

Agenda Item III

Minutes - Rockingham/Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB)

County Administration Center, Fire & Rescue Classroom
August 29, 2016 - 4:00p.m.

Board members present –

Marsha Garst – Commonwealth Attorney
Sheriff Bryan Hutcheson – Rockingham County and City of Harrisonburg
William Kyger – Rockingham County Board Member
Kai Degner – City of Harrisonburg Council Member
Stephen King – County Administrator
Kurt Hodgen – City Manager
Louis Nagy – Defense Attorney
Don Driver - Department of Social Services
Ellen Harrison – Community Services Board
Dr. Carol Fenn – Rockingham County School Superintendent
Dr. Scott Kizner – Harrisonburg City School Superintendent
Dan Claytor for Chief Stephen Monticelli – Harrisonburg Police Department
Chief Lee Shifflett – James Madison University Public Safety

Judges present (abstain from the vote) –

Judge Bruce D. Albertson – Circuit Court

Board Members Absent – Monica Martin – Chief Magistrate
Chaz Haywood – Clerk of Circuit Court
Judge John S. Hart – General District Court
Judge David O'Donnell – Juvenile & Domestic Relations

Staff present –

Ann Marie Freeman, Director, Court Services Unit
Judge John Paul, Chairman of the Task Force on Alternative Programming
Ruth Stoltzfus Jost, Member of the Task Force on Alternative Programming

Mr. Kyger opened the meeting at 4:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the Rockingham/Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board meeting. Mr. Cuevas stepped down as Chairman and Mr. Kyger was appointed to fill his position. Chairman Kyger advised that any new information brought forward will be put on the agenda for the next meeting and will not be addressed at this time.

On motion by Councilman Degner, seconded by Don Driver, the September 21, 2015 minutes were approved, with one correction: Mr. Giannakouros' name was misspelled, as there is no "v" in his last name. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT – DAY REPORTING CENTER

Jumar Peterson, Program Manager, provided an update on the Day Reporting Pilot Project which started in January 2016. One area the program has changed is the Group Requirement. Each participant is required to participate in a weekly group counseling session. Staff is also looking into developing a Mentorship Program and an After Care Program. Additional information is in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item 3.

In response to a question from Mr. Hodgen, participants come from the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail.

In response to a question from Mr. King, not showing up to report, continued drug use and not putting forth effort to meet goals, typically results in individuals being terminated from the program.

In response to a question from Councilman Degner, referrals are made through Court Services and District 39.

Councilman Degner stated at a city council presentation on recidivism that participants need at least three years to get out of the danger zone. There is a program in our area called Strength-in-Peers that has been in existence since November 2014 or 2015.

REPORT – HARRISONBURG ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (HRCSB)

Ellen Harrison, Community Services Board Executive Director, gave an update on the jail services program which offers a licensed mental health clinician in the jail to provide assessment, evaluation and brief individual counseling for the purpose of crisis stabilization. Other services available include the Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center in the Sentara RMH Emergency department. The Offender Reentry Program provides a case manager in the Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail (RHRJ) and therapist at the HRCSB to provide a strong partnership with Strength in Peers. The Adult Mobile Crisis team, which provides 20 hours of service a week comprised of a licensed clinician and a law enforcement officer, providing services in both the community and the jail. Additional information is in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item 4.

In response to a question from Dr. Kizner, these programs do not apply to juveniles at this time. Juveniles are still seen in the emergency department but the Law Enforcement Officer may not exchange custody.

REPORT – IMMEDIATE SANCTIONS PROGRAM – PROBATION & PAROLE DISTRICT 39

Josh Lutz from Probation and Patrol provided an update on the Immediate Sanctions Program (ISP). Information was provided regarding the participants from inception to date. Currently there are 28 people in the program and the CCJB is awaiting the November 1, 2016 Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commissions Report to the General Assembly to see what their recommendations will be regarding the program. Additional information is in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item 5. A discussion ensued regarding a typical ISP violation and how success is measured.

In response to a question from Chairman Kyger, funding is received for our own treatment provider and to utilize the CSB, especially for mental health clients who are dual diagnosed. The success mostly depends on the individual and how much they want to change. As far as support received, the Department of Corrections (DOC) is ample substance abuse support. Since the CSB mental health program needs more financial support to move forward. .

REPORT – DATA SYSTEM UPDATE

Mr. Hodgen, Emergency Communications Center Administrative Board Chairman, reported the consultant, Federal Engineering, is under contract. There will be a kick-off meeting scheduled in early September during which time a needs assessment will commence. An RFP for the new system is scheduled to be finalized in January 2017, with installation in the later part of 2017.

Council Degner commented that the consultant is preparing the RFP to be bid on for creation of the data system. The consultant was chosen based on their presentation to the board, who thought they were the best company to listen to all the needs of the various stakeholders of the proposed system. The first consultant's job is to fill out the specifications for the system and someone else will be hired to implement that system. The process initiated first will ensure the public is able to engage in the process and address questions that may be unique to the community.

