



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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700 Centre Building Board of Juvenile Justice Meeting September 13, 2000

Present: Kenneth Feng
John Harding
A. V. Maddra
John Wasowicz
Thomas Wilkins

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chairman Wilkins.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Feng, the Board approved the Agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Maddra, the Board approved the Minutes for the July 12, 2000, meeting.

IV. COMMENTS OF PUBLIC

There were no comments.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Secure Services Committee

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Maddra, to certify Henrico Juvenile Detention Home for three years with a status report on efforts to reduce overcrowding in April 2001, certify Camp Washington for one year, and grant a probationary status to Crater Juvenile Detention Home until November 2000 pending a follow-up review of compliance with the corrective action plan. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Maddra, to approve the County of Prince William Juvenile Detention Center's Phase II Renovation/Expansion Planning Study in accordance with the following:

1. The facility shall have 13,622 total new gross square feet for a total of 36,256 gross square feet, with 40 existing beds, and 32 new beds, for a total design rated capacity of 72 beds.
2. The locality's anticipated construction costs total \$4,62,412. The State share is \$2,075,360 for 32 new beds.
3. Personnel and operations, for the additional 32 beds, is in the amount of \$1,257,920 of which the State share is \$628,960 and includes 26 new staff.
4. Start-up costs in the amount of \$52,413, which is the State's share.
5. This project is to be completed in two phases, A and B. Phase A, resulting in 20 of the 32 new beds becoming operational, is anticipated to be completed on July 1, 2001. Funding in the amount of \$393,100 for the 20 beds will become available at that time for all of Fiscal Year 2002. Phase B, resulting in the remaining 12 out of 32 new beds becoming operational, is anticipated to be completed on March 1, 2002. Funding, in the amount of \$235,860 for the remaining 12 beds will become available at that time for four months of Fiscal Year 2002.

The availability of funds for reimbursement as approved above is contingent on the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly. Motion carried.

B. Non-Secure Services Committee

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Wasowicz, to certify the following programs for three years: Abraxas House, Radford Office on Youth, SPARC House, and Prince William Boys' Group Home. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Wasowicz, to certify the 16th District Court Service Unit for three years with a status report in July 2001 on compliance with corrective action plan. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Wasowicz, to certify Tidewater Environmental Program for three years and grant variances to Interdepartmental Standards 4.46 and DJJ 140-330. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Wasowicz, to continue the current certification of the Charlottesville Office on Youth to October pending receipt of a corrective action plan. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Wasowicz, to approve the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act plans for the FY2000-2002 Biennium for King William, Charles City, King & Queen, Middlesex, and New Kent; Louisa; Newport News; and Norfolk. Motion carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Barrett Presentation

Mr. Peed introduced Sharon Havens, Superintendent of Barrett Juvenile Correctional Center.

Ms. Havens introduced Mr. Ed Shambry, Barrett's Institutional Manager for Treatment, and Fr. Nicodemus Gale of the Gateway Foundation. She then discussed the history and focus of Barrett. The substance abuse therapeutic program was outlined and how the wards are held to certain criteria. She stressed how intensive the program is and commented that other states have called to ask for advice on emulating Barrett's success. Barrett has been nationally recognized with awards (one of which is the first and only one of its kind) and high review rankings. She stressed that the Board of Supervisors of Hanover County recognized Barrett for the work done there, which was significant in that it showed the good relationship with the local community.

Fr. Gale, Director of the Gateway Program, discussed the team relationship his organization has with the JCC staff. He explained the concept of "therapeutic community" and how each cadet holds one another accountable for actions and how they help one another make the proper choices. He stressed the development of a "locus of control" for each ward and how that control can be taken back to the home and community.

Mr. Shambry discussed after-care and evaluation aspects of the program. He gave a snapshot of an average week in the life of a ward. He stressed how intense the treatment program is for the staff and wards. Mr. Shambry shared his opinion that the only weak area of the program might be the after-care portion. He felt that a "step-down" program would help the wards adjust after leaving Barrett. The services that are available now for the young men leaving Barrett were considered very supportive. Mr. Shambry explained that the evaluation of the program conducted by Dr. Gordon of VCU was accomplished by: (1) Assessing the current state of the treatment being offered, (2) Selecting an adequate comparison group, (3) Providing an assessment of the effectiveness of the treatment offered. There will be further evaluation of different phases of the treatment program using several instruments of data collection. He felt that the program was an outstanding

one in that the young men are sent home to be both positive and productive individuals.

Mr. Howard addressed a question from Mr. Feng regarding the after-care program. Mr. Howard explained transition services being used and those being planned. He discussed the SABRE initiative and substance abuse screening instruments. Data is being collected to document program efficacy.

Ms. Havens responded to Mr. Wasowicz's inquiry regarding Barrett's population history and LOS averages. She explained that wards are held to strict accountability and that institutional offenses would result in a lengthened LOS. Juveniles are committed to Barrett by RDC's determination based on several factors, not just the initial offense. Mr. Wasowicz asked what Barrett is doing to help the wards after leaving. Ms. Havens explained that the transitional services Mr. Howard referred to will help those wards who leave the system and that SABRE funds will help youth in the communities. The Secretary of Public Safety has requested that DOC, DCJS, and DJJ develop seamless services for programming prior to, during, and after incarceration for youth and adults.

