

Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention



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Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive, Henrico VA 23229

January 24, 2023

Members Present

Hon. Stephanie Ayres
Ngan Bui
Sherri Blevins
Marilyn Brown
Jeff Charity, Vice-Chair
Julianna Herbek
James Laster
Nina Marino (Proxy for DBHDS)
Julie McConnell, Chair
Melissa Morgan
Samuel Perez
Brooke Rudis
Linda McWilliams (Proxy for DJJ)
Alex White

DCJS Staff Present

Greg Hopkins
Laurel Marks
Tony Nelson
Kenneth Stables

Members Absent

Shelly Baker-Scott
Gena Boyle (Proxy for VDSS)
Erik Coyners
Morgan Faulkner
Joseph Gong
Maria Matricardi
Sen. Joseph Morrissey
Toni Randall
Olivia Saunders
Rick White
Del. Rodney Willett
Morgan Faulkner

Guests Present

Daniel Saggese, (VFHY)

- I. **Call to Order** – Julie McConnell, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. A verbal roll call was taken.

- II. **Approval of Minutes** – The committee received and reviewed the draft minutes of the September 24, 2022, meeting. Nina Marino made a motion to approve the September 24, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Samuel Perez. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

III. **DCJS Updates**

Ken Stables updated the committee on JJDP Act compliance visits, data collection, and technical assistance provided. Mr. Stables also introduced Mr. Tony Nelson, DCJS new Compliance Monitor.

Greg Hopkins provided additional agency updates to include upcoming trainings and agency conferences, as well as current and previous trainings hosted by Juvenile Services staff. Additionally, the Committee was briefed on the outcome of Title II, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, One-Time Funding Opportunity grant awards. DCJS was able to award eleven state and local agencies from this funding opportunity for juvenile justice related programs.

IV. **Presentation: Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth**

Greg Hopkins introduced the guest presenter Mr. Daniel Saggese, Marketing Director with the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY). Mr. Saggese provided an overview of VFHY to include past and current prevention efforts. Mr. Saggese also shared results from the most recent youth survey addressing adolescent perception and usage of tobacco related products. Mr. Saggese also discuss VFHY most recent prevention campaign titled UNFAZED. The new campaign is geared towards communicating healthy decisions for youth to promote and deter marijuana and cannabis products use.

V. **2023 General Assembly Legislation Review**

Greg Hopkins shared with the committee a number of bills of interest being tracked by the Juvenile Justice staff of DCJS during the 2023 General Assembly session. The committee members reviewed and commented on legislation of their interest.

VI. **Virginia Three-Year Plan Review**

Greg Hopkins provided an update to the committee on the Three-Year Plan Priority Areas including the status of each. DCJS staff informed the committee that 2023 is the final year of the three-year plan, and there is an opportunity to make recommendations or to continue to implement the remaining items on the plan.

VII. **Public Comment**

None

VIII. **Next Meeting Date**

April 18, 2023, at 10:00am

IX. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.