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Department of Criminal Justice Services

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Criminal Justice Services Board

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Members Present

Mr. Andy Block
Chief Jeff Brown
Ms. Karen Brown
Mr. Charles Ciccotti
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
Judge Sarah Deneke
The Hon. Michael Doucette
Sheriff Charles Jett, Chairman
Mr. David Johnson
Mr. Edward M. Macon
Delegate Jackson Miller
The Hon. Michelle Mosby
Mr. Kevin Reynolds for Senator
Thomas Garrett, Jr.
Colonel Bobby Russell
Ms. Cookie Scott
Ms. Debbie Smith
Mr. Gilbert Smith
Mr. Richard Vorhis
Chief James Williams
Lt. Scott Williams
Chief Kelvin Wright

Members Absent

Mr. John Boneta
Colonel Steve Flaherty
Judge Mary Malveaux
Delegate Chris Peace
Deputy Sheriff Kevin Pittman
Ms. Stephanie Wright

DCJS Staff Present

Kenny Adcock
Rick Arrington
Kassandra Bullock
Cindy Campbell
John Colligan
Bruce Cruser
Shannon Dion
Fran Ecker
Teresa Gooch
Sharon Gray
Paula Harpster
Sam Hoffman
Laureen Hyman
Tracey Jenkins
Laurel Marks

Joe Marshall
Rebecca McNees
Ken Rose
Donna Shiflett
Janice Waddy

Others Present

Patrick Bridge, DJJ
William T. Coxe, CNU PD
Andrew Lawsen, Culpeper CJS
Dawn Marshall, CCJJA
Nicole Loving, VCCJA

I. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Jett called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their commitment to the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB).

Chairman Jett reminded guests to please sign the attendance sheet for the purpose of the minutes and asked the Board members to state their name when making a motion or seconding, to speak clearly for the purpose of the minutes and to check that their microphone was turned on at their seating area. He further reminded staff/persons speaking from the floor to step up to the podium and speak into the microphone for the purpose of the minutes.

Chairman Jett then asked Ms. Laureen Hyman to take the roll call. Ms. Hyman stated that there was a quorum with 22 members present.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Chairman Jett then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014, meeting with one change: that the date of the next meeting listed in the minutes reflect the March meeting, not December. Sheriff Crawford made the motion, and Superintendent Russell seconded the motion. Chairman Jett stated that it had been motioned and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014, meeting with that correction.

III. Director's Report

Director Fran Ecker took a moment to thank the legislative members for their support during the session as well as the Chiefs and Sheriffs Associations and agency advisory boards for their support and advice throughout the session.

It was noted that the CJSB Chairman, Sheriff Jett, announced his retirement plans for December 2015, after a long and distinguished law enforcement career. He was formally commended by the Virginia General Assembly this past Session through House Joint Resolution 886 passed by both houses, which note Sheriff Jett's contributions not only to Stafford County, where he began working in the Sheriff's Office at age 19, but also his contributions to the wider law enforcement community at the state and national levels.

DCJS licenses and registers over 50,000 security services individuals and businesses. The agency has been using an antiquated records management system which is now in the process of being upgraded. Security services and IT staff were recognized for their hard work on this project and DCJS stakeholders for their patience with delays as the new system is being built. The system is in final testing and is expected to launch this spring.

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) selected Virginia to be a participant of the Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM) project that was mentioned at the December meeting. The NIC noted the strong commitment of state leadership—Secretary Moran, the Governor, and key agency heads including Harold Clark and Fran Ecker—as well as the clear desire of a number of localities around the state to implement EBDM.

Through funding from the Office of the Attorney General that supports School and Campus Safety activities, DCJS has retained an experienced consultant to be available to school and campus threat assessment teams that need training in development of threat assessment processes or who request consultation on issues related to management of particular cases. Since public schools are now required to have threat assessment teams similar to those required at public colleges and universities, this is a great support to keeping schools safe.

Several upcoming events were mentioned including:

- Conference on Violent Crime: Trends and Reduction Strategies, in Roanoke April 7-10, 2015
- A one-day school safety symposium titled "The Briefings", to take place on April 13, 2015, that DCJS is sponsoring in partnership with Kristina Anderson, a survivor of the Virginia Tech tragedy.
- National Crime Victims Rights Week, April 19-25, 2015. There will be a rededication ceremony for the Victims Bill of Rights on April 22nd in Capitol Square at the Bell Tower for anyone who would like to attend.

