

**Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice
Meeting Minutes**

November 19, 2008

Approved: January 28, 2009

The official business meeting of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice was held at the Dumbarton Library, 6800 Staples Mill Road, Henrico, Virginia 23228-4930.

Committee Members Present

Kevin Appel
Jane Brown, Proxy for Anthony Conyers
Roberto Calderon
Cindy Cave, Proxy for Dr. Cannaday, Jr.
The Hon. Warner D. (Dave) Chapman
Mark Cranfill
Peter Feddo
Eileen Grey
Katharine Hunter for Malcolm King, Proxy for Dr. Reinhard
Andrew Jennings
Charles Martin
The Hon. Charles Phelps
Steve Pullen, for Lynette Greenfield, Proxy for Mr. Barry Green
Robert E. Shepherd, Jr.
Michael W. Stewart
Wayne Thomas
Anthony Triplin
Ruby G. Turner
Gina E. Wood

Committee Members Not Present

The Hon. Robert B. Bell
Ken Bynum
Dr. Jay W. Malcan
The Hon. William Roscoe Reynolds
Antonio Sutton
Mark Turnbull

DCJS Staff Present

Demian Futterman
Laureen Hyman
Tracey Jenkins
Laurel Marks
Ashaki McNeil

Others Present

Uzo Onwuchekwa, University of Richmond law student

I. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Charles Martin. All present introduced themselves to the group.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Martin asked if there were any comments, additions or deletions to be made to the minutes from the August 13, 2008, and October 1, 2008, meeting minutes of the ACJJ. Mr. Kevin Appel made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved. Sheriff Phelps abstained from the motion as he was not present at these meetings.

III. Election of Officers

Nominations for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions to the Advisory Committee were considered. A motion was made by Ms. Gina Wood to approve the recommendation that Mr. Charles Martin remain Chair and Ms. Eileen Grey remain Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

IV. Compliance Report

Mr. Curtis Stevens provided a Compliance Report to the Committee. He completed all of his monitoring site visits for the 2008 monitoring period and a total of 129 facilities had been visited. Facility staff he met with were very cooperative and conscientious in wanting to ensure that juveniles are being detained in a manner that is consistent with the JJDP Act. Technical assistance had been provided during his site visits and copies of OJJDP's *Guidance Manual for Monitoring Facilities under the JJDP Act of 2002* were provided to each facility.

Mr. Stevens reported that he is working on the 2008 Annual Compliance Monitor's Report to OJJDP, which must be submitted by December 31st and is updating Virginia's Monitoring Universe which must be submitted with the 2008 Report. The monitoring universe now includes 857 secure and non-secure facilities, and 303 of these facilities require a periodic site visit. Information and data is still being received from court service units and lockups, and detentions for violating court orders related to status offenses must still be validated in juvenile courts in the Harrisonburg and Winchester area. He advised the Committee that although it is too early to provide specific numbers that will be included in the report to OJJDP, that at this point it appears that Virginia should once again be in full compliance with the DSO, Separation, and Jail Removal core requirements of the JJDP Act.

V. Presentation by Grants Subcommittee

Mr. Wayne Thomas gave the recommendations of the Grants Subcommittee for the following continuation grants (amount only reflects federal funds awarded):

City of Alexandria in the amount of \$13,575, City of Newport News in the amount of \$60,000, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice in the amount of \$15,000, the Virginia Crime Commission in the amount of \$80,000 and DCJS for GOSAP, in the amount of \$60,000.

A motion was made by the Grants Subcommittee to accept these recommendations, was seconded and approved with one abstention: Mr. Steve Pullen.

It was suggested that DCJS request that the Virginia Crime Commission take into consideration DMC (particularly as related to the transfer of juveniles) in the work that they are considering for the upcoming year.

VI. Report by DMC Subcommittee

Ms. Wood, Chair of the DMC Subcommittee, gave a report on the DMC Subcommittee and reported on the many activities regarding DMC that have occurred this year, including:

- The Virginia State University and DCJS' conference on DMC held annually.
- Increase awareness of law enforcement on DMC issues; this year there were work sessions with School Resource Officers (SRO's) and through the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).
- OJJDP is going to have trainings on DMC for states - the ACJJ will be posted as more information is obtained.
- We are using Title II funds to support the Burnes Institute.

The DMC subcommittee made the motion that any 2008 Title II funds not obligated next year should be targeted for DMC efforts. The motion was seconded and approved with one abstention: Mr. Michael Stewart.

A concern was raised about how targeting DMC would eliminate funding for other types of programs. It was stated that these funds cannot cover all of the needs in the state, and that priorities are often set. Additionally, it was noted that if there are not enough quality DMC applications, the unawarded funds could be redistributed to meet a different need.

VI. Young Juvenile Offender Evaluation Report

Ms. Tracey Jenkins gave an overview of the Young Juvenile Offender Evaluation Report.

VII. Advisory Committee Member Activity Reports/New Business

Mr. Dave Chapman gave an overview of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to begin drafting the annual report.

Ms. Wood reported that this year is the 20th anniversary of the DMC provision of the Act. Oregon has a summit every year on DMC and Ms. Wood was asked to attend.

Mr. Martin represents Virginia on the Coalition on Juvenile Justice (CJJ). CJJ represents all 50 states and state territories. As part of the Coalition's 25th anniversary, they are trying to strengthen their Circle of Leaders program by asking for donations.

Ms. Laurel Marks handed out information from the Crime Commission. She will be sending out the PowerPoint presentation on the juvenile justice study to all ACJJ members.

Ms. Grey informed the group that there is a public meeting December 9th in Senate Room A at 10am on the Crime Commission report. Ms. Grey also brought an article on the Safe Haven program in Nebraska. Ms. Grey advocates on Virginia CURE as well.

Mr. Cranfill suggested that the ACJJ provide a letter of thanks to Judge Jones for his dedication to juvenile justice issues

Mr. Demian Futterman asked members to RSVP if they would like to attend the Dec 9th iMovie Mentors program Annual Film Festival at 6pm in Alexandria.

VIII. Next Meeting

It was reported that the next meeting will be on January 28, 2009.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.