



## **Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention**

Libbie Mill Library  
2100 Libbie Lake East St  
Henrico, VA 23230  
**FINAL**

February 20, 2024

### **Members Present**

Teresa Berry  
Gena Boyle (DSS Proxy)  
Valerie Coley  
Demetria Davis  
Julianna Herbek (Vice Chair)  
James Laster  
Sandra Lawyer  
Linda McWilliams (DJJ Proxy)  
Melissa Morgan  
Samuel Perez (Chair)  
Kathryn Rowell  
Olivia Saunders  
Kari Savage (DBHDS Proxy)  
Doranda Scott (DOE Proxy)  
Alexandria Wall  
Jack White

### **Members Absent**

Sallie Amos  
Stephanie Ayers  
Bridgette Bowman  
Erik Conyers  
Joseph Gong  
Robert Gray  
Maria Matricardi  
Dana Partin  
Toni Randall  
Brooke Rudis

### **DCJS Staff Present**

Carolyn Halbert  
Ed Holmes  
Greg Hopkins  
Laurel Marks  
Tony Nelson

### **Guests**

McKayla Burnett, DCJS State Trafficking Response Coordinator  
Alexandria Javna, LCSW, School Social Work Specialist,  
Department of Education  
Kristinne Stone, LCSW, School Mental Health Grant Project  
Manager, Virginia Department of Education

- 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 10:07 AM.

- II. **Approval of Minutes** – The committee received and reviewed the draft minutes of the November 19, 2023, meeting. Gena Boyle made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Julianna Herbek. The motion was approved unanimously.
- III. **DCJS Updates** --Tony Nelson updated the committee on JJDP Act compliance and data collection. Mr. Nelson shared that DCJS received the FY22 Determination Letter from OJJDP indicating that Virginia has established an effective system of monitoring and is compliant with the four core requirements. He also shared that there are concerns that preliminary data show that DCJS will be out of compliance in two of the four core requirements for FY23.

Greg Hopkins provided agency updates, including a summary of upcoming grant opportunities and upcoming DCJS-sponsored conferences and trainings.

McKayla Burnett, DCJS State Trafficking Response Coordinator provided the committee with a brief overview of the state trafficking response. Ms. Burnett provided the committee with her contact information and invited members to follow up with any additional questions.

IV. **Presentations (Three Year Plan)**

a. **Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice**

Linda McWilliams, Deputy Director of Community Programs, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), provided an overview of data and trends over a three year period.

b. **Virginia Department of Education**

Alexandria Javna and Kristinne Stone, Virginia Department of Education (DOE) provided a presentation on school-based mental health. The presentation covered the findings from the Virginia Youth Survey with an analysis of previous trends of youth behavior, and a brief overview of the Right Help Right Now Initiative. Additionally, DOE updated the committee with an overview of School Based Mental Health Professionals with a detailed description of their roles and responsibilities.

**Virginia Three-Year Plan Review and Projections**-Greg Hopkins indicated the need for two subcommittees: one to inform the development of the next three-year plan, and the other to review and make recommendations for grant funding. The Three-Year Plan subcommittee will receive additional presentations and may attend a site visit to incorporate the youth voice into the Three-Year plan development. The Grants subcommittee will meet once to review grants received in response to the current Title II solicitation and make recommendations for funding.

Kari Savage, Demetria Davis, Valerie Coley, Olivia Sanders, Sandra Lawyer and Melissa Morgan volunteered to participate in the Three-Year plan subcommittee; Teresa Berry, Olivia Saunders and Kari Savage volunteered to participate on the Grant review committee.

- V. **Public comment:** None
- VI. **Next Meeting-** Greg Hopkins will send out a doodle poll to finalize an upcoming date for subcommittee members to meet. The next full committee meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2024
- VII. **Adjourn-**Meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.