



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Department of Criminal Justice Services

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### Criminal Justice Services Board

May 9, 2019

#### ***Members Present***

Ms. Tonya Chapman, Chair  
Ms. Mary Biggs  
The Hon. Sarah Deneke  
The Hon. Carolyn Dull  
Delegate C. Todd Gilbert  
Ms. Lisa Hernandez for  
Mr. Harold Clarke  
Ms. Francine Horne  
Mr. Michael HuYoung  
Mr. David Johnson  
Mr. Edward M. Macon

#### ***Members Present (Cont'd)***

The Hon. Mary Malveaux  
Ms. Kristen Peterson for  
Ms. Valerie Boykin  
The Hon. Bryan Porter  
Sheriff Anthony Roper  
LTC Tracy Russillo for  
Colonel Gary Settle  
Superintendent William  
Smith  
Chief James Williams  
Chief Kelvin Wright

#### ***Members Absent***

Ms. Adrienne Bennett  
Chief Craig Branch  
Ms. Angie Carrera  
Chief James Cervera  
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford  
Senator Charles Carrico, Sr.  
Delegate Chris Peace  
Senator Mark Peake  
Ms. Victoria Pearson  
Ms. Pat Smith  
Mr. Robert Soles

### **I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Tonya Chapman called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Services Board (Board) to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Chairman Chapman noted that Ms. Kristen Peterson will serve on the board as the proxy for Ms. Valerie Boykin, the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Mr. David Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Michael HuYoung, to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2018, meeting of the Board with one edit, removing the term Chairman from after Sheriff Crawford's name. The motion passed unanimously.

### **II. Election of Vice-Chairman**

Chief Kelvin Wright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edward Macon, that Chief Jim Williams be elected as the new Vice-Chairman of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

### III. Director's Report

Shannon Dion, Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), gave her report:

- School safety was made a highlight of the last General Assembly session. DCJS's Center for School and Campus Safety, a national leader in school safety, is being provided with seven new positions and significant funding to ensure schools have the resources and training necessary for a threat assessment program. Funding and a position has also been provided for training schools and communities in how to respond to active shooter scenarios.
- DCJS has been working with Qlarion, Inc., on a demonstration project to develop an opioid data sharing and analytics platform. Due to the success of this project and the work from the Governor's Leadership Team on Opioids and Addiction, DCJS is partnering with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Governor's Chief Data Officer to expand this project to two or three new regions.
- DCJS is on the steering committee to help the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) host a national forum this fall. The conference will showcase programs, research, and policies that will help attendees move the criminal justice system forward and will highlight several Virginia programs.
- VITA is partnering with DCJS on the replacement of DCJS's grant management database system. Other state agencies who issue grants will also eventually be able to benefit from this project.
- DCJS is working with NCJA, the Office of Justice Programs' Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the National White Collar Crime Center, and the Virginia Office of the Inspector General to conduct grant monitoring training in June.
- A new process of voting on grants was explained. Board members were instructed that all grants will be voted on in a block and that they have been provided with packets on each grant in order for them to note any abstentions on the record.
- Governor Northam has signed a proclamation recognizing May 12-18, 2019, as Virginia Police Week and May 15, 2019, as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Director Dion thanked the officers present as well as all men and women who serve the people of the Commonwealth.

### IV. Committee Reports

- **Committee on Training (COT)**  
Chief Wright gave a report from the COT meeting that took place that morning. Chief Wright made a motion to approve the recertification of the Town of Christiansburg as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. The motion was seconded by Chief Williams. *Abstention: Ms. Mary Biggs.* The motion passed.

- **Grants Committee**

Chief Williams gave a report of the Grants Committee's meeting of May 2, 2019. He explained a new procedure for Board approval of the grants. In an attempt to streamline matters, all of the grants will be voted for in a block after members have the opportunity to note on the record any abstentions to any particular grants. Members are asked to also note any abstentions on the relevant page of the grants packet provided to them and return the packet to Ms. Hyman after the meeting.

**The Grants Committee presented the following grants for approval by the Board:**

1. ***Virginia Domestic Violence Victims funding.*** These grants are starting the third year of a three-year grant that was approved by the Board in 2017. These grants are funded from a special fund and support local commonwealth's attorneys, law enforcement agencies, and victims services providers that provide services to victims of domestic violence.
2. ***Victim Witness Program funding.*** These grants are starting the second year of a three-year grant that the board approved last spring. These grants support 110 local Victim/Witness Programs and three statewide victim assistance programs.
3. ***Byrne JAG funding.*** One award totaling \$41,035 for the purchase of law-enforcement equipment and one award totaling \$150,000 for the Drive to Work program to assist low income and previously incarcerated persons in the restoration of driving privileges.
4. ***Drug Abuse Resistance Education funding.*** One award totaling \$100,000 to support the York County Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program. This is a state appropriation item designated for the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office.
5. ***School Resource Officer/School Security Officer funding.*** 68 awards totaling \$2,837,715 in School Resource Office/School Security Officer funds. The funding supports the placement of SROs and SSOs in elementary, middle, and high schools.
6. ***Comprehensive Community Corrections Act funding.*** 37 awards totaling \$24,873,360 in Comprehensive Community Corrections Act and Pretrial Services Act funds. The grants support pretrial investigations, pretrial supervision, and local probation programs. In addition to the grant awards listed in your packet, the Appropriations Act provides for a three percent salary increase to grant-funded positions at the local programs. The final number has not yet been approved by the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) and is not included in your packet. DCJS staff calculates the salary increase to be \$836,516. The recommendation is for the Board to approve the increase, contingent on approval of the exact figure by DPB.
7. ***Addiction Recovery Grant Program funding.*** Four awards totaling \$153,600 in Addiction Recovery Grant Program funding. Funding supports programs designed to provide substance abuse and addiction treatment to individuals incarcerated in jail.
8. ***Jail Mental Health Program funding.*** Six awards totaling \$2,375,000 in Jail Mental Health Program funding. Funding supports a continuum of behavioral health services, including treatment services and case management, for local jail inmates.

9. ***Pre and Post Incarceration Services funding.*** Nine awards totaling \$2,247,564 in the Pre and Post Incarceration Services grant funds. The funding supports reentry services for inmates preparing for and after release from local and regional jails.
10. ***Resident Substance Abuse Treatment funding.*** Four awards totaling \$338,341 in Resident Substance Abuse Treatment grant funds. The funding supports medication-assisted treatments services in jails and prisons for inmates with substance use disorders.
11. ***Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funding.*** Eight awards totaling \$192,857 in Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act Title II grant funds. The JJDP grants were approved on April 23, 2019, by the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention, as required by the JJDP Act.
12. ***Court Appointed Special Advocates funding.*** 27 awards totaling \$3,031,448 in the Court Appointed Special Advocates continuation grant funds. The funding supports child advocacy organizations that provide trained volunteers to assist abused and neglected children who are the subjects of juvenile court proceedings.
13. ***Child Treatment Grant funding.*** 12 awards totaling \$986,032 in Child Treatment Grants. These grants are listed in your packet as Department of Social Services (DSS) grants. Three years ago, DCJS provided to DSS Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds to be used for child treatment. In an effort to streamline the grants, and to ensure consistency with grant monitoring, DCJS assumed administration of these grants for FY20.
14. ***Victims Services Grant Program funding.*** 89 awards totaling \$43,043,064 in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victims Services Grant Program funds. The 89 grants fund services and treatment for child and youth victims, services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, legal aid services, and services for victims from traditionally underserved populations.

Within the Victim Services Grant Program funds, DCJS will issue three grant awards to address pressing needs in Virginia. The School-Based Victim Services grants, totaling \$341,635, to two localities will provide services in schools to children who are victims of crime. The Victim Services Hospital-Based Victim Grant, totaling \$2,455,453, will support the implementation of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs at seven Virginia hospitals. Additionally, the Child Advocacy Centers receive their grants, totaling \$4,500,000, through DSS.

Chief Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Board vote to approve these grant funds in a block as recommended by the Grants Committee. The motion passed. The following abstentions were recorded:

***Abstentions:*** Ms. Biggs - *Women's Resource Center (New River) Victims Services grant, Western Virginia Regional Jail Mental Health grant, Western Virginia Regional Jail Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant,*

*Judge Sarah Deneke - Caroline County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer grant, City of Fredericksburg and Hanover County Comprehensive Community Corrections grant,*

*County of Hanover and Rappahannock Area for CASA grant, Rappahannock Area CSB and Rappahannock CASA for Child Treatment grants, Empowerhouse, Hanover Safe Place, Legal Aid Works, Mary Washington Hospital Center, Rappahannock CASA and Safe Harbor for Victims Services grant.*

*Mayor Carolyn Dull - City of Staunton for Comprehensive Community Corrections grant, Middle River Regional Jail for Jail Mental Health Program grant, Blue Ridge Legal Services and New Directions Center for Victims Services grant.*

*Ms. Lisa Hernandez – Department of Corrections for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant, Department of Corrections for Victims Services grant.*

*Ms. Peterson – Danville/Pittsylvania Court Services Unit and Pulaski County Court Services Unit for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant.*

*Mr. Bryan Porter – City of Alexandria for Comprehensive Community Corrections grant and City of Alexandria for Victims Services Grant*

*Sheriff Anthony Roper – Clarke County Sheriff’s Office for School Resource Officers grant.*

*Superintendent Smith – City of Suffolk Police Department for Byrne/JAG grant. City of Suffolk for Comprehensive Community Corrections grant, Riverside Regional Jail for Addiction Recovery grant, Hampton Roads Regional Jail, Middle River Regional Jail, and Western Virginia Regional Jail for Jail Mental Health Program grant, Western Virginia Regional Jail for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant and Western Tidewater for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant.*

*Chief Williams – City of Staunton for Comprehensive Community Corrections grant, Middle River Regional Jail for Jail Mental Health Program grant, and New Directions Center for Victims Services grant.*

*Chief Wright – City of Chesapeake for Comprehensive Community Corrections grant, City of Chesapeake for CASA, Hampton Roads Regional Jail for Jail Mental Health Program grant.*

- **Nominations Committee**

On May 9, 2019, the Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee of the Board was scheduled to meet to consider candidates regarding vacancies on the CASA/Children’s Justice Act Advisory Committee (CASA/CJA) and the Private Security Services Advisory Board. A quorum was not present. Because there was only one candidate for each of the vacancies for the CASA/CJA Committee, Mr. Macon requested that the full Board move forward with the appointments. Information was received about each of the candidates in advance and were found to be extremely qualified to serve on the committee.

Mr. Macon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Biggs, that the Board approve the appointments of Shardell Gerald, Allison Gilbreath, Judge Jerrauld Jones, Jennifer Newman, Giselle Pelaez, Judge Thomas Sotelo, and Ashley Thompson to the CASA/CJA Advisory Committee. Each would serve for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2019. The Subcommittee also recommends that the Board approve the appointment of Shannon Hartung

to the CASA/CJA Advisory Committee. She would fill a term defined in the by-laws as an ongoing appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Old Business**

There was a decertification update for Mr. Kevin Santiago in which Detective Demery from the City of Richmond was present to answer questions related to Mr. Santiago's decertification. The Board was reminded that at the last meeting further action was deferred in this case until after June 21, 2020.

**VI. New Business**

On December 6, 2018, the Board approved advancing the pending regulatory package regarding the rules for training standards for various officers to the final stage of the regulatory process. In March of 2019, before the package was formally published, the Department of Corrections (DOC) voiced some concerns regarding 6VAC20-70, Rules Relating to Noncustodial Employees of the Department of Corrections. The changes to that regulation codified revised performance outcomes and training standards that were approved in 2017.

Based upon DOC's concerns, the Board was asked to give permission to remove 6VAC20-70 from the pending regulatory package so that the remaining needed changes can go forward.

Ms. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Chief Wright, that the Board grant permission to remove 6VAC20-70 from the pending regulatory package so that the remaining needed changes can go forward. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

**VII. Adjournment**

Ms. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Biggs, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. The motion was passed unanimously.