



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Notes:

Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board
August 1, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Charles City County Government Administration Building

Members Present

- Byron Adkins
- David Coe
- Brian Carlsen-Designee-Sean Dunn
- Andy Engemann
- Joe Jackson
- Charles Moss
- Robert Noote-Designee-Rana Navarrete
- Jenny Pauls
- Eric Peterson
- Brad Rinehimer
- Kelly Waddell

Members Absent

- Judge Wade Bowie
- Judge Josh DeFord
- Stacy Kern-Sheerer
- Betty Lasris
- Joe McLaughlin
- Patricia Paige
- Judge Holly Smith
- Andrew Trivette
- Tommy West
- Roy Witham
- VACANT-JCC

**Alan Jones & Tyler Klink (Rob Tyler's Designee) were present but called away to an emergency just prior to the meeting.

Staff Present

- Hal Diggs, CCC Director
- Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner

Visitors

- Asst. Chief Monique Myers-JCCPD
- Miranda Pyne-Executive Asst. Charles City

1. CALL TO ORDER (*Brad Rinehimer*)

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Brad Rinehimer who provided what little information was known on the emergency departure of Sheriff Jones and Asst. Commonwealth Attorney Tyler Klink (designee for Rob Tyler). Mr. Rinehimer advised that the Board was short of a quorum and that official votes could not take place unless that changed.

2. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM (*Jack Fitzpatrick*)

No quorum.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (*Brad Rinehimer*)

Mr. Rinehimer expressed hope that all present had taken the opportunity to meet newly appointed Board member Sheriff Alan Jones prior to his departure.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2022 MEETING NOTES (*Brad Rinehimer*)

Passed due to lack of quorum.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (*Brad Rinehimer*)

Mr. Rinehimer mentioned that he will raise an issue under the “New Business” item but reminded that a vote could not take place tonight.

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS (*Brad Rinehimer*)

James City County is in the process of filling the state code-mandated position of local defense attorney.

Joe Jackson, Byron Adkins, and Rob Tyler were re-appointed and Sheriff Alan Jones was appointed by Charles City County.

Judge Wade Bowie’s appointment was changed from James City County to York County. Stacy Kern-Sheerer was re-appointed by the City of Williamsburg.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.) Juvenile Justice Committee: (*Joe Jackson*)

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) initiative to meet with families prior to adjudication and offer resources continues with positive response from involved parents.

The 9th District Court Services Unit (CSU) is working with the local social services offices in an effort to reduce high truancy rates. The Bon Air Juvenile Facility re-established family visitation at the end of July for the first time since CoVID restrictions took effect. CSU will soon provide presentations to the local law enforcement departments on changes to weapons offenses. Merrimac Detention Center's Post Disposition program remains closed due to CoVID. CSU will participate in several local National Night Out Against Crime events. DJJ is in the process of expanding their gang intervention efforts and there will be more to report in November.

National Night Out Against Crime-

August 2nd:

Charles City Sheriff's Office will host the event at Harrison Park from 5-8:30 p.m. including D.J., food, games, bounce house, etc.

James City County Police and York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will host events in several neighborhoods in their jurisdictions.

Poquoson Police Department will host at the Municipal Park and include a movie projected on a large screen.

October 4: New Kent Sheriff's Office will host their National Night Out event at the Historic School site. Williamsburg Police will host the event on the High Street green.

Youth Camps-

New Kent Sheriff's Department hosted the "2022 Deputy Cadets Academy" starting on July 18. It was a weeklong introduction to basic skills and many department functions. Ten young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 attended the training to become members of the new Public Safety Cadet Unit. This is a leadership development program and members of the unit will be used in community outreach events while they are trained in various law enforcement skills.

Poquoson Police Department hosted:

D.A.R.E. Camp-Two separate week-long camps for up to 10 rising 5th and 6th graders preparing for communication and drug abuse resistance.

9-1-1 Leadership Camp-Week-long, 4-hours a day, 11 students ages 9-14, teaching teamwork, communication, and integrity.

"Safety Town"-a four-day class for ages 5 through 2nd grade teaching early D.A.R.E. topics and providing safety information.

Williamsburg Police Department assisted in the "Summer Youth Achievement Program" where they teach a four-hour block each Monday for six weeks. An investigator is teaching about investigations and forensics using a mock burglary scene and following from initial

response, through processing the scene and interviewing witnesses/suspects, and culminating with a mock trial.

