



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Notes:

Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board
August 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Quarterpath Recreation Center
202 Quarterpath Rd.
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Members Present

Judge Holly Smith-Desig. Bondurant
David Coe
Sean Dunn
Andy Engemann
Joe Jackson
Judge Colleen Killilea
Joe McLaughlin
Betty Lasris
Charles Moss, Vice Chair
Robert Noote-Desig. for Munoz
Patricia Paige
Jenny Kittrell (Desig. For Pauls)
Brad Rinehimer
Andrew Trivette
Kelly Waddell
Tommy West
Frank Huotte-(Desig. For Witham)

Members Absent

Byron Adkins
Judge Wade Bowie
Todd Duval
Stacy Kern-Sheerer
Adam Kinsman, Chair
Rob Tyler
Williamsburg-VACANCY

Staff Present

Hal Diggs, CCC Director
Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER (*Charles Moss*)

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice Chair Charles Moss.

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

Justice Planner Jack Fitzpatrick called the roll and reported that a quorum had been achieved.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (*Charles Moss*)

Special thanks to the City of Williamsburg for serving as our first post-pandemic, in-person, meeting host. Thanks also to Judge Elliott Bondurant who served as our state-mandated Circuit Court Judge through the pandemic. This will be Judge Colleen Killilea's last CCCJB meeting as she will retire on Nov. 1 (the day of our next quarterly meeting!). She served just shy of 14 years on the CCCJB! All the best in her retirement!

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2021 MEETING NOTES (*Charles Moss*)

Chair asked for motion to approve the meeting notes. Patricia Paige made the motion and Brad Rinehimer seconded. Motion was approved.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (*Charles Moss*)

Mr. Moss deferred item 5 until Chair Kinsman arrives for the meeting.

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS (*Jack Fitzpatrick*)

An appointment will be requested from the Williamsburg City Council for Judge Holly B. Smith to serve as our state-mandated Circuit Court Judge. We are awaiting re-appointment from Charles City County Board of Supervisors for Todd Duval's and Joe Jackson's seats and are happy to advise that Rob Tyler and Byron Adkins have been appointed to the remaining seats.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- The Committee has not met since February 2020 due to the pandemic.

- Our eleven public safety videos have yielded over 1,700 views to date.
- The Justice Planner continues to assist the Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition (HTDPC) with their social media outreach as the webmaster for their Facebook page.
- No presentations of the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs and Opioids have been provided for the current quarter however, at the request of James City Emergency Communications Center, the Justice Planner created a video training module on Excited Delirium Syndrome including National Criminal Justice Training Center recommended changes to procedures.
- All departments who provided outreach efforts geared toward child safety appear to be back on track following the pandemic shutdowns. Explorers Posts, bike safety rodeos, gang safety programs, community engagement efforts (including child identity kits), and youth leadership camps have all resumed.
- New Initiatives: New Kent Sheriff's Office began a Summer Youth Academy in July serving 10 boys and girls from the ages of 13-16, York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office started a new summer reading program at the Tabb Library, and Poquoson Police Department held its first 911 Leadership Camp for children in the middle school. Williamsburg Police and the Merchants Square Assoc. held a Christmas in July toy drive.
- HTDPC is preparing for the "High In Plain Sight" event to be held on September 2nd at the College of William & Mary School of Education (more information to come).
- UPCOMING EVENTS: York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will host a back-to-school supply drive on Tuesday, August 10 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at York High School, 9300 George Washington Memorial Hwy.

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

Mr. Coe presented information on the closures of the state mental hospitals to new admissions noting that an extreme case had occurred recently where a patient was held in the Riverside Doctors Hospital Crisis Intervention Therapeutic Assessment Center (CITAC) for ten days. He was eventually transferred to a facility in Northern Virginia for care. At the end of last week, it was announced that a facility in Salem will take one patient for each patient that is discharged. He noted the extreme burden that has been placed on all involved in this system. In discussion about the problem, it was noted that there are concerns about pay, staffing, and two state code mandates that have all contributed greatly to the problem. Additionally, it was noted that if a Temporary Detention Order (TDO) is expiring, and no bed space has been found, there is no legal method to further detain the patient involuntarily and they must be released from the

hospital with no further treatment or care. Mr. Noote advised that magistrates cannot issue a subsequent TDO without a new set of facts to support it. It was noted that in the recent extreme cases, James City Police had to assign officers full-time to detain the patient(s) in the hospital when the CITAC was closed and their staff not working. Additional discussion followed about who needs to hear these concerns in order to make a positive change. Seventy inmates currently receive psychotropic medication at VPRJ, which is an expense borne by the localities that pay for the jail.

