

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

County Administration Center, Fire & Rescue Classroom
April 24, 2017 - 4:00p.m.

Board members present –

Chris Bean – Assistant Commonwealth Attorney
Cpt. Steve Shortell - Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail
William Kyger – Rockingham County Board Member
Stephen King – County Administrator
Kurt Hodgen – City Manager
Louis Nagy – Defense Attorney
Celeste Williams - Department of Social Services
Ellen Harrison – Community Services Board
Chief Stephen Monticelli – Harrisonburg Police Department

Judges present (abstain from the vote) –

Judge Bruce D. Albertson – Circuit Court
Judge John S. Hart – General District Court
Judge David O'Donnell – Juvenile & Domestic Relations
Judge William Eldridge – General District Court

Board Members Absent – Chief Lee Shifflett – James Madison University Public Safety
Christopher Jones – City of Harrisonburg Council Member
Dr. Carol Fenn – Rockingham County School Superintendent
Dr. Scott Kizner – Harrisonburg City School Superintendent
Monica Martin – Chief Magistrate
Chaz Haywood – Clerk of Circuit Court

Staff present –

Ann Marie Freeman, Director, Court Services Unit
Judge John Paul, Chairman 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. Welcomed new member Celeste Williams, Director of Social Services.

On motion by Stephen King, seconded by Ellen Harrison, the January 30, 2017 minutes were approved, the motion passed unanimously.

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 full time 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 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 III

REPORT – DATA SYSTEM UPDATE

Mr. Hodgen, Emergency Communications Center Administrative Board Chairman, gave a brief update on the project. The project remains on schedule and the estimated cost is \$4.5 million - a little higher than when we started the process last year. The Request for Proposals with over 800 specifications and requirements will be released on May 1st. There is a 24 member working group that will evaluate the initial proposals received and will narrow that list to two with on-site demonstrations of the two selected. The tentative project startup for the new system will be Spring 2018.

REPORT - Education Continuity for Juvenile & Adults in Criminal Justice System – No report

DRUG COURT INITIATIVE – CHRIS BEAN FOR MARSHA GARST

The application for the Drug Court was filed on February 28, 2017. The hearing for the approval of the Supreme Court is scheduled for April 27th. Two grants have been applied for a federal grant filed February 27th and a Planning and Initiative grant, which is very popular, we have been wait listed.

UPDATE ON SUB-COMMITTEE WORKGROUP

Judge Paul gave an update on the workgroup. There are three sub committees; Restorative Justice, Addiction Mental Health Education Programs within Our Criminal Justice System, and the Honor Camp.

Ruth Jost gave an update on Restorative Justice Subcommittee. Restorative Justice which is more accurately known as Accountable Justice asks two simple questions. Who has been harmed and what does that person need? One option would allow the victim to tell their story to be heard. The wrong-doer would have to acknowledge their impact on victim and make restitution. It is a process that is more difficult than it sounds. Many people aren't willing to participate, but when they are willing to do so, the outcome is very positive. The hope is to incorporate this into our local Criminal Justice System. There has been a workshop for Circuit Court Judges, hosted by Judge Paul and there will be a workshop for General District Court

Judges. They are hoping this can work at the magistrate level and an agreement can be reached with the victim as an alternative. This process may also work with Court Services Office and Commonwealth Attorney's Office. The idea is for people to work out their problems not necessarily the government.

Dr. Nancy Insko provided a report from the Treatment Sub-Committee. The information provide in the packet titled Treatment Subcommittee for Rockingham Harrisonburg CCJB. The information provides planning phases for Expanded Mental and Addiction Treatment.

Judge Paul reported on the Honor Camp Correctional Facility. Additional information is provided as an attachment. There was much discussion on the decision to build a new facility or join MRRJ. There is also a request to fund a Feasibility Study. Chairman Kyger suggested we look at the previous studies that have been done and see if we have covered some of this framework and mime from those documents to determine what else we may have to add to the report we already have by the next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. ROCKINGHAM HARRISONBURG REGIONAL JAIL STATISTICS

The information provided in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item VIII (A) provides a general overview of the jail statistics for January 2015 – March 2017.

B. COURT SERVICES

Mrs. Freeman reported that 368 offenders were placed on supervision as of March 31, 2017 and 534 defendants were placed on Pretrial. Additional information is in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item VIII (C).

Chairman Kyger recommended the following date change for September 25th to be moved to September 18th. The meeting will begin at 4:00pm in the Fire and Rescue Training Room.

Dr. Nancy Insko has volunteered to assist with grant obtainments. Chairman Kyger asked her to work with the County Administrator and the City Manager on potential grants. Knowing that grants are sometimes subject to obligations that cannot be fulfilled by local government and by working together there will be no duplication of processes with other departments and what they are doing.

There is also a group looking at the Accreditation Standards and Audits of Middle River Regional Jail. Mr. King advised the MRRJ Board has had presentations from staff regarding accreditation, one for the general accreditation and one for the medical. The Board will have to decide whether they want to pursue the accreditation process.

At 4:35 p.m., Chairman Kyger recessed the meeting for five minutes before public comment.

At 4:40 p.m., Chairman Kyger called the meeting back to order and opened the public comment section of the meeting.

Tom Domonoske appreciated the agenda and packet made available on the website before the meeting. Mr. Domonoske also spoke about the ADP for the Rockingham and MRRJ. He identified there was a 26% increase in population in less than 2 years. He requested a breakdown of demographics on individuals incarcerated such as; male, female, race, misdemeanor, felony, pretrial, post-trial and probation violations.

Diane Orndoff commented on the MMRJ Authority Board that Mr. Owen stated they would not be looking at Healthcare accreditation due to costs. She appreciated Mr. King's comments at the meeting last Tuesday and will continue to work toward the right things.

Poti Giannakouros asked Mr. Hodgen a budget question regarding Social Services and non-fire safety that from 2009 to 2017 it had doubled to 20 million dollars. Mr. Hodgen commented that he would look in to the matter and follow up with Mr. Giannakouros.

Chairman Kyger adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.