York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office hosted a Citizen's Academy For Youth (up to 15 area youth ages 14-19) from June 27-July 1 providing an introduction to law enforcement in York County.

Other Outreach Events-

Charles City Sheriff's Department hosted a "Cone With A Cop" on July 7.

Poquoson Police hosted a "Picnic In The Park" on June 25.

Williamsburg Police hosted a "Cone With A Cop" was held July 30 at Baskin Robbins

Dangers of Synthetic Drugs and Opioids-No presentations have been provided during this quarter but an outreach note was sent to the Williamsburg Junior Women's Club. No response has been received.

b.) CIT & Opioids Abuse Prevention Committee: *(David Coe)*

The Colonial Crisis Intervention Therapeutic Assessment Center (CITAC) FY22 numbers continued to break records for the Center with the most visits ever recorded at 732 (increase of 11%). This fiscal year included 30 children/adolescents served as well. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) basic class in March graduated 18 participants. September 19-23 will be the next basic class (40-hour) CIT class. The 9-8-8 National Mental Health Hotline was launched on July 16 and the launch has gone reasonably well. Geolocation services have not been established, so 98% of calls are being handled by the at the call center and we do not know whether there has been an increase in need of services in the Greater Williamsburg area. Colonial Behavioral Health (CBH) has been working toward offering Permanent Supportive Housing for the area. CBH is hoping to hire a consultant to author a Supportive Housing Plan. The plan would address homelessness, severe mental illness, and developmental disability. The application for funding will be filed in October. Some discussion followed about the fact that state regulations prevent the department of behavioral health from requiring clients to take actions or behave in specified manners to maintain their housing. Mr. Coe noted that, since several communities are currently providing this service, the "wheel will not need to be reinvented". CBH is also working toward Department of Behavioral Health funding for a Crisis Receiving Center which would provide twelve 23-hour beds and potentially lead to the establishment of a Mobile Crisis Team. The cost is expected to run \$3 million in the first year and \$2 million per year after. It was noted that this facility would not be at the CITAC at Riverside Doctors' Hospital but rather at a CBH location.

c.) Re-Entry Committee: (*Jenny Pauls*)

- Due to the continued restrictions on outside volunteers entering the jail, the Colonial Re-Entry Council has only provided updates to Council members as opposed to meeting regularly. Several member entities have volunteers who are ready and willing to file their volunteer applications as soon as they will be accepted by the jail for processing.
- Both Colonial and New Kent-Charles City Councils have made every effort to warn partner groups about the 4,700 state-responsible inmates to be released from Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities and local jails between the beginning of July and end of August. District 34 Adult Probation & Parole is not seeing the high numbers-thus far-that other jurisdictions have. They have experienced problems with prisoners being released without proper home plans.
- The **DMV Connect** program—providing photo ID’s to inmates in need—remains on-hold with March 2020 being the last visit. Newport News Jail re-started their program months ago. The total served through the program at VPRJ remains at 338.
- The **One Stop Resume’ computer center** at VPRJ remains closed with the exception of Re-Entry Coordinator Danielle Nardi (CCC) available to assist individuals on a one-on-one basis.
- **WAITT and MRT**: WAITT classes are operating in their workbook-format while in-person classes are restricted. MRT classes are ongoing with in-person classes instructed by CCC instructors.
- **GED**: There are no females working towards their GED’s at this time. The men’s group meets on Fridays.

The VPRJ’s **video visitation** program remains available for all inmates (one time per week) who maintain compliance with jail rules.

8. REPORT OF CCC AGENCY DIRECTOR (*Hal Diggs*)

Mr. Diggs noted that Pre-trial and Probation Week was celebrated from July 17-23. A part-time Re-Entry officer will be added to the Colonial Community Corrections staff soon. The state has provided an additional \$500,000 to the Pre-release And Post-Incarceration Services (PAPIS) group which will be divided among the nine members. Seven CCC officers are trained as instructors for Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and the in-house classes will be offered at CCC on October 19.

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rinehimer reminded the Board members to consider a change in the times of the Justice Board meetings to 3:00 p.m. but maintaining the established dates. He intends to raise the issue for a vote in November's meeting and the change to take effect for our February meeting.

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rinehimer noted that, with no additional information to report, he asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Captain Waddell and seconded by Mr. Jackson and approved at 7:57 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 7, 2022**, in the City of Poquoson.