CITAC previously submitted a request to expand *services* even though the state would not provide funds to expand service *hours* at CITAC. Funds will soon provide for five or six twenty-three-hour “Calming space” beds and security for medical stabilization to support the effort. This is expected to reduce the number of law enforcement officer’s hours devoted to these cases. Doctors’ Hospital is working out the details, but Colonial Behavioral Health and the CITAC are ready to go.

Mr. Coe turned the discussion to the Marcus Alert Law that passed the General Assembly in July. The law will require (when fully implemented) that *all* Virginia localities (or regions) have a mental health and law enforcement co-response team in place twenty-four hours a day, seven day a week. Currently, the plans are being written to comply with the mandate. Justice Planner will forward a copy of the “Marcus Alert Community Planning Roadmap” which will outline the five steps of establishing a local team, researching the needs, receiving public input, developing options, and adding resources/taking action. The Colonial Region is not one of the first five in the state required to have the plan in place, but those five need to have it by 2021. By 2026, all jurisdictions/regions are required to be fully active and that will include the 9-8-8 nationwide mental health emergency line.

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

- The **DMV Connect** program—providing photo ID’s to inmates in need—remains on-hold with March 2020 being the last visit. The total served through the program is 338.
- The **One Stop Resume’ computer center** at VPRJ remains mostly closed with the exception of Re-Entry Coordinator Danielle Nardi (from Colonial Community Corrections) assisting individuals on a one-on-one basis.
- VPRJ **therapeutic substance abuse recovery program** called “We Are In This Together” (WAITT) had transitioned to a workbook and DVD. Currently, it is hybrid with in-person and the DVD/workbook. The in-person sessions are for Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and “Real Life” session to deal with trauma. As a reminder, the program had involved segregating those enrolled in an all-inclusive, 3-months in length, up to 20 women at a time, providing trauma-informed counseling, AA/NA support, job prep, family reunification, and religious programming. Prospective inmates still have to apply and be interviewed for admission to the pod. The plan is that once CoVID protocols have passed, the program will return to its

original format. 27 participants have graduated since the program's inception. The next graduation is expected in early October.

- The VPRJ's **video visitation** program is available for all inmates who are in compliance with jail rules to use one time per week. 854 visits have been hosted in 2021
- The **New Kent-Charles City Re-Entry Council** will hold its first meeting since the pandemic shutdown, virtually, in August.

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

Mr. Diggs reported that three Colonial Community Corrections (CCC) Probation Officers are certified in MRT and acting as instructors for the WAITT program at VPRJ. In-house sessions will begin at CCC soon. CCC celebrated Probation, Parole, and Pretrial Recognition Week between July 18 & 24. Probation numbers are down due to marijuana law changes, but the average length of supervision has increased. There is a marked increase in the number of domestic violence cases and CCC has two and a half probation officers dedicated to addressing the problem.

Some detailed discussion followed the mention of the new law that restricts the sanctions the court and probation can utilize when "technical violations" of the probation occur.

The PTCC data system used by CCC should be changed to a new system within six months.

All CCC services, with the exception of random drug screens, have continued through the pandemic shutdowns.

Mr. Diggs took the opportunity to thank Judge Killilea for her service and great working relationship with CCC and the CCCJB and to wish her all of the best in her retirement.

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

The Justice Planner advised the following plans for National Night Out Against Crime:

National Night Out 2021

Tuesday, August 3

- Charles City County S.O. **5-8:30** Harrison Park, 5201 Harrison Park Rd. (off Wayside Rd.)
- New Kent County S.O. **6-8** 7930 New Chipping Ln. (same as last year)
- Poquoson P.D. **7:30** Poquoson Municipal Park ****movie in the park**, FREE-TICKETED event—CANCELLED DUE TO EXPECTED RAIN**
- York-Poquoson S.O. ****Neighborhood-based****

Tuesday, October 5

- James City County P.D. **5:00** JCC-LEC, 4600 Opportunity Way
- Williamsburg P.D. **5-7:30** High Street Parking lot/field

Sheriff McLaughlin noted for planning purposes that our next meeting falls the night before Election Day.

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moss noted that, with no additional information to report, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Rinehimer made the motion which was seconded by Joe McLaughlin and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

***Note: Although present at this meeting, Judges Colleen Killilea and Holly Smith abstained from participating in any Board votes.*

The next meeting is expected to be held Monday, **November 1, 2021**, in James City County