

**Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice
Meeting Minutes**

May 20, 2009

Approved: August 19, 2009

The official business meeting of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice was held at the Tuckahoe Library, 1901 Starling Drive, Richmond, VA 23229.

Committee Members Present

Kevin Appel
Jane Brown, Proxy for Anthony Conyers
Ken Bynum
Cindy Cave, Proxy for Dr. Cannaday, Jr.
The Hon. Warner D. (Dave) Chapman
Mark Cranfill
Peter Feddo
Lynette Greenfield, Proxy for Mr. Barry Green
Eileen Grey
Andrew Jennings
Malcolm King, Proxy for Dr. Reinhard
Dr. Jay W. Malcan
Charles Martin
Michael W. Stewart
Antonio Sutton
Wayne Thomas
Ruby G. Turner
Gina E. Wood

Committee Members Not Present

Angel Bartlett
The Hon. Robert B. Bell
Roberto Calderon
The Hon. Charles Phelps
The Hon. William Roscoe Reynolds
Mark Turnbull

DCJS Staff Present

Demian Futterman
Laureen Hyman
Tracey Jenkins
Laurel Marks
Ashaki McNeil
Curtis Stevens

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 January 28, 2009, meeting minutes of the ACJJ. Mr. Andrew Jennings made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

III. Presentation of Grant Recommendations by Grants Subcommittee

Mr. Wayne Thomas reported on the Grants Subcommittee meeting held on May 19, 2009, and May 20, 2009. The subcommittee reviewed 15 Title II Continuation grants, three new Title II grants and one discretionary JABG grant as well as three new JABG discretionary grant proposals. There is sufficient funding for all grants submitted.

TITLE II Continuation GRANTS

Wise County (Strengthening Families) - \$32,500

Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009.

Albemarle County (Functional Family Therapy Program for Juvenile Offenders) - \$50,000

Recommended funding as requested. Abstentions: Dave Chapman and Charles Martin.

Lee County (Appalachian Juvenile Commission's Detention Alternative Program Expansion) - \$31,355

Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009.

Spotsylvania County (School Based Probation Program) - \$55,000

Recommended funding as requested.

Richmond (Evening Reporting Center) - \$47,973

Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009.

Tazewell County (Creating Lasting Family Connections) - \$32,000

Recommended not funding.

Fairfax County (Evening Reporting Center) - \$57,150

Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009.

Campbell County (Parent Child Nurturing Classes for CHINS Families) - \$21,675

Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009 includes special conditions.

Fredericksburg (The Rappahannock Region Aftercare System) - \$62,363

Recommended funding as requested.

City of Roanoke (Across Ages in the City of Roanoke) - \$65,000 with a \$32,500 match = \$97,500. *Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009*

City of Danville (Redirection Program) - \$62,941 with a \$31,471 match = \$94,412

Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009.

Albemarle County (CASA Start Truancy Prevention Program) - \$65,000 with a \$32,500 match = \$97,500
Recommended funding as requested. Abstentions: Dave Chapman and Charles Martin.

Grayson County (Strengthening Families Program Initiative) - \$61,483 with a \$30,472 match = \$92,225
Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009.

Hanover County (Ashland Woods Positive Action Club) - \$57,379 with a \$29,415 match = \$86,794
Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009.

Spotsylvania County (My Life After School Program) - \$63,461 with a \$31,731 match = \$95,192
Recommended funding with special conditions.

JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - DISCRETIONARY

Virginia Department of Correctional Education (DCE) (Successful Transitioning with Life Skills and Employability Skills) - \$39,282 with a match of \$3,920 = \$39,202
Recommended funding if they satisfactorily respond to the concerns of the Grant Monitor by June 3, 2009.

JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM – SYSTEMS CHANGE INITIATIVE

City of Richmond (Evaluation of the Graduated Intervention Level Systems) - \$45,000 with a match of \$5,000 = \$50,000
Recommended funding as requested.

City of Virginia Beach (Systems Change Coordinator) - \$43,828 with a match of \$4,870 = \$48,698
Recommended funding as requested. Abstention: Michael Stewart.

Department of Juvenile Justice (Implementation of the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument) - \$45,000 with a match of \$5,000 = \$50,000
Recommended funding as requested. Abstentions: Antonio Sutton and Lynette Greenfield.

