Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention

Fairfield Library
1001 N. Laburnum Avenue
Henrico, VA 23223
April 23, 2019

Approved Minutes

Members Present
"Shelly" Lena Baker-Scott
Marilyn Brown
Nancy Campos
Lorenzo Collins
Keith Farmer, Chair
Joseph Gong
Anthony Jackson
Dave Johnson
Malcolm King
Julie McConnell, Vice Chair
Samuel Perez
James Towey (for DJJ)
Lawrence Webb
Niyah White
Rick White

Members Absent
John Dougherty
Del. Christopher T. Head
Mary Langer
Lauren Powell (for VDH)
Toni Randall
Sen. Bryce Reeves
Maribel Saimre (for DOE)
Elaine Williams
Amy Woolard
Vacant (for DSS)

Guests Present
Carolyn Lamm, Fauquier County Schools

DCJS Staff Present
Ed Holmes, Juvenile Justice Program Analyst
Laurel Marks, Manager, Juvenile and Child Welfare Section
Ken Stables, Compliance Monitor

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Keith Farmer.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting, along with the minutes from the April 23, 2019 meeting.

Agency Updates
DJJ – James Towey shared that DJJ's former director, Andy Block, resigned and the Governor appointed Valerie Boykin, a long-time DJJ leader, to serve as director.
Joe Gong – shared that DJJ is implementing a standardized disposition matrix which is intended to make dispositions more even across the state.
Niyah White shared a program being implemented in some adult facilities designed to address toxic masculinity.

DJJ – James Towey responded to questions about the status of the new juvenile correctional facility, and the fact that the town of Windsor voted down the bringing of the facility to Isle of Wight County. Julie McConnell offered to be a part of conversations taking place about how to address the issue of a facility moving forward. She suggested others on the committee would likely be willing as well.

DCJS Updates

- Ken Stables updated the committee on JJDP Act compliance visits, data collection, technical assistance provided, and evaluation for the year. He also spoke of the changes in the Act due to reauthorization through the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018, and the steps that Virginia is taking to come into compliance with the changes in the Act.
- Laurel Marks informed the group that recruitment efforts are currently underway to fill the position of Juvenile Justice Specialist.
- Laurel Marks reminded members who have not yet done to complete the survey which indicates which of the membership slot(s) they fill, and reminded members whose terms are ending to express interest of reappointment to the Secretary of the Commonwealth through their nominations website.
- Ed Holmes mentioned the upcoming Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference and asked those members interested in attending to let DCJS know so we can request approval.

Grants

Ed Holmes presented summaries of eight continuation grants going before the committee for recommendation for funding to the Criminal Justice Services Board. After hearing about the grants, the committee unanimously voted to accept the staff recommendations and to recommend approval of the continuation grants.

Mr. Holmes further described for the committee the next grants that DCJS anticipates bringing for consideration, to reduce the detention of status offenders in those jurisdictions which use detention for this population the most.

Update on Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Initiative

Ed Holmes updated the committee on the work being done to address racial and ethnic disparities.

Grantee Presentation: Fauquier

Ed Holmes introduced Carolyn Lamm, the guest presenter from Fauquier County Schools. Ms. Lamm spoke of the work being done with JJDP grant funds, and local funding, to support their restorative justice and trauma informed strategies program. Her presentation include the positive outcomes that they are seeing in their schools.

Adjournment

Lorenzo Collins made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Marilyn Brown. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.