In response to a question, Chairman Kyger stated the process will be public and very transparent. Notifications will be provided in advance so people will have an opportunity to attend.

REPORTS – ROCKINGHAM HARRISONBURG REGIONAL JAIL STATISTICS

The information provided in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item 7 provides a general overview of the jail statistics for July 2015 – June 2016.

REPORT – COURT SERVICES

Mrs. Freeman reported that for FY16, 505 offenders were placed on supervision and 585 defendants were placed on Pretrial. Additional information is in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item 8.

In response to a question from Councilman Degner, the 585 people on Pretrial are not inmates. They have the support of the Pretrial system with substance abuse and mental treatment. For high risk defendants, an ankle bracelet is available as an alternative.

RE-ENTRY UPDATE

Mr. Driver offered the Board assistance. The Re-Entry Council was established 4 years ago to look at issues and activities related to recidivism to reduce the number of people in jail. The council has been trying to establish its direction, and recognized that the CCJB adopted part of the Mosley Report as its plan. The Re-Entry council is made up of various individuals with different levels of expertise. The Council is well positioned to offer assistance to the board. Mr. Driver commented on the White House Data Driven Justice Initiative. The initiative concentrates on pretrial and frequent flyers. It is a consortium that asks localities if they are interested in conducting discussions. After speaking with Mr. Hodgen and Mr. King, the board registered as a community.

EDUCATION CONTINUITY FOR JUVENILE & ADULTS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Dr. Kizner did not have a formal report. After speaking with Dr. Fenn, he suggested a better way to inform the CCJB is to bring together the five public high schools, principals and staff to discuss ways to get feedback regarding Juvenile issues. Chairman Kyger also suggested including private high schools

UPDATE ON SUB-COMMITTEE WORKGROUP

Judge Paul provided a report from the CCJB Advisory Committee regarding recommendations based upon research and the discussions of the committee. Additional information is in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item 11 regarding recommendations to the CCJB.

In response to a question, a subcommittee will be assigned to determine realistic recommendations in order to move forward.

OUR VALLEY JUSTICE COALITION

Harvey Yoder handed out material regarding the Valley Justice Coalition, a group of local taxpayers concerned about criminal justice. He introduced Dr. Nancy Insko, CEO and Founder of the Institute of Reform and Solutions, a

nonprofit organization with offices in Harrisonburg and Staunton. Dr. Insko stated that the Valley Justice Coalition serves justice involved persons and their families while in custody and post release, re-entry services in Rockingham, Page, Augusta and Rockbridge counties and the cities within those jurisdictions. Dr. Insko is the spokesperson for one of the working groups at the Valley Justice Coalition. She highlighted the three recommendations selected for the board to consider: 1) Improve conditions of confinement; 2) review and update procedures for inmate grievances; and 3) adopt best practices to help reduce recidivism.

Mr. Jim Orndoff gave a presentation on Correctional Accreditation. He explained that there are two primary organizations: The American Correctional Association and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. Neither of our local facilities are accredited. Mr. Orndoff pointed out that the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and James Madison University Police Department are accredited. There are several benefits of accreditation. Reduction in litigation relative to inmate health care and conditions of confinement, justification for budget request and compliance monitored by an independent oversight board. On behalf of the Valley Justice Coalition Mr. Orndoff requested that the CCJB recommend to the Harrisonburg City Council and the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors that both the RHRJ and Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ) begin the process to pursue accreditation and those sufficient funds be allocated to support the process.

Chairman Kyger recommended a subcommittee review the report and provide recommendations at the January CCJB meeting. If there is a motion from the Board to accept the recommendation for the study, the subcommittee will assign the tasks to the appropriate people.

Councilman Degner made a motion to the existing subcommittee workgroup for the Chairman Kyger to also serve on the committee to explore these recommendations by the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Driver, the motion passed unanimously.

At 5:30 p.m., Chairman Kyger recessed the meeting for five minutes before public comment.

At 5:35 p.m., Chairman Kyger called the meeting back to order and opened the public comment section of the meeting.

Mayor Chris Jones asked the Board if the CCJB could meet quarterly. Chairman Kyger stated the Board will consider the request. The next meeting will be in January.

Stan Maclin also requested regular meetings for the Board.

Pamela Gray asked how court decisions are made for those with brain injuries.

Poti Giannakouros spoke about the incarceration rate and said when people become engaged, the Average Daily Population goes down.

Several individuals attending the meeting offered to provide assistance or services in the future, including Sue Prail, Steve Thomas and Wonsche

Tammy Shifflett commented regarding how her son is mistreated at MRRJ.

Leah Rosenwasser asked if a biannual report would be filed.

Chairman Kyger adjourned the meeting at _____ p.m..