TITLE II NEW GRANTS

City of Norfolk (Evening Reporting Center) - \$100,000
Recommended funding. Abstention: Antonio Sutton.

City of Petersburg (Energizing Our Nation's Treasures – Mentoring Program) - \$68,005.
Recommended funding with special conditions. Abstention: Jay Malcan.

Fairfax County (Together We're The Answer – Race Equity Review) - \$65,000.
Recommended funding.

A motion was made to accept the grant funding as requested. The motion was seconded and approved with the following abstentions: Dr. Jay Malcan for Petersburg, Mr. Dave Chapman for Albemarle, Mr. Wayne Thomas for DCE, and Mr. Michael Stewart for Virginia Beach.

IV. Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) Request for Information

Mr. Dave Chapman explained that the FACJJ is requesting input from all states in order to set priorities for the year. These priorities are based on our Three Year plan:

The following were identified as the 5 most important current and emerging issues:

1. Reducing disproportionality in the juvenile justice system (DMC) (#5);
2. Diverting juveniles from detention and providing alternatives (#3);
3. Increasing family and community involvement - reentry/no entry (it was suggested this be put under the other category to ensure that our intent was clear (#21);
4. Ensuring youth are afforded due process of law – juveniles' access to the effective assistance of counsel and waiver and transfer to adult court be listed as other (#20 &1); and
5. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues.

A motion was made that these recommendations be forwarded to the FACJJ as Virginia's most important current and emerging issues. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

V. DMC Pilot Site Update

Ms. Ashaki McNeil and Ms. Tracey Jenkins briefed the group on the DMC Pilot sites: Fairfax, Norfolk and Petersburg. As evidenced by their interest in DMC work, sites were identified based on willingness to participate. Localities will be given the opportunity to participate in several pilot DMC projects.

VI. Compliance Report

Mr. Curtis Stevens provided a Compliance Monitor's report to the committee. He reported that he had been updating the Compliance Monitoring Universe and had identified the facilities that would require a site visit this year. He advised that he would be visiting two juvenile correctional centers, twenty-four detention centers, twenty-seven jails, thirty law enforcement lockups, and thirty-three court holding facilities this year. He stated that one of the challenges of a compliance monitor was the turnover in staff in the facilities and that providing technical assistance was an important aspect of his visits. Although he would be conducting most of his site visits after receiving and reviewing the reports that he would be receiving from DJJ and the State Compensation Board in July, he had already begun to visit lockups and court holding facilities in the Richmond area.

He also advised that he had recently worked with a local jail in the Tidewater area that was providing school tours that were being called a "Scared Straight" program, and that after working with the jail staff this program was being discontinued. He advised that he has also contacted all jails in Virginia advising them that these types of programs can potentially violate the JJDP Act. Since then he has provided technical assistance to five or six other jails that are providing tours for juveniles and he is assisting them in remaining compliant with the Sight and Sound core requirement of the Act.

VII. Report on CJJ Business Meetings and Conference

Members who attended the CJJ Business Meetings and Conference reported on these events.

VIII. Report on Virginia State University DMC Conference

Dr. Jay Malcan reported that Virginia State University held the 3rd annual DMC Conference in partnership with DCJS on April 23, 2009. There were 150 participants this year and a wider representation from state agencies. Concern of role and function of School Resource Officers came up in discussions at the conference.

VI. ACJJ Member Reports

Mr. Martin indicated that this meeting was the last for Mr. Wayne Thomas, Mr. Jennings and Mr. Peter Feddo. These members were commended for their efforts within the ACJJ.

VII. New Business

Dr. Cindy Cave gave an overview of the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Healthy Children and Homeland Security. She gave testimony on what alternatives there are for youth to support their success and get them to be successful once they have been in trouble.

Ms. Laurel Marks informed the committee that the Annual Juvenile Justice conference is not going to happen this year due to the current budget situation. DCJS is looking into modifying the conference primarily to target grantees and is seeking approval for this revised format. If approval is received, the format will likely offer a one day grant training, and a 2nd day that will be similar to the annual conference we have had in the past, with a luncheon and presentation announcing the Spirit of Youth Award recipient.

Mr. Demian Futterman asked if there were any committee members interested in serving with others on the One-Time Grant Subcommittee to review funding applications. There are currently four members on the subcommittee and two more are needed for the review on June 4th.

VIII. Adjourn

It was reported that the next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.