



Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention

Twin Hickory Branch Henrico Public Library
November 30, 2016

Approved Minutes

Members Present

Andy Block
Marilyn Brown
JoAnn Burkholder
Lorenzo Collins
Keith Farmer, Vice Chair
Lindsay Fisher, Chair
Christopher Gordon (for VDH)
Christopher T. Head
David Johnson
Janet Lung (for DBHDS)
Julie McConnell
Regina M. O'Brien
Diana O'Connell
"Shelly" Baker-Scott
Debbie Smith
Janet Van Cuyk (for DJJ)
Amy Woolard

Members Absent

Craig Branch
Uley Damiani
John Dougherty
Quwanisha Hines
Melvin Johnson
Tucker Obenshain
Bryce Reeves
C. Shane Ringressey
Michael Wade
Lawrence Webb

Others Present and Guests

Janet Aronson-VML
Ed Holmes
Cassy Horn
Monica Jackson
Robert Listenbee-OJJDP
Laurel Marks
Laura E. Colon-Marrereo-OJJDP
Ken Stables
Jennifer Yeh-OJJDP

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by the Chair, Lindsay Fisher.

Introduction of Members-Lindsay Fisher asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of April 6, 2016 were reviewed. There being no corrections, a motion was made by Keith Farmer to approve the minutes of April 6, 2016, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

OJJDP Priorities –

OJJDP Administrator Robert Listenbee discussed OJJDP’s vision: that juvenile contact with the juvenile justice system should be rare, fair and beneficial. OJJDP has been involved in reducing out of home placement, and in partnership with the PEW foundation and five states supporting the development of comprehensive statewide reforms. Administrator Listenbee also discussed the promulgation of new rules regarding compliance and his objectives to eliminate subjectivity in developing a valid statistical method for determining compliance. He indicated that OJJDP has received significant responses to the proposed new rules, he also commended Virginia for the tone and content of our response. He indicated that OJJDP will get a response out to the states in the near future. He also recognized Virginia for receiving Second Chance Act funding for a second year, and a Fatherhood Initiative grant with Eastern Virginia Family Services. Administrator Listenbee discussed preparations for transition to the new administration.

Jennifer Yeh- OJJDP-Deputy Associate Administrator, State and Community Development

Ms. Yeh indicated that OJJDP is interested in increasing and improving communication with states. They have been meeting with State Advisory Groups, and anticipate the maintenance of a listserv and supporting peer learning opportunities. She also shared the Changing Minds Public Awareness Campaign, a national campaign to raise awareness, teach skills, and inspire public action to address children’s exposure to violence and trauma.

Virginia Priorities

JoAnn Burkholder Virginia Department of Educations- updated the committee on VDOE successes: the July 2016 School Discipline and the Achievement Gap Institute, expansion of staff for school safety and discipline, and improvements to the quality of Discipline, Crime and Violence Data Collection. VDOE’s focus in the future will be fostering and sustaining changes to school culture through the Virginia Tiered Systems of Support, and improving the quality of actionable information available to schools, divisions and the state on school climate.

Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice

Director Andy Block reviewed the origins of juvenile justice transformation and updated the committee on the progress of DJJ’s Transformation, including reinvestment authority, DJJ’s Task Force on Juvenile Correctional Centers, funding of the 64 bed facility in Chesapeake and the awarding of contracts for the development of a statewide continuum of community based services.

Tom Fitzpatrick’s scheduled presentation on Classrooms Not Courtrooms was postponed until the next scheduled meeting

Chris Gordon-Virginia Department of Health

Chris Gordon reported to the group on Virginia’s Plan for Wellbeing: Virginia’s overall health rating, the statewide health opportunity index, the annual drug overdose rate, statewide health disparities, the Health Commissioner’s issuance of the Opioid Health Emergency on November 21, 2016, and VDH’s goal of Healthy Connected Communities.

Compliance Update

Ken Stables updated the committee on JJDP Act compliance activities and the potential impact of the proposed new rules, particularly on law enforcement. He explained the compliance current monitoring processes, and this year's compliance status.

DBHDS

Janet Lung updated the committee on DBHDS, including funding for transition aged young, reduction of hospitalization, five regional systems of care, and funding for the Transition grant for young adults aged 16-25.

Legislation

Committee members discussed potential legislation that may be considered during the 2017 General Assembly session.

Laurel Marks reviewed the 3 year plan priorities and invited comment.

Laurel Marks discussed the eventual elimination of the VCO exception and DCJS' plan to convene a "Blueprints" session to solicit input from stakeholders, and generate discussion regarding services and solutions that reduce the incarceration of status offenders. Recommendations from the Blueprint session will inform the grant solicitation.

DMC

Laurel Marks mentioned the Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RED) training is being planned and hosted by DJJ and funded by JABG funds. This training will occur in early 2017, and will be open to ACJJP members interested in attending.

Laurel discussed requesting a waiver of the Pass-Through requirement of Title II funds. The JJDP Act requires states to pass through 2/3 of the funds received through the Title II program to localities, unless the state applies for and is granted a waiver, based on the burden of juvenile justice funding which is borne by the state. The waiver would allow DCJS to implement a DMC initiative designed to advance and focus on DMC issues in Virginia. A motion was made by Dave Johnson and seconded by Julie McConnell to approve the request for a waiver for Title II funding, contingent on the approval by the Grant Subcommittee. The request was unanimously approved.

Meeting Dates for 2017

Meeting dates for 2017 were discussed. The committee decided to shift the day of the week for meetings from Wednesday to Tuesday; potential dates will be selected and distributed.

"Shelly" Baker-Scott made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.