



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Department of Criminal Justice Services

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### Criminal Justice Services Board

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#### **Members Present**

Mr. Andy Block  
Chief Jeff Brown  
Ms. Karen Brown  
Senator Charles Carrico, Sr.  
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford  
Judge Sarah Deneke  
The Hon. Michael Doucette,  
Chairman  
Mr. David Johnson  
Mr. Edward M. Macon  
Delegate Jackson Miller  
Sheriff Anthony Roper  
Colonel Bobby Russell  
LTC Russillo, Proxy for  
Colonel Steve Flaherty  
Ms. Cookie Scott  
Mr. Robert Soles  
Mr. Richard Vorhis  
Chief Scott Williams

#### **Members Absent**

Mr. John Boneta  
Sen. Thomas Garrett, Jr.  
Judge Mary Malveaux  
The Hon. Michelle Mosby  
Delegate Chris Peace  
Deputy Sheriff Kevin Pittman  
Ms. Debbie Smith  
Mr. Gilbert Smith  
Chief James Williams  
Chief Kelvin Wright  
Ms. Stephanie Wright

#### **DCJS Staff Present**

Kenny Adcock  
Sharon Andersen  
Stephanie Arnold  
Rick Arrington  
Amia Barrows  
Kassandra Bullock  
John Colligan  
Shannon Dion  
Fran Ecker

#### **DCJS Staff Present (Cont'd)**

Tom Fitzpatrick  
Julia Fuller-Wilson  
Teresa Gooch  
Sharon Gray  
Sam Hoffman  
Ed Holmes  
Laureen Hyman  
Laurel Marks  
Joe Marshall  
Barbara Peterson  
Heather Smolka  
Albert Stokes  
Janice Waddy

#### **Others Present**

SGT Kincaid, City of Hampton  
Police Department  
Ms. Lynda O'Connell, VCPI

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Mike Doucette called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their commitment to the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB).

Chairman Doucette reminded guests to please sign the attendance sheet for the purpose of the minutes and asked the Board members to state their name when making a motion or seconding, to speak clearly for the purpose of the minutes and to check that their microphone was turned on at their seating area. He further reminded staff/persons speaking from the floor to step up to the podium and speak into the microphone for the purpose of the minutes.

Chairman Doucette then asked Ms. Laureen Hyman to take the roll. Ms. Hyman stated there was a quorum with 17 members present, including two General Assembly members.

## **II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Chairman Doucette then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016, meeting. Mr. Andy Block made the motion to accept the minutes, and Sheriff Crawford seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes unanimously passed.

## **III. Director's Report**

Director Fran Ecker provided an update:

### **School/Campus Safety Forum**

In early August, DCJS held the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Virginia School and Campus Safety Training Forum in Hampton, with a record attendance drawing more than 900 people representing all fields and disciplines involved in school and campus safety.

### **Listening Sessions**

Secretary Moran has been holding a series of Law Enforcement and Community Relations Listening Sessions around the state to get input on the best ways to strengthen and improve relations between law enforcement agencies and their communities. Four sessions were scheduled, three of which have already been held. The fourth will be in Roanoke at the newly renovated Department of Forensic Science (DFS) lab on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

The first three sessions have been well attended. DCJS will analyze the needs identified by community members and law enforcement during these sessions to help guide us in the distribution of federal grant funds targeted to improve police-community relationships.

### **Victim Assistance Academy**

DCJS' Eighth Basic Victim Assistance Academy was held at the University of Richmond in August. The Academy was a collaborative effort between DCJS, the Victim Assistance Network and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Thirty-five advocates attended and Delegate Mark Levine was the graduation keynote speaker.

### **VOCA Award**

Last week, DCJS received \$56.9 million in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for federal FY16, which are used to support direct services to victims of sexual and domestic violence, crime victim-witness programs and services for abused children and underserved victims. The funds were awarded by the Justice Department's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) from the Crime Victims Fund. The VOCA award received in 2015 was about four times what was received in 2014 and this year's award is \$6.6 million more than last year's.

