (Subcommittees) Section 1. Nancy Campos made a motion to adopt the revised ACJJP Bylaws. Jeff Charity seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. **Presentations**

Drew Dickinson, Chief Legislative Analyst and Brittany Utz, Legislative Analyst, staff with the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission (JLARC) provided an overview of the 2021 report on the Virginia Juvenile Justice System. The presentation highlighted the research, and analysis of past and current data, surveys and stakeholder interviews. The JLARC staff also shared the recommendations regarding the legal representation of youth, racial and regional disparities, probation, secure juvenile detention center programs, and rehabilitation programs for youth in DJJ custody.

Joseph Cobb, City Councilman for the City of Roanoke, and Christopher Roberts, Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Coordinator for the City of Roanoke, provided an overview of the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Community Assessment grant and its findings. They shared the implementation steps, the method of disseminating information, the local outreach process and key findings from the

community assessment. Additionally, they provided information pertaining to local crime data and the Gun Violence Workgroup prevention and intervention strategies.

- Due to time constraints, Jenna Easton, Program Manager with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, will present on the new Screening Experiences and Strengths (SEAS) screening tool at the April 19, 2022 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention.

VII. **Public comment:** None

VIII. **Future Dates:** April 19, 2022

IX. **Adjourn-** Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm