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Board of Juvenile Justice

VHDA
Richmond, Virginia
Board of Juvenile Justice Meeting
January 9, 2002

Present: Kenneth Feng Alex Vogel
 A. V. Maddra John Wasowicz
 Richard Sparks Tom Wilkins

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Feng.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Vogel, the Board approved the Agenda for the January 9, 2002, meeting. Motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were necessary.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Vogel, the Board approved the Minutes for the October 24, 2001, meeting. Motion carried.

IV. COMMENTS OF PUBLIC

No member of the public was present to speak. t

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Secure Services Committee

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Vogel, to continue probation of Crater Detention Home to May 2002. Conduct a certification audit in February 2002 for the period of August 1, 2001, through January 2002. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Vogel, that the Board of Juvenile Justice, in accordance with Section 16.1-309.5 of the Code of Virginia, approves the security enhancement project at the Henrico Juvenile Detention Home. The total amount for this project is estimated at \$8,537, of which the State share is \$4,268.50. The availability of funds for reimbursement as approved above is contingent on the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly. (Mr. Maddra read the letter to Michael Bingham, Superintendent of the Henrico Juvenile Detention Home, from Marilyn Miller, dated November 30, 2001.) Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Vogel, to approve the construction of a radio tower by Hoffman Communications, Inc., utilizing eight to twelve acres of Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center property and authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute such leases, easements, and other documents as may be necessary. (Safety and security concerns were discussed as well as the improved radio system to be provided to Beaumont and access road improvement.) Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Vogel, to continue current certification status of Oak Ridge Juvenile Correctional Center to March 2002. Motion carried.

Mr. Feng passed the chair duties to Mr. Maddra.

B. Non-Secure Services Committee

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to certify the following for three years with a letter of congratulations for 100% compliance – 4th District CSU, Lonesome Pine Office on Youth, Mountain View Youth and Family Services, and Rappahannock Area Office on Youth. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to certify the following for three years - 10th District CSU, 21st District CSU, 22nd District CSU, 23rd District CSU, and the Dickenson County Office on Youth. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to certify the Colonial Heights Office on Youth for three years with a letter of congratulations for 100% compliance and a special notation of recognition for the Youth Forum that was created. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to grant the Fluvanna County Office on Youth probationary status until May 2002. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to continue the current certification status for the Isle of Wight Office on Youth to February 2002. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to certify the 14th District CSU for three years with a letter of congratulations for 100% compliance. Motion carried.

Mr. Marsden commended Messrs. Tim Howard and Ed Holmes for their work in Community Programs for the excellent record of compliance for the court service units.

Mr. Feng commented that he felt the audit reports had improved quantitatively in readability, organization, and the amount of information provided. He commended the staff for their work, and he looks forward to the newer format with additional input regarding the causes of the issues. He felt that the report not only provides the information for the Board to make decisions but also serves as an historical record.

Mr. Feng resumed Chairman duties.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing on Regulations

Mr. Don Carignan discussed two sets of regulations in development concerning the standards that govern Offices on Youth and Non-Residential Services, which includes court service unit programs. Both regulations have advanced to the public comment portion. Notice was published that comments would be entertained at this meeting.

He noted that one issue is developing on the Office on Youth standards, which also relates to Non-Residential standards, that pertains to background investigations for volunteers and for employees of programs not operated by DJJ and/or affiliated agencies. A recommendation will be brought to the Board after review by staff.

B. Proposed Policy Amendments

Mr. Carignan reviewed four policies for rescission that do not fall under the Board's statutory responsibility. DJJ is still governed by state policies in all four areas.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to approve staff recommendations of rescinding the following policies: 05-001, 05-003, 05-101, and 05-014. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilkins arrived and assumed his duties.

C. 2002 Calendar

Mr. Dave Marsden presented the calendar. He proposed that the February 13 meeting either be held in Northern Virginia or in Richmond at another location and invite the new Secretary of Public Safety. He also raised the possibility of canceling that meeting.

Mr. Maddra suggested using the VHDA facility in February. Mr. Sparks suggested that the March meeting might be more agreeable for the Secretary to attend and offered that the ABC Board had facilities that might be suitable for Board meetings. Mr. Wasowicz proposed that the Attorney General also be invited to a future meeting. He felt that a meeting in Northern Virginia should include some judges and/or directors of court service units. Mr. Wilkins mentioned inviting Senator Howell, as she was very concerned about juvenile justice matters. Mr. Marsden proposed that other dates could be explored for a Northern Virginia meeting. He also asked for flexibility in the February date in order to invite the Secretary - February 13 or 20.

Mr. Maddra commented on off-site visits that have resulted in no quorum because not enough Board members were present. He is dissatisfied with the Board's reaction to going to facilities for a tour as part of the meeting. He would like the Board to do a better job in 2002 when going off-site for the meetings. Mr. Feng agreed with his comments. He recommended that each Board member make a commitment the day before the meeting to ensure a quorum. Mr. Wilkins added that if there is no quorum, issues that need to be addressed must be delayed or handled in a manner inconsistent with procedures.

