Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention

Virginia Indigent Defense Commission
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Richmond, Virginia 23229

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Members Present
Marilyn Brown
Lorenzo Collins
Keith Farmer, Chair
Joseph Gong
Anthony Jackson
Dave Johnson
Amy Woolard
Rich Firth (for DBHDS)
Julie McConnell, Vice Chair
Maribel Saimre (for DOE)
Toni Randall
Lauren Powell (for VDH)
Mary Langer
John Dougherty
James Towey (for DJJ)
Niyah White
Rick White
Alana Corn

Members Absent
Del. Christopher T. Head
Shelly Baker-Scott
Samuel Perez
Nancy Campos
Lawrence Webb
Sen. Bryce Reeves
Elaine Williams
Vacant (for DSS)

Guests Present: Kimberly Gretes, Indigent Defense Commission (IDC)

DCJS Staff Present
Angela Alvernaz, State Trafficking and Response Coordinator
Tom Fitzpatrick, Division Director for Program and Services
Ed Holmes, Juvenile Justice Program Analyst
Greg Hopkins, Juvenile Justice Specialist
Laurel Marks, Manager, Juvenile and Child Welfare Section
Donna Michaelis, Division Director for Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

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

Approval of Minutes
The January 23, 2019 and April 23, 2019, meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Dave Johnson to approve the minutes of January 23, 2019 and April 23, 2019. The motion was seconded by Amy Woolard, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Title II Grants
Ed Holmes presented summaries of 14 new Title II grants for the committee to review and forward for approval to the Criminal Justice Services Board. After hearing from Mr. Holmes about the grants, the

committee unanimously voted to forward the recommendations for funding to the Criminal Justice Services Board. Members expressed interest in hearing from the grantees about their programs after implementation.

JJDPA Compliance

Greg Hopkins updated the committee on behalf of Ken Stables, JJDP Compliance Monitor, on JJDP Act compliance visits, to court holding facilities, jails and lockups, and a non-secure law enforcement facility. Mr. Hopkins shared with the committee on the ongoing efforts with the VCO (Valid Court Order Exception) Workgroup to address the deinstitutionalization of status offenders. The last workgroup meeting was held on August 26, 2019, representatives present were DCJS, DJJ, DSS and OES (Supreme Court). Mr. Hopkins also updated the committee on the contracted Equity Coordinator Services through Public Policy and Associates. Laurel Marks shared with the committee that on next week September 24-26, 2019, during the OJJDP Training Conference, states will receive guidance on compliance measures with JJRA. Mr. Hopkins will also be participating in a panel discussion on reducing or eliminating the reliance on use of the valid court order exception.

Human Trafficking Conversation

Angela Alvernaz gave the committee a brief overview of her role and responsibilities. She asked the committee for their thoughts on how local and state law enforcement are doing to address human trafficking, what is working well, what's not working and what can be improve upon. Members of the committee discussed the need for a more coordinated effort to improve multi-jurisdictional relations in addressing human trafficking, keeping localities updated with information and effective programming, focusing on the needs of victims, and coordinating local efforts. There was additional discussion on keeping girls safe and suggestion for a gender specific work group.

Agency/Member Updates

Donna Michaelis provided the committee of an overview of the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. Rich Firth provided and overview of DBHDS' Young Adult Substance Abuse Treatment (YSAT) initiative that is piloted through 4 CSBs. The goal of the program is to address SUDs and MH with youth, limiting the number of assessments and to move towards a universal assessment tool to eliminate the delay in services.

New/Old Business

Greg Hopkins informed the committee of the upcoming CJJ conferences, the RED Conference November 21-23, 2019 and the annual CJJ Conference the first week in June 2020.

Adjournment

Amy Woolard made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Rick White. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.