

Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention



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This meeting was held through electronic means via Zoom.

November 9, 2023

Members Present

Sallie Amos
Stephanie Ayers
Max Berckmueller (DSS Proxy)
Teresa Berry
Bridget Bowman
Valerie Coley
Erik Conyers
Robert Gray
Julianna Herbek (Vice Chair)
James Laster
Linda McWilliams (DJJ Proxy)
Dana Partin
Samuel Perez (Chair)
Kathryn Rowell
Brook Rudis
Olivia Saunders
James Towey (DJJ Proxy)
Alexandria Wall
Joseph Wharff (DOE Proxy)
Jack White

DCJS Staff Present

Carolyn Halbert
Ed Holmes
Greg Hopkins
Laurel Marks
Tony Nelson

Members Absent

Cecilia Gomez Brown
Joseph Gong
Katherine Hunter (DBHDS)
Maria Matricardi
Sen Joseph Morrissey

- I. **ACJJP Member Roll Call** – DCJS staff Greg Hopkins conducted a verbal roll call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 9:05AM
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – The committee received and reviewed the draft minutes of the September 19, 2023, meeting. Sallie Amos made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bridget Bowman. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.
- III. **DCJS Updates** – Greg Hopkins introduced Ms. Carolyn Halbert, a new employee who will serve as the Research Analyst within the Juvenile and Child Welfare Section. Ms. Halbert provided the committee with a brief overview of her duties and responsibilities. Tony Nelson, DCJS Compliance Monitor, updated the committee on JJDP Act compliance and data collection. Mr. Nelson shared that there are 22 remaining onsite facility visits to be completed before the end of the year. DCJS has received compliance data from both DJJ and the Compensation Board. The analysis of this data is ongoing. Mr. Nelson also shared that in October DCJS sent out 230 juvenile log requests to law enforcement agencies. Since that time DCJS has received 65% of the responses and is currently actively following up with the remaining 35%.
- IV. **Title II Grant Reviews** – Ed Holmes and Greg Hopkins provided the committee with an overview of the 2024 Youth Violence Prevention and Substance Use Grant Funding Opportunity. The purpose of this grant opportunity is to provide federal funds to equip local agencies to implement programs to support safer communities, including but not limited to projects to address youth violence, and substance use. The Committee members were provided summaries of sixteen new grant proposals for funding recommendations to the Criminal Justice Services Board. After hearing and discussing the grant summaries, the Alex White moved that the Committee recommend funding for all but six of the new Title II Grant applications. Julianna Herbek seconded the motion. Brooke Rudis recused herself from the Chesapeake Public Schools grant #521424. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Public Comment** – None
- VI. **New/Old Business** – Greg Hopkins provided follow up information on the development of Virginia’s new Three-Year Plan, to include next steps, dissemination of the juvenile justice survey to committee members, and future meeting dates.
- VII. **Adjourn** – Meeting Adjourned at 10:26 AM