### **Jail Mental Health Pilots**

Legislature appropriated funds for each year of this biennium for jail-based mental health services pilot projects and tasked DCJS with reviewing proposals along with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and State Compensation Board. 19 proposals were received by the August 12<sup>th</sup> deadline and DCJS is presenting recommendations to Secretaries Moran and Hazel, and to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees regarding the six sites selected for funding. The appropriation provides funding for the six selected projects for this FY and the next.

## **Budget**

Everyone has heard about the state's revenue not living up to the projections that were the basis of the biennial budget. As a result, all agencies have been tasked with developing recommendations for reductions which will be reviewed by the Secretary, the Department of Planning and Budget and the Governor. Agency plans to meet budget reduction targets are due to DPB later this month. DCJS is working hard to minimize the impact on our constituents. The details will ultimately be revealed when the Governor proposes amendments to the budget in December.

## **Blueprints Session**

On September 20, 2016, DCJS will be holding a Blueprints for Change policy session, and this session will explore the issues related to the disproportionate number of students with disabilities being disciplined in school settings and then referred to the criminal justice system. It will look at ways Virginia can best support youth with disabilities in schools and in the juvenile justice system. There will be a panel of 26 members that includes Secretaries Moran and Trent, members of the General Assembly, judges, Commonwealth's Attorneys, school resource officers, educators and representatives of key state agencies.

## **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Conference**

In November, DCJS will be holding the fourteenth biennial Statewide CASA Conference: "A Partnership for Kids." It's designed to help CASA programs' staff and volunteers build skills relating to the advocacy efforts which all child welfare partners need in order to best serve abused and neglected children. This year's conference will be in Portsmouth, on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **School Climate Conference**

On November 29-30, there will be a two-day summit entitled Strengthening Connections: Challenging Conversations to Enhance School Climate. This summit is designed to help schools provide a positive and safe school climate where students and educators feel socially, emotionally, and physically safe to learn and work. Co-sponsors for this event are the Departments of Education, Health, and Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

## **Other News**

The DCJS website has been redesigned. All were encouraged to check it out and provide input.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Senator Charles W. Carrico who was recently recognized by the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys, which honored five General Assembly members as its sixth class of "Champions of Justice." Senator Carrico, a retired Virginia state trooper, was honored not only for his long-time support for law enforcement and prosecutors but for being a legislative leader on the issue of drug asset forfeiture. The awards were presented at the Association's 77th Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

### **Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence**

Ms. Cassandra Bullock gave a brief report to the Board on the Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence.

## **Committee on Training (COT)**

Chief Brown gave a report on the Committee on Training to the CJSB.

***Amendment to 6VAC20-90 Rules Relating to Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies.*** Action is required to amend this regulation for the purpose of adding the Skyline Regional Criminal Justice Academy to the list of regional academies eligible to receive state funding. This regulation will be effective July 1, 2017.

Chief Brown made the motion that the Board approve the COT's recommendation to file an exempt regulatory action amending 6VAC20-90 to add Skyline Regional Criminal Justice Academy. The motion was seconded by Chief Scott Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Brown made the motion that the Board approve the COT's recommendation to approve the filing of a Fast-track regulatory action amending 6VAC20-180 Crime Prevention Specialists pursuant to §2.2-4012.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The Fast-track is for regulations that are expected to be noncontroversial and the COT recommendations offer no changes to the current requirements to obtain a certification as a crime prevention specialist. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

## ***Certified Crime Prevention Community Re-certification***

Chief Brown made the motion that the Board approve the COT's recommendation to approve the Re-certification of the City of Hampton as a Certified Crime Prevention Community, the motion was seconded by Superintendent Bobby Russell. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Grants Committee**

### **Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)**

- Chief Scott Williams made the motion to approve the 39 Byrne grants recommended by the grants committee, in the amount of \$902,981. The motion was seconded by Dave Johnson and unanimously passed. *Recusals: Cookie Scott for DOC, Tony Roper for Clarke County, Andy Block for DJJ, Dick Vorhis for DOC and DJJ.*

### **Comprehensive Community Corrections Act (CCCA)**

- Due to current budget uncertainties and because these grants are funded with general funds, DCJS is recommending delaying the start date for these grants until January 1, 2017, after the Governor's amended budget is introduced in December.
- Chief Scott Williams made the motion to approve the five Comprehensive Community Corrections Act grants recommended by the grant committee, in the amount of \$1,362,872. The motion was seconded by Andy Block. *Recusals: Chairman Doucette noted that the grant listed for Lynchburg does not impact Lynchburg, but affects Amherst County. Therefore, Chairman Doucette will not be recusing himself.* The motion unanimously passed.

