Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention

Tuckahoe Area Library
1901 Starling Drive
Henrico, VA 23229

AGENDA
Tuesday April 22, 2025
10:00am-12:00pm

Members Present

Sallie Amos
Teresa Berry (virtual)
Valerie Coley
Laurie Crawford (DSS Proxy)
Demetria Davis
Delegate Debra Gardner
Joseph Gong
James Laster
Linda McWilliams (DJJ Proxy)
Melissa Morgan
Dana Partin (virtual)
Samuel Perez, Chair
Toni Randall
Kathyrn Rowell
Brook Rudis
Kari Savage (DBHDS Proxy)
Sandra Serna (VDH Proxy)
Alexandria Wall
Joe Wharff (DOE Proxy) (virtual)
Jack White (virtual)

Members Absent

Stephanie Ayers
Bridgette Bowman
Erik Conyers
Senator Jennifer Carrol Foy
Robert Gray
Julianna Herbek
Sandra Lawyer
Maria Martricardi
Olivia Saunders
Alexandria Wall

DCJS Staff Present

Chad Felts
Greg Hopkins
Laurel Marks
Natasha Winfree

Guests Present

Colleen Hughes, DBHDS
Brandi Harris, Office of Del. Debra Gardner

I. **ACJJP Member Roll Call –** DCJS staff member Greg Hopkins conducted a verbal roll call. The meeting was called to order by the ACJJP Committee Chair at 10:10AM.

II. **Approval of Minutes –** The committee received and reviewed the draft minutes from the January 14, 2025, meeting. Melissa Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathryn Rowell.

III. **Presentations**

a. Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services - Young Adult Survey, Key Findings and Reflections, *Colleen Hughes, Director, Office of Behavioral Health and Wellness.*

- Ms. Hughes provided an overview of the Young Adult Survey (YAS). Ms. Hughes covered four topics during her presentation: YAS trends, ACES overview and impacts, stakeholder feedback, and the YAS Dashboard. Ms. Hughes shared that DBHDS relied on the local Community Service Boards for recruitment of participants. They were also intentional in building partnerships with colleges, community organizations, and local businesses, along with creating targeted social media ads. The survey was created in multiple languages with over 6,000 responses collected. The dashboard is available at

b. Chesapeake Public Schools - Creating Safer Spaces for our Students and Community, *Brooke Rudis, Assistant Director of Student Conduct Support, Chesapeake Public Schools.*

- ACJJP Committee Member Brooke Rudis provided the committee with an update on the grant to offer programmatic support to the Chesapeake Public Schools' Threat Assessment and Behavioral Threat Assessment team. Ms. Rudis' presentation covered the initial phases of project execution detailing the team's roles and responsibilities, threat assessment and discipline procedures, and an overview of interventions and supports. Mrs. Rudis shared that Chesapeake's three-tiered system of support incorporates intensive interventions, at-risk students, and school-wide behaviors. Chesapeake Public Schools has developed over 60 intervention modules that can be used for ISS support.

IV. **2026 DCJS "Making a Difference in Juvenile Justice" Conference Planning Discussion**
Greg Hopkins, DCJS

- Greg Hopkins shared with the Committee the history of the "Making a Difference in Juvenile Justice Conference," which historically was sponsored by the Advisory Committee.
- Laurel Marks, DCJS Safer Communities and Youth Services Manager, further shared that DCJS is planning a prevention conference, and the upcoming ACJJP-sponsored event may be a part of that and may include additional programs that intersect with juvenile justice under the Office of Safer Communities. Mr. Hopkins invited committee members interested in forming a subcommittee dedicated to the planning and development of the conference to sign up after the committee meeting.

V. **DCJS Updates**

- **JJDPA Compliance,**
  Greg Hopkins updated the committee on Virginia's compliance status, sharing that DCJS Compliance Monitors are currently working with local law enforcement on the matter of juvenile placements after adjudication. Mr. Hopkins shared that DCJS is still receiving TTA from the Center for Coordinated Assistance to States (CCAS).

- **Agency Updates,** *Greg Hopkins, DCJS*
  Greg Hopkins introduced Natasha Winfree, DCJS' new Juvenile Justice Analyst. Ms. Winfree comes to the Office of Safer Communities by way of the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. She will be assuming the duties previously held by Mr. Ed Holmes, who will be retiring at the end of the month. DCJS is currently recruiting for the position of Compliance Coordinator previously filled by Mr. Tony Nelson. Mr. Hopkins also shared the upcoming training and conference opportunities sponsored by DCJS. Recently, DCJS presented at the 2025 Judicial Training Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia. Over 120 judges were in attendance. Greg Hopkins, along with Regina Harris from the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice and Fairfax Juvenile Court Chief Judge Thomas Sotelo, presented on the topic of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention focusing on deinstitutionalization of status offenders.

VI. **Public Comment –** None.

VII. **Next Meeting Dates –** September 16, 2026, location to be determined.

VIII. **Adjournment –** ACJJP Chair Samuel Perez called for a motion for adjournment. Delegate Debra Gardner made the motion, which was seconded by Linda McWilliams.