



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Notes: Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board
May 3, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL-via Zoom.com

Members Present

Judge Elliott Bondurant
Sean Dunn
Andy Engemann
Stacy Kern-Sheerer
Adam Kinsman, Chair
Betty Lasris
Charles Moss, Vice Chair
Rana Navarret (designee for Virginia Munoz)
Patricia Paige
Brad Rinehimer
Tommy West
Roy Witham

Members Absent

Lewis Black III
Judge Wade Bowie
David Coe
Todd Duval
Joe Jackson
Judge Colleen Killilea
Joe McLaughlin
Jenny Pauls
Andrew Trivette
Rob Tyler
Kelly Waddell
Williamsburg-VACANCY

Staff Present

Hal Diggs, CCC Director
Brandee Ponce, CCC Administrative Coordinator
Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER (*Adam Kinsman*)

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Adam Kinsman.

2. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM (*Brandee Ponce*)

Administrative Coordinator Brandee Ponce called the roll and reported that a quorum had been achieved.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (*Adam Kinsman*)

None

4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2020 and FEBRUARY 1, 2021 MEETING NOTES (*Adam Kinsman*)

Chair asked for motion to approve both sets of meeting notes. Sean Dunn made the motion and Patricia Paige seconded. Motion was approved.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (*Adam Kinsman*)

None

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS (*Adam Kinsman*)

Chair advised that several re-appointments have been requested of the jurisdictions.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.) Juvenile Justice Committee: (*Jack Fitzpatrick for Joe Jackson*)

- The Committee has not met since February 2020 due to pandemic restrictions.
- Our eleven public safety videos have yielded 1,785 views to date.
- The Justice Planner continues to assist the Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition with their social media outreach via a Facebook page, several posts were made during the quarter in support of expanded on-line outreach efforts.
- No presentations of the Dangers of Synthetic Drugs and Opioids have been provided for the current quarter.

- York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office has announced that it will begin to do in-person events again to include the Safety Town effort aimed at younger children focusing on school bus safety and “stranger danger” topics. Eddie the Eagle Gun Safe Program will also re-start in-person efforts.

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

- The Justice Planner shared the screen displaying the Colonial Area Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center FY 2021 Q1/2 report. He noted that there was a 25% decrease in traffic to the facility during the first half of FY 2021—likely due to the fact that pandemic concerns were causing declines to all medical facilities.
- Neither state nor private psychiatric hospitals are accepting COVID positive patients from other facilities. As a result, medical/surgical hospitals with Emergency Care but without integrated acute psychiatric care like RDHW are left to fend for themselves on how to treat individuals experiencing a psychiatric emergency and testing positive for COVID.
- Total officer time relived by the program for this reporting period is 996 hours and 8 minutes.

c.) Re-Entry Committee: *(Jack Fitzpatrick 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 **Community Of Faith Mission-Winter Shelter** completed its season on March 14, 2021. The pandemic changed how the shelter provided its services in that in the beginning of the season and the end of the season, federal funds provided to James City Social Services for the purposes of sheltering during the pandemic were used to place guests in hotel rooms. Local churches provided space for several weeks in January and February 2021 and had to endure all of the changes mandated by the pandemic orders.
- 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. A new computer has been procured by CCC for use in the jail and one for use at CCC for those working on resumes.
- VPRJ **therapeutic substance abuse recovery pod** called “We Are In This Together” (WAITT) has transitioned to an workbook and DVD and workbook-curriculum provided by “Real Life”, VPRJ’s behavioral modification provider. 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. Four participants have graduated since our February meeting and eight more are due to graduate on April 30. This will bring the total served, from the program's inception, to thirty-two. Three prior graduates now assist new participants as mentors in the program.

- The VPRJ's **video visitation** program is available for all inmates who are in compliance with jail rules to use one time per week. By the end of 2020, the system was used nearly 300 times and between January 1 and March 31, 349 video visitations were provided.
- **Home Electronic Incarceration (HEI)** is available for inmates who qualify under Virginia law and VPRJ policy. In the first three months of 2021, VPRJ assigned 11 inmates to the HEI program, four of whom successfully completed their sentence obligations while on the monitor. Participating inmates assigned to VPRJ's HEI program have averaged just over 100 days each on the monitor over the last two calendar years.
- The **New Kent-Charles City Re-Entry Council** remains in a hold pattern due to the pandemic.

8. REPORT OF CCC AGENCY DIRECTOR

- Mr. Diggs reported that the nine members of the Virginia PAPIS (Pre-release And Post-Incarceration Services) group are in the process of mapping what they believe would be the ideal re-entry system for the Commonwealth. A similar look at the pre-trial system was completed recently. This effort is expected to take six to eight months to complete.
- A Request For Proposal is expected soon for the replacement of the PTCC record-keeping software that is currently in use. The new software will include the ability of the various agencies to communicate with each other for transfers of clients.
- Computer cameras were purchased for all members of CCC so that they could attend meetings and training events virtually.
- The Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) grant—a three-year grant term for which we are applying for our third term—will ask to continue funding of a part-time pretrial officer, a victim-witness advocate, and a domestic violence prosecutor. It is noted that the lethality assessment protocols were generated through the OVW grant.
- CCC supervision numbers are down—at least partially due to the legalization of marijuana—but the average length of supervision has increased—due partially to the doubling of domestic violence offenses seen since the beginning of the pandemic

lockdown orders. Pretrial supervision numbers are fairly steady year-to-year and there are no budget issues. The budget will remain flat for the FY 22 cycle.

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

The Justice Planner advised that he sent a notice to all law enforcement training contacts regarding a new “dietary supplement” called Tianeptine which depresses pain in small quantities and provides a euphoric effect in larger doses. In some cases, it is being used as a substitute for heroin and opiates. It appears to have similar addictive properties to the illegal drugs. The FDA has declared that the drug is illegal, but the government has failed to add it to a schedule and enforcement is lacking. The drug can be found as an ingredient in “supplements” in stores and ordered online.

Following training provided by the National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJT C), the Justice Planner is offering basic Excited Delirium training to area emergency communications centers (9-1-1 centers) in an effort to prevent excited delirium in-custody deaths.

Chief Dunn asked whether other agencies had plans to observe National Night Out Against Crime with in-person events to which he received mixed responses. He noted that the City of Williamsburg Police Department received 122 pounds of drugs and 16 pounds of “sharps” disposals (in cooperation with City of Williamsburg Fire Department) during the DEA Drug Takeback event and that they were accepting applications for a Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Rinehimer noted that the coming week would be the observance of Resilience Awareness Week and that the Greater Williamsburg Trauma-Informed Care Network (GW-TICN) would have numerous virtual events planned—Justice Planner will send a link to the events following the meeting.

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kinsman noted that, with no additional information to report, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Dunn made the motion which was approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The next meeting is expected to be held Monday, **August 2, 2021**, in the City of Williamsburg