- May 5th through the 7th, DCJS along with the Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia and the Department of Social Services is sponsoring the 7th Annual Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Conference at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

IV. Grants

Ms. Lindsay Fisher, the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (ACJJ) spoke to the Board about the federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grants funds and the ACJJ's proposal that a scholarship fund be established within DCJS through a grant to the agency. This grant would set aside a portion of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to be used for supporting local teams to enable them to attend intensive, institute-like programs that bring teams together for education and results in a project that serves the local system.

\$300,000 in federal funds plus the state match of \$30,000 is proposed as the initial amount to be made available. The scholarship program will be more efficient for localities to access than a traditional grant program and will allow localities to have faster access to the funds and bypass cumbersome internal appropriate processes. Scholarships will be based on funding availability, specified eligibility criteria, and acceptance into an approved program.

Chief Williams made the motion that the CJSB approve the proposal for this grant. The motion was seconded by Lt. Williams and unanimously approved.

VI. Committee Reports

Committee on Training

During this morning's meeting of the Committee on Training (COT), the Committee heard from Mr. Rick Arrington, DCJS Crime Prevention Program Manager, who provided a review of the application for the Certified Crime Prevention Campus for Christopher Newport University. The COT recommends that the CJSB approve Christopher Newport as a Certified Crime Prevention Campus.

Chief Brown made the motion to approve Christopher Newport University as a Certified Crime Prevention Campus. Superintendent Russell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Private Security Services Advisory Board (PSSAB) Report

Mr. Ciccotti reported from the PSSAB which met on Tuesday, March 2, 2015.

The PSSAB was notified that the internal testing process was currently underway for the new credentialing management system.

The PSSAB also received a brief legislative update. It was noted that Delegate Fowler's bill, HB2265, which would have included a statutory requirement for the issuance of photo IDs, did not get through the Senate. The PSSAB will continue to review this issue and maintain on-going dialogue with DCJS and DMV to better prepare for possible legislation in 2016.

Last year DCJS changed the application process by requiring applications to be complete upon submission, to include the fingerprint card for criminal history checks. In the past, individuals applying for a credential had the option to initially submit a fingerprint card for a criminal history records search without an application to a specific program. If the person was deemed eligible for a credential, he would later submit an application for the appropriate credential after all training and other requirements were met. Because DCJS does not have the statutory authority to simply accept fingerprint cards to run a criminal history record check, the two phase process was eliminated.

Members of the PSSAB and private security industry believe the change is in conflict with current regulations. DCJS, along with members of the Board, plan to meet to further discuss the process.

The next quarterly meeting of the PSSAB is scheduled for June 2, 2015.

V. Legislative Session Overview

Ms. Tracey Jenkins and Ms. Shannon Dion of DCJS gave an overview of the 2015 Legislative Session.

VI. Old Business

Designation of Vice-Chair

Sheriff Jett explained to the Board that the Vice-Chair to the CJSB needed to officially be voted in for the Board record.

Chief Brown made the motion to nominate Superintendent Russell as Vice-Chair for the CJSB. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciccotti and was unanimously approved.

Sheriff Jett mentioned that a previous agenda item on Minimum Standards for Local Community-Based Probation and Pretrial Services, would be sent to the standards committee for further review. Once their review is finalized, it will be included on a future agenda for further consideration.

Judge Deneke spoke to this item and noted that she did go back to her local probation officers to get their input as Delegate Miller had suggested in an earlier Board meeting. She met with supervisors and probation officers from Fredericksburg and Hanover. They knew discussion on these standards was taking place, but pointed out it wouldn't affect standards for meeting with adult probation and parolees as it only applies to community based probation. The community based probation officers are invested in these changes.

Delegate Miller expressed concern about the standards as previously presented.

VIII. New Business

No new business was brought before the Board. Sgt Coxe, with Christopher Newport University thanked the Board for approving the university as a Certified Crime Prevention Campus.

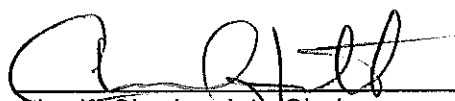
IX. Next Meeting

Chairman Jett thanked Board members and guests for attending the meeting and stated that the next meeting was scheduled for May 7, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. in House Room D of the General Assembly building. Chief Williams made the motion to accept the dates, seconded by Lt. Williams and was unanimously approved.

XI. Adjournment

Lt Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Sheriff Crawford and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Approved:


Sheriff Charles Jett, Chairman