

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Regular Meeting.....September 19, 2018

Location .....6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

Presiding.....Timothy Trent, Chairman

Present..... John F. Anderson, Board of Corrections  
William T. Dean, Board of Corrections  
Vernie W. Francis, Jr. Board of Corrections  
Karen Nicely, Board of Corrections  
Bobby Vassar, Board of Corrections  
Steve Goff, Board of Corrections  
Bill Wilson, RSW Regional Jail  
Kevin Kight, Chesapeake City Jail  
Sheriff Gabe Morgan, Newport News City Jail  
Josh Salmon, Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
Matt Marstellar, Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
Keith Lockridge, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office  
Cindy Depoy, Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail  
Mandy Lambert, Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail  
Mark Dix, Member of Public  
Ned Oliver, Virginia Mercury  
Frank Green, Richmond Times Dispatch  
Phillip Figura, Office of the Attorney General  
Robyn deSocio, Compensation Board  
James Bruce, Department of Corrections  
Rebecca Hancock, Department of Corrections  
Gabriella Pino-Moreno, Department of Corrections  
James Parks, Department of Corrections  
Bob Casey, Department of Corrections  
Donna Foster, Department of Corrections

The meeting was called to order and Chairman Trent welcomed all attendees.

I. **Committee Chairman**

Chairman Trent called for a motion to approve the July 18, 2018 minutes. Ms. deSocio requested multiple changes to her report on the Funding and budget issues.

Upon a *MOTION* and duly seconded, the July 18, 2018 minutes were unanimously *APPROVED* as amended.

## II. **Funding and Budget Issues (Ms. Robyn deSocio, State Compensation Board)**

Ms. deSocio reported that the revenue contingency on approved salary increases for this budget year requires that, when the Governor's Office prepares the new revenue forecast that will support the budget that will be submitted in December, the revenues must be the same or more than those that were forecasted in the spring of 2018 when the General Assembly approved the pay raises.

The inmate forecasting process is almost complete. The official forecast for local responsible and state responsible inmates will determine if the Compensation Board is sufficiently funded for per diem payments for the current year. The Compensation Board staff is working with the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) and the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) on the data exchange between LIDS-CORIS and the DMAS Medicaid system. DMAS, VADOC and some of the local facilities will participate in meetings with the Compensation Board to ensure the Compensation Board can support the jails' information needs as the data exchange is built. Under expansion, inmates will become eligible for Medicaid coverage in the event of in-patient hospitalizations, and possibly upon re-entry. Jails may not be able to access all Medicaid coverage information through the data exchange, however as much information sharing capability will be accessible as can be facilitated.

The budget development process for the upcoming release of the governor's budget in December is underway. Just a reminder, this is approximately mid-cycle of the two-year biennial budget, so last year's budget contained all new initiatives and new funding. This year's budget concentrates on amendments to the existing budget, so new funding and initiatives are typically limited with the focus of the Compensation Board being to ensure that existing funding needs are covered, such as per diem funding and staffing for new jails. Funding for Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail opening in fiscal year 2020 (FY20) is included in the budget.

The Compensation Board has two new auditors performing LIDS audits and trying to get them caught up. For several years there was only one auditor so it was taking longer and the audit periods were longer as well. The main issue the auditors are seeing is that reconciliations are not being completed consistently between the local jail management systems and the LIDS system. The auditors have asked that summaries be submitted by the jails' LIDS technicians to the auditors so they can identify areas where some additional assistance may be needed. Last year, the Compensation Board provided some training on the use of some of the available tools in the LIDS-CORIS systems for reconciliations and they are hoping to do more

training in the coming year. They will specifically reach out to sheriffs and superintendents where they think the participation of their staff in the training is necessary.

III. **Prison/Local Jail Population Report and Jail Construction Update – Mr. Bob Casey**

Mr. Casey reported that Chesapeake Correctional Center is complete. They are now going through the routine shakedown of the new area with plans to open later this Fall. Piedmont Regional Jail is nearing completion with substantial completion expected around December, 2018. Southside Regional Jail's security door upgrade/replacement has reached completion, which was delayed due to problems with the keys breaking off in the locks, which has been corrected. Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail's Phase II, 204-bed expansion, has begun to take shape with the assembly of precast walls and cells. Completion is expected around March, 2020. Henry County Jail's Value Management Analysis has been completed. The A/E is reviewing for potential cost reduction. The final report will be available the first week of October. Construction begins in June, 2019 with completion expected around November 2021.

IV. **Offender Management Service Update - Mr. Jim Parks**

Jim Parks reported the out-of-compliance total was 3,399 with 3,139 being male and 160 being female. There are no bed changes expected in the foreseeable future with things remaining fairly stable. During the hurricane warning, the population of Indian Creek Correctional Center was transferred to Greensville Correctional Center in anticipation of potential flooding.

V. **Policy and Initiatives Unit- Dawn Kriigel**

Mr. Bruce reported that the regulatory action of the feminine hygiene bill is in process. Delegate Kaye Kory, the sponsor of the bill clarified her intent of the inclusion of sanitary napkins and tampons being offered to female inmates free of charge and she requested that the work 'reasonable' be removed from the standard to be amended as follows:

“The facility shall provide soap, a toothbrush, and toothpaste or toothpowder to each inmate upon admission to the general population. Feminine hygiene items, including sanitary napkins and tampons, ~~(as defined by facility policy)~~ shall be provided upon reasonable request to each female inmate ~~assigned to the general population~~ without charge. Notwithstanding security considerations, shaving equipment, including a mirror, and haircuts shall be made available, and the hygiene needs of all inmates shall be met.”

VI. **Jail Review Committee**

Board of Correction's Chairman Francis advised that 23 death investigations have

been closed. In addition, 15 have been completed but not yet presented to the Board with 2 additional cases ready to review. The Policy Analyst position received about 300 applications.

VII. **Other Business**

Chairman Trent advised that the Virginia Association of Regional Jails (VARJ) has been working on the Medicaid expansion. They met with DMAS last week to include local and regional jails in the Medicaid expansion. The VARJ has partnered with a consultant who advised that \$25 million has been moved from the VADOC budget in response to Medicaid expansion. He added that Steven Weiss has reported about the quality of healthcare in Virginia Jails and Prison to the Joint Commission on Health Care. The report is available on the Joint Commission website. One issue that was discussed required Community Services Boards (CSB) to provide services at local correctional facilities. This creates a problem in rural areas that are not served by CSBs. Also discussed were uniform electronic medical records. (EMR). Discussion ensued surrounding experiences with CSBs and Chairman Trent discussed a report requested by the General Assembly on serious medical issues, released in November 2017 which is available online. Originally, five jails were chosen to participate in a pilot program with an initial \$4.5 million budget appropriation. The pilot ended up receiving \$1.6 million and two jails were to be chosen for the pilot program, yet to be named. The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority hired a discharge planner who has reduce recidivism by mentally ill offenders and would like to see this strategy used by all facilities. Dr. Schaeffer, Assistant Commissioner of Forensic Services, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services presented 13 mental health standards that he is hoping will be included in the Minimum Standards for Jails.

I. **Other Comments**

There being nothing further, by *MOTION* duly made and seconded, the meeting was *ADJOURNED*.