Mr. Maddra questioned why wards are being released back into the community with no follow-up and no transitional support (AA, NA, jobs, psychologists, etc.). Ms. Havens explained how parole officers work with the released wards. Mr. Howard said that parole services are being restructured to focus on supporting released wards with substance abuse problems. He further explained the funding that is available and what it allows DJJ to do.

Mr. Howard addressed Mr. Wilkins' question regarding involving the youth in educational or employment programs in that such involvement is based on the individual needs and age of the youth.

Ms. Havens addressed improvements that she would like to see implemented at Barrett to better serve the needs of the wards.

B. Youth Industries

Mr. Peed introduced Clarence McGill, Manager of DJJ's Youth Industries. Mr. Peed regretted that Mr. Lozano was absent as the presentation would address specific concerns that Mr. Lozano has expressed.

Mr. McGill distributed handouts explaining the Youth Industries program, its history, and goals of preparing the youth for jobs upon release by helping them acquire job skills and work experiences. He further outlined regulations, apprenticeship programs, DCE's role in preparing the youth, and work that youth currently perform for pay. There are proposed apprenticeships and independent living endeavors being planned. The Expressions Program is focussed on arts and crafts of the wards and is held during the General Assembly session. People can

purchase the wards' works. Apprenticeships are federally registered and some youth may continue after release. Mr. McGill explained how DCE supports the program, funding used by DCE and DJJ, and the collaboration between the two for the success of the program.

Mr. Maddra asked if youth not involved in programs are helped with job skills. Mr. McGill said that Youth Industries is geared to the older ward, ones with GEDs or high school diplomas and ready to enter the work force. He further explained how he helps wards acquire jobs.

Mr. Feng questioned the limited menu for high-tech type of training. Mr. McGill mentioned a few - computer repair, and advertising and design. Mr. Feng was concerned that most of the program was "blue-collar" related. Mr. McGill explained that the Department of Labor statistics are used to determine enterprises that would be feasible for our resources to undertake. He felt that there are areas in which DJJ deals with high-tech and state-of-the art techniques with the youth. DCE also helps determine the thrust of concentration for the training.

There was further discussion of getting more high-tech, computer training for the youth. DCE is responsible for the bulk of vocational training. There are funding, security, availability of trained educators, and competition factors to be taken into consideration.

At Mr. Peed's request, Mr. McGill discussed his recent trip to Florida to review that state's partnership with a private organization. The Avon Park Youth Academy (JCC) that is run by two organizations (Securcore - security, education, treatment, etc., and HBI - vocational training) is a residential facility for court-involved youth to learn job skills. He felt that the program was rewarding. HBI will send DJJ a proposal, contract, and budget.

C. Natural Bridge Update

Mr. Dan Moon discussed the acquisition of the Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center. He read the legal document pertaining to the purchase and recognized those involved in the acquisition. Physical plant improvements will be planned.

D. Budget Update

Mr. Steve Pullen gave an outline of the process and distributed a memorandum from Boyd Marcus on Productivity Savings and 2001 Budget Development. He then discussed amendments DJJ has submitted and requested funding areas. A more detailed presentation will be given at the next Board meeting.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

At the request of Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Peed addressed the resignation of Ms. Seagle from the Board. He will contact Ann Petera, Secretary of the Commonwealth, to express the desire of the Board to keep a gender and regional balance.

Mr. Peed advised that the January Board meeting will be held at the proposed co-location site of DJJ/DOC's training facility. He also mentioned available alternative sites in event of not being able to co-locate with DOC.

There will be civil liability training for supervisors in October. Mr. Muse and Deron Phipps will be conducting this training. Mr. Peed said he felt this subject was of vital importance and was excited about its inception.

He discussed the population forecast for next year. It is 1,422. The population is currently 1,275. The projected increase that had been forecast for a large juvenile population has not materialized. Any impact may have been felt in the detention area. Mr. Marsden said that a lot of the VJCCA programs may have had some positive impact on post-dispositional youth. Mr. Maddra felt that community policing and school resource officers have had a positive effect. Mr. Peed said that judges are concerned with issues of truancy and are looking for alternatives to sending youth to a JCC. Post-dispositional housing is important to the judges. There was a discussion of funding for post-dispositional purposes.

Mr. Peed advised the Board that a movie, "Boys on the Run," was recently filmed at the Hanover Juvenile Correctional Center. As a token of the production company's appreciation, they donated \$1,000 for the youth.

IX. COMMENTS OF BOARD

Mr. Maddra requested that an alternative to the parking deck be explored.

Mr. Wasowicz commended Messrs. Peed and Marsden for doing a good job in a short period of time and the competency of their staff. He suggested that the SABRE and service after release be put on a future agenda. He thought a Governor's representative could better explain SABRE and the statewide employment of the program.

Mr. Feng thanked Ms. Havens and her staff and said he felt she was a role model for the rest of DJJ.

Mr. Harding expressed his desire to maintain cohesiveness in DJJ's leadership. He encouraged the Board to use its influence in the General Assembly to that end.

Mr. Wilkins advised that the next meeting will be held in Abingdon on October 11 and that Mr. Peed will assist the Board members with transportation. He also thanked everyone for the expressions of concern during his recent illness.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was not necessary to hold an Executive Session.

XI. ADJOURN

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Harding, to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 AM. MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Patricia F. Rollston

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