## **Internet Crimes Against Children**

DCJS is responsible, by authority of the Appropriations Act, to make grants to law enforcement agencies for the prevention of internet crimes against children. As in previous years the agency is making two grants, one to the southern Virginia internet crimes against children taskforce in the Bedford Sheriff's office and the second to the Virginia State Police to support the northern Virginia internet crimes against children taskforce. The grants are for \$475,000 each.

This is for informational purposes for the Board and no action needs to be taken.

**Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Title II)**

- Chief Scott Williams made the motion to approve one JJDP grant recommended by the grant committee, in the amount of \$75,166. The motion was seconded by Bobby Russell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Victim of Crime Act (VOCA)**

- There were 67 applications received and reviewed by both agency staff and outside reviewers. Of these applications, 59 are recommended for full approval totaling \$12,521,451. Approval for two additional grants is being recommended at reduced amounts (Children’s Hospital to Kings Daughters Grant in the amount of \$376,441 and the Laurel Center in the amount of \$298,731). The revised total of the grants to be awarded is \$13,211,636.
- Chief Scott Williams made the motion to approve the full funding of 59 VOCA grants recommended by the grant committee, and the two grants (Children’s Hospital to Kings Daughters Grant and the Laurel Center) at a reduced amount. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Crawford *Recusals: Cookie Scott for DOC and VCPI, Karen Brown for the Parole Board and VCPI, Mr. Vorhis for the Parole Board and DOC, Chairman Doucette for the YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center.* The motion unanimously passed.

**Violence Against Women’s Act (VAWA)**

- Chief Scott Williams made the motion to approve three VAWA grants recommended by the grant committee in the amount of \$128,922. The motion was seconded by Cookie Scott. The motion unanimously passed.

**Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee**

Mr. Ed Macon gave a report from the Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee which reviewed applications for vacancies on the PSSAB and Court Appointed Special Advocate/Children’s Justice Act Advisory Committee.

Recommendations for **Private Security Services Advisory Board** Appointments

<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b># of Vacancies</b>
Jagdish K. Katyal	Electronic Security	One year term, beginning Sep 25 2016
Michael H. Ashley, Jr.	Private Investigator	One year term, beginning Sep 25, 2016

Recommendations for **Court Appointed Special Advocate/ Children’s Justice Act Advisory Committee**

<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b># of Vacancies</b>
Hon. A. Ellen White	Judiciary	One four year term beginning July 1, 2016

Mr. Macon made a motion for the Board to appoint the above named individuals to the respective committees for the respective term lengths. The motion was seconded by Mr. Block. The motion unanimously passed.

**VI. Old Business**

There was no old business brought before the Board for discussion at this meeting.

**VII. New Business**

Amendment to 6VAC20-230 Regulations Relating to Special Conservator of the Peace (SCOP). Sheriff Tony Roper made the motion that the Board approve the filing of an exempt regulatory action amending certain sections of the *Code* to conform to Chapter 551, 2016 Acts of Assembly. The motion was seconded by Colonel Bobby Russell and was unanimously approved.

SGT Kincaid thanked the Board on behalf of the City of Hampton Police Department for their approval and for the recertification of the City of Hampton as a Certified Crime Prevention Community.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

Chairman Doucette thanked Board members and guests for attending the meeting and stated that the next meeting was scheduled for December 8, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in House Room D of the General Assembly building.

**IX. Adjournment**

Mr. Doucette made the motion to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Sheriff Crawford and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Approved:



Mr. Michael Doucette, Chairman