



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Criminal Justice Services

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Criminal Justice Services Board September 17, 2015

Members Present

Ms. Angela Valentine for
Mr. Andy Block
Chief Jeff Brown
Ms. Karen Brown
Senator Charles Carrico, Sr.
Mr. Charles Ciccotti
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
Ms. Jae Davenport for
Mr. David Johnson
Judge Sarah Deneke
The Hon. Michael Doucette,
Chairman
Sheriff Charles Jett
Mr. Edward M. Macon
Judge Mary Malveaux
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. Robert Soles
Chief James Williams
Lt. Scott Williams
Chief Kelvin Wright

Members Absent

Mr. John Boneta
Colonel Steve Flaherty
Delegate Chris Peace
Deputy Sheriff Kevin Pittman
Mr. Richard Vorhis
Ms. Stephanie Wright

DCJS Staff Present

Kenny Adcock
Lauren Allen
Stephanie Arnold
Rick Arrington
Kassandra Bullock
John Colligan
Bruce Crusier
Barbara Drudge
Fran Ecker
Julia Fuller-Wilson
Teresa Gooch
Sam Hoffman
Laureen Hyman
Laurel Marks
Joe Marshall
Donna Michaelis
Carey Natoli
Janice Waddy
Barbara Peterson-Wilson

Others Present

Kevin Hall, Galax Police
Dept.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Doucette 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 Doucette 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 Doucette then asked Ms. Lauren Hyman to take the roll. Ms. Hyman stated that there was a quorum with 19 members present.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Chairman Doucette then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015, meeting. Sheriff Crawford made the motion, and Lt. Scott Williams seconded the motion. Chairman Doucette stated that it had been motioned and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015, meeting.

III. Director's Report

- Director Ecker welcomed the newest member to the Board, Rob Soles. He is a member of the Private Security Services Advisory Board and will represent that Board and the industry on this Board. The new Chairman, Mike Doucette, was also recognized.
- In July, on behalf of Secretary Moran, DCJS hosted a community policing forum titled "Building Trust and Legitimacy in Police-Community Relations," the forum drew Chiefs and Sheriffs, prosecutors, community leaders and local government officials from all over Virginia. Several board members also attended including Chairman Doucette and previous Board member, Chief Rick Clark, who served as a panelist.
- The School and Campus Safety Training Forum was then held in early August, attended by over 750 school administrators, law enforcement officials and others, covering topics including de-escalating conflict situations, improving school climate and considering alternatives to suspension.
- DCJS is involved in supporting the sub-panel of the Secure Virginia Panel which is considering recommendations on the use of Body Worn Cameras and DCJS is also working on the Governor's Commission on Parole Review which is considering recommendations and will meet again in October. The Heroin and Opioid Task Force will be concluding its work with a final meeting being held next Monday in Henrico County.
- This year's award of federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds is about 4 times greater than usual due to a change in the "cap" on the amount of money from the Crime Victims Fund that can be distributed to the states each year. In view of the increase, DCJS is holding a series of "listening sessions" around the state to get input from advocates, service providers and system professionals as to the best uses for these funds. Information on the dates and locations for all of the sessions can be found on the DCJS website.
- Word was received last month that Virginia's Pamunkey Tribe has achieved federal recognition. This may have implications for DCJS and the Board in connection with the federal funds we administer. DCJS is consulting with the National Criminal Justice Association, one of our Washington partners, which has assisted other states that have federally recognized tribes.
 - The newly created Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence held its first meeting. The Committee has broad responsibilities including coordination, planning and advising DCJS and all agencies of the Commonwealth on the use of federal funds available for victims' services.
 - The forum on Human Trafficking is scheduled for October 14th in Williamsburg

- 2015 Threat Assessment Conference, “Enhancing Safety in Virginia’s K through Higher Education Settings,” is scheduled for October 19—22nd in Richmond.
- The 20th anniversary of the passage of the Comprehensive Community Corrections and Pretrial Services Acts, which created the local probation and pretrial services programs in Virginia, will be at Maymont Park in Richmond on October 2nd.
- The 25th anniversary of the passage of legislation formally establishing the CASA program in the Commonwealth will be observed on October 29th at the Capitol.

IV. Committee Reports

Committee on Training

Chief Brown reported from the Committee on Training (COT).

Certified Crime Prevention Community Re-Certification

Mr. Rick Arrington, DCJS Crime Prevention Program Manager, provided a review of the application for Certified Crime Prevention Community Re-certification for the City of Galax. The COT recommended approval of the application.

Chief Brown made the motion to approve the Re-Certification of the City of Galax Police Department as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Bobby Russell.

Officer Hall, the Crime Prevention Officer from Galax, thanked the Board for approving their Re-Certification and noted that such programs allow officers to go out and show people how much they care about the community. Officer Hall thanked the Board for making this program available.

Repeal 6VAC 20-40. Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Undercover Investigative Officers.

Ms. Barbara Peterson-Wilson, Law Enforcement Program Coordinator of DCJS, provided the background of HB2112 introduced by Delegate Jackson H. Miller, during the 2015 General Assembly Session. This bill eliminates the requirement for DCJS to establish undercover investigation training courses for law enforcement officers who have not completed law enforcement officer compulsory minimum training standards, was signed by the Governor and went into effect July 1, 2015.

Chief Brown made the motion to approve of DCJS filing an exempt regulatory action, repealing 6VAC 20-40 Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Undercover Investigative Officers pursuant to §2.2-4006 (4) (a). The motion was seconded by Superintendent Russell.

V. Approval of RSAT Grants

Ms. Cookie Scott asked that the Board consider two RSAT continuation grants that were off-cycle from the other grants. DCJS didn’t want to convene the entire grants group to review only two grants, so they were brought before the entire Board. These grants will have an extended grant period, from October 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, in order to bring them in line with the state fiscal year cycle with the majority of the other grants. During this time, as always, Stephanie Arnold, the grant monitor for these programs, will continue to follow them to ensure accountability.

Riverside Regional Jail is requesting \$136,158 in federal funds, and Western Virginia Regional Jail is requesting \$140,000 in federal funds. Both programs submit their reports on time, utilize evidence based treatment, and are performing as anticipated.

Ms. Scott made the motion to approve funding as requested for the RSAT continuation grants in the amount of \$276,160 in federal funds. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mosby. **Recusals:** *Superintendent Russell for Western Virginia Regional Jail, and Sheriff Crawford for Riverside Regional Jail.*

VI. Update on the Center for School Safety

Ms. Michaelis gave a brief overview of training being held by the Center for School Safety of DCJS.

There was brief discussion on Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview training. DCJS is in the process of acquiring their own curriculum so they can provide more of this training in the future that is specific to Virginia. Trauma victims do not record or relate information in the same manner as those who haven't suffered trauma. Director Ecker noted that although this report is from the Center for School Safety, all of the training we are doing in DCJS' Victims Services and through Juvenile Services, touches on this topic.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Ed Macon – expressed the Board's appreciation to Officer Hall and the Galax Police Department. The content and things being done in Galax have made them a model for the certification program.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business brought before the board for discussion at this meeting.

IX. Next Meeting

Chairman Doucette thanked Board members and guests for attending the meeting and stated that the next meeting was scheduled for December 10, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. in House Room D of the General Assembly building.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Doucette made the motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Lt. Williams and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved:



Mr. Michael Doucette, Chairman