

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

Regular Meeting.....September 18, 2019

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

Presiding.....Timothy Trent, Chairman

Present..... William T. Dean, Board of Corrections  
John F. Anderson, Jr., Board of Corrections  
Vernie W. Francis, Jr., Board of Corrections  
Bobby Vassar, Board of Corrections  
Steve Goff, Board of Corrections  
Kemba Jennings, Board of Corrections  
Joshua Salmon, Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
Chad Lipscomb, Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
Lanay Walker, Piedmont Regional Jail  
David Hackworth, Hampton Roads Regional Jail  
Jeff Rosen, Hampton Roads Regional Jail  
Ruth Griggs, Wellpath  
Stefan Cange, Wellpath  
Pamela Westbrook, Wellpath  
Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail  
Keith Lockridge, Charlotte County Jail  
Kevin Kight, Chesapeake City Jail  
Robyn deSocio, Compensation Board  
Phillip Figura, Office of the Attorney General  
Ashley Morales, Department of Corrections  
Sue Tinsley, Department of Corrections  
Jim Bruce, Department of Corrections  
Rebecca Hancock, Department of Corrections  
Jim 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 17, 2019 minutes.

II. **Ashley Morales/Sue Tinsley**

Ms. Morales is the Medicaid Project Manager for the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) and is overseeing the enrollment effort as a cost saving measure. Medicaid will cover costs for hospitalizations during incarceration. The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) has a fully implemented data exchange that will enable inmates to make a seamless transition from incarcerated Medicaid Services to Community Medicaid Services. Local and Regional Jails have been extended to same benefits as the VADOC. Ms. Tinsley has been implemental in developing the database. Notification to DMAS is required to utilize the services as well as upon release. LIDS date is shared with DMAS and the process is becoming more streamlined.

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

Ms. deSocio reported that the Compensation Board and the VADOC had been approved for funding through the 2018 legislature to create a data exchange between the DMAS and the CORIS/LIDS systems for state and local responsible offenders. Again, Ms. Tinsley is creating the system to share data from the jails. There was an extensive review of requirements for the Inter-agency agreement. LIDS user agreements will be modified to contain more specifics regarding security of access to data, and will also introduce an appendix containing further requirements for security and access to Protected Health Information that must be agreed to for any LIDS users that will have access to the new Medicaid. The biannual LIDS conference is currently in session. DMAS is working to provided training to jail staff over the next couple of months on the process to enroll inmates in Medicaid and the new Medicaid screens in CORIS should be available in January when the LIDS-DMAS data exchange is expected to go live.

State agencies are preparing budgets for the upcoming fiscal year 2021 through 2022 (FY21-22), which are required by later this month. The Compensation Board is reviewing anticipated needs for per diem funding as well as staffing requirements based on capacities for expanded facilities such as Prince William Regional Jail. Per diem funding needs are based on approved forecasts. Ms. deSocio noted that the Compensation board staff believe there is sufficient per diem funding for the current fiscal year."

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

Mr. Casey reported that Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail (204 bed expansion) is around 75% complete, with full completion expected in July 2020. Henry County is still trying to get costs down and are looking at 2022 if the project proceeds.

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

Jim Parks reported the total for out-of-compliance inmates is 2,841 of which 2,566 are males and 275 are females. All female offenders will be classified out of State Farm with the goal being to consolidate females to one work center (Brunswick), which will become a CCAP (Detention and Diversion).

V. **Other Business**

Chairman Trent noted that there is a bill from the state senate (SB1772) directing the Board of Corrections to review the pregnant prisoners use of restraint standard.

Chairman Trent suggested that anyone interested read the JLARC report available at <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/landing-2019-jails.asp> .

VI. **Other Comments**

There being nothing further, by *Motion* duly made and seconded, the meeting was *Adjourned*.