

CJSB Correctional Services Sub-committee Meeting
DCJS – 10th Floor Conference Room
May 20, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members: Sheriff Charles Phelps, Mr. Sherman Vaughn, Sr., Sheriff Beth Arthur (via proxy); Ms. Cookie Scott (via proxy).

Staff: Mr. Bill Dodd, Ms. Carol-Lee Raimo; Ms. Paula Harpster; Mr. Dan Catley

I. Call to Order

Mr. Dan Catley called the meeting of the CJSB Correctional Services Sub-Committee to order at 1:10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2010. The sub-committee was convened for the sole purpose of reviewing grant applications in four (4) different funding streams.

Sheriff Phelps agreed to be the chair and Mr. Vaughn agreed to present the meeting results at the June 10, 2010 Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting. Another CJSB responsibility delayed the arrival of Sheriff Arthur and Ms. Scott. Anticipating this, they forwarded written proxies and then joined the meeting in progress.

II. Review of Grant Program Applications/Staff Recommendations

A. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program

Mr. Catley stated that over the past five years, the program funding was reduced from \$2.5 million down to \$217,000 and went back up to \$250,000 and the RSAT focus has changed from prisons to jails. Mr. Catley informed Committee that there is only one active RSAT grant to the City of Petersburg which is in their 3rd year. The program is working effectively. Their reports have been timely. They received a 25% match of City funds. They have an interesting ongoing component, Puppy Pals, which engages TC participants in training and preparing “rescued” dogs for placement with local families. Mr. Catley requested Committee approval of grant. Mr. Catley indicated that there were additional RSAT funds that DCJS would likely seek to award to jail based programs in the future.

A motion came from Mr. Vaughn, Sheriff Phelps seconded the motion. None opposed.

The RSAT grant was approved as recommended.

B. Byrne/JAG

Mr. Catley explained that the Corrections Area had 3 Byrne/JAG grants – two continuation grants and one new grant.

The two continuation grants were both relating to identification and services to Mental Health population in jails – one to the City of Lynchburg and the other went to the CSB in Rockingham County.

A motion came from Ms. Scott, Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. None opposed.

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The continuation Byrne/JAG grants were approved as recommended.

The third Byrne/JAG grant for review was the “Wounded Warrior Program” which is intended to develop new judicial officer training for judges and other judicial officers to help them become more aware of the issues faced by returning veterans.

A motion came from Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Scott seconded the motion. None opposed.

The new Byrne/JAG grants were approved as recommended.

C. PAPIS Virginia Prisoner Reentry Program (Reentry)

Ms. Raimo explained to the Committee that there are currently 9 reentry programs, most of which were private non-profit, in the state and they had a 15% reduction as introduced by the former governor and approved by the 2010 General Assembly. These reductions were applied proportionally to all the programs and despite the reductions, the agencies all applied for continuation grant funds. In addition, these programs have exceeded their program goals overall. Ms. Raimo highlighted the Arlington OAR program – which has increased their agency goals and services and intends to reach more clients despite the reduced budget.

Motion to approve grants was made by Sheriff Arthur and Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion.

Recusals: OAR - Arlington – Sheriff Beth Arthur; Step Up – Isle of Wight – Sheriff Charlie Phelps.

The block of PAPIS grants was approved as recommended.

D. The Comprehensive Community Corrections Act (CCCA)/Pretrial Services Act

Ms. Harpster explained to the Committee that the local probation and pretrial grant award was for level funding at \$22, 689,194. There were no performance issues through the 3rd Quarter of FY2010. Ms. Harpster indicated that the only changes to the operations of the local probation programs is that they were implementing evidence-based practices (EBP) and there were now 20 EBP sites of the 37 agencies in the state.

Ms. Harpster recommended approving all CCCA/PSA grants as requested.

Sheriff Phelps asked about the caseload ratios and Ms. Harpster indicated that these numbers were being monitored. Mr. Vaughn asked if the judicial hiring freeze may have any affect on local probation and pretrial.

Motion to approve grants was made by Sheriff Arthur and Ms. Scott seconded the motion.

Recusals: Sheriff Beth Arthur – Arlington; Sheriff Phelps – Suffolk.

The block of CCCA/PSA grants was approved for as recommended.

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III. Public Comment:

None. No “public” attendees were present throughout the duration of the meeting.

IV. Meeting adjourned.

With no further business at hand, adjournment was approved by unanimous voice vote at 1:50 PM.