Upon the advice of Mr. Muse, it was agreed that Mr. Marsden invite the Secretary and the Attorney General for the March 13 meeting as it is after the General Assembly session. The February meeting will be held off-site - VHDA, ABC, or Northern Virginia.

Mr. Carignan discussed the notice requirements in relation to scheduled meetings.

The Board agreed to the rest of the calendar as published.

D. Budget Proposal

Mr. Barry Green distributed a handout and discussed budget proposals. He said that there would be a moratorium against the Board approving any more projects unless a Life-Health-Safety issue is involved.

Mr. Wasowicz inquired about bond issues. Mr. Green said that about \$2 Billion has been proposed in bonds.

The proposed closing of the Culpeper JCC and Detention Home facility was discussed.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Marsden stated that the General Assembly session starts today, and DJJ has three bills before that group. 1) Juvenile court judges can authorize alternate intake sites for their intake counselors, which will enable Tim Howard and staff to establish a 24-hour intake operation to handle off-hours intake needs for folks throughout the state. 2) Sentencing of young people who are given two sentences on two different charges - one for juvenile incarceration for a period of time and at the end of that sentence, a longer term in adult incarceration. It is a proportional bill to address the juvenile's receiving the treatment services needed and allow for a final sentencing option for the circuit court judge to review the sentence at the end of the juvenile incarceration and make adjustments. 3) Court Service Unit Directors bill, which establishes the chief judge's ability to choose a CSU Director from a list that DJJ provides, but allows DJJ the prerogative to hire all other supervisors and staff in that CSU unit. This bill is up for re-enactment this year.

He said the running of treatment services has been transferred to the Behavioral Services Unit as called for in the 1996-97 JLARC report. This transfer should result in a centralized authority and enable new treatment programming to suit the needs of our facilities and free up time for assistant superintendents to provide other kinds of programming for the wards, such as sports, recreation, and other activities.

Mr. Marsden cited the "Agency Overview" that was distributed earlier and said that copies would be sent to the General Assembly members and others. He also said that a data resource guide would be mailed that gives statistical information and would be an excellent tool for people to compare one locality against another.

He had Mr. Green present a resolution for Camp Washington, which is property no longer used by DJJ. Mr. Green gave a brief history of the property.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Wasowicz, seconded by Mr. Vogel, to adopt the resolution to remove the reverter clause and declare the property as surplus. Motion carried.

IX. COMMENTS OF BOARD

Mr. Wasowicz would like to invite Delegates Dillard and McDonnell and Senator Mimms, patrons of the three DJJ bills, to a Board meeting.

Messrs. Vogel and Sparks had no comments.

Mr. Feng expressed concern with the proposed closing of Culpeper.

Mr. Maddra concurred with Mr. Feng. He said he would like to see an impact statement on the effect on that part of the state (for and against); potential for overcrowding in detention, etc. Mr. Marsden said that as the cut is in the Governor's budget, DJJ is obligated to honor that decision. At a later time, the new Governor may have other plans. He will keep the Board apprised of the budget strategy.

Mr. Wilkins said that it had been a purely political decision to build Culpeper. He agreed that another look should be taken at the situation.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that there was no need to hold an Executive Session.

XI. LUNCH

During lunch two presentations were given to the Board.

A. Level System of Case Management

Mr. Jeff Sherman, Deputy Director of the 13th CSU, distributed a booklet. He spoke about the background of the program and discussed the mission to serve youth in the City of Richmond using the balanced approach in a Graduated Intervention Level System (GILS). He said he was very excited about the collaboration between the state CSU and the City of Richmond's Juvenile Justice Office. He said that Messrs. Tim Howard and Ed Holmes had been very supportive of this initiative.

Ms. Nancy Ross, Director, Juvenile Justice Services, City of Richmond, spoke on creating menu of services tailored for needs of youth and family, resulting in quicker response time. She further discussed the four levels. However, she did stress the need for adequate funding to continue the program. She discussed the merging of funds, staff, and resources.

Ms. Stephanie Garrison, Program Manager, 13' CSU, discussed Level I and the diversion services. Mr. Maddra asked about a program evaluation and recidivism rates and was told that the program is so new that statistics are not available, but measurements will be used. Mr. Sherman further discussed statistics.

Mr. David Avery, Deputy Director, Juvenile Justice Services, City of Richmond, discussed the Initial Assessment Form - the key to GILS, which was developed based on research and working with youth on the local level. This tool determines level of services needed and programs to provide those services and appropriate total modality.

Mr. Sherman discussed how the youth is contacted and given an idea of what is out there. Within 48 hours an intake officer calls the parent, and within 72 hours assessment begins. This program is the quickest that contact has been made.

Mr. Marsden said that the integration of state and local services in the complex urban area of Richmond was great and all participants are to be commended for their work.

Mr. Sherman said the program is not a finished product. They are still re-thinking and re-doing.

B. Transitional Services

Ms. Angela Valentine distributed a handout containing details and highlights of what DJJ is doing with transitional services. \$2.2MM is designated to provide primarily non-residential services. The risk assessment is used to determine where resources are focused, and that multiple services are provided. She discussed the levels of services, and the requirements for vendors providing services.

XII. ADJOURN

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Vogel, to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Patricia F. Rollston

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