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## *Board of Juvenile Justice*

**Department of Juvenile Justice Board Room  
Richmond, Virginia  
Board of Juvenile Justice Meeting  
April 10, 2002**

**Present:** Kenneth Feng  
A. V. Maddra  
Richard Sparks  
Tom Wilkins

**Absent:** Jorge Lozano  
Alex Vogel  
John Wasowicz

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Wilkins.

### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, the Board approved the Agenda for the April 10, 2002, meeting. Motion carried.

### **III. INTRODUCTIONS**

No introductions were made.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, the Board approved the Minutes for the March 13, 2002, meeting. Motion carried.

## **V. COMMENTS OF PUBLIC**

No member of the public was present to speak.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Secure Services Committee**

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Feng, to certify the James River and Piedmont Regional Juvenile Detention Centers with a letter of congratulations for 100% compliance to the James River facility. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Maddra, seconded by Mr. Feng, to certify the following programs for three years: Northwestern Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Oak Ridge Juvenile Correctional Center (JCC), and Rappahannock Juvenile Detention Center. Motion carried.

### **B. Non-Secure Services Committee**

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to certify the following programs for three years with letters of congratulations for 100% compliance – 9<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit (CSU), Amherst County Office on Youth, and Hampton Place. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to certify the following programs for three years – 1<sup>st</sup> District CSU and 20<sup>th</sup> District CSU (Warrenton). Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to certify the Cumberland County Office on Youth for one year. After discussion this MOTION was amended. On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to table the certification of the Cumberland County Office on Youth until the June meeting. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Sparks, to modify the certification certificates of SPARC House and Opportunity House to include the approval to place youth, who are in a temporary care status, in both facilities. Motion carried.

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

## **VIII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

As part of the Orientation for new juvenile court judges on April 9, Mr. Marsden related that he gave a presentation on the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). He said the judges were pleased with what they heard and saw on their tours of the Reception & Diagnostic Center (RDC), Bon Air JCC, and Oak Ridge JCC.

Mr. Marsden explained that the Departments of Correctional Education (DCE) and Juvenile Justice have agreed to operate both JROTC and a military-type program for younger wards at Hanover. This plan will help alleviate the problems of not having an appropriate placement for the younger wards and DJJ's inability to fill Hanover slots with only JROTC cadets.

Mr. Marsden attended the TOPS graduation ceremony April 9. The transition program is run by Mr. Henry Jordan, who is a volunteer, on the Beaumont JCC campus. The program teaches the wards skills to get jobs and how to live independently. He said it was a very heartwarming event.

The contract for the renovation of Spradlin Cottage at Beaumont has been signed. Counselors and psychologists will get office and treatment room space.

Mr. Marsden spoke about some of the effects of proposed budget cuts that were approved by the General Assembly. He said the general feeling is that DJJ will see an upturn in commitments because of the closings, cuts, etc. He said DJJ will lose significant kinds of programming in the communities. Localities will decide what they will do. A formula for distribution of funds for detention operations has been developed. Each detention home will be paid \$26,000 for first 20 beds and then \$20,300 thereafter. The old formula gave detention homes 50% of their operating money. The new formula is more equitable even though there is less money. All projects approved are being delayed by one quarter to save money. We are trying to even out the cuts so it won't hit everybody all at once and then provide an infrastructure for rebuilding. We anticipate our cuts will be rolled out smoothly.

The Culpeper JCC plans have not been approved by governor as of this date. Mr. Marsden could not comment on the plan at this time, but believes the Board members will like it.

Mr. Marsden asked Kelly to discuss the visitation of Secretary Marshall and Attorney General Kilgore. She said DJJ had to identify upcoming events that both could attend. This information has been sent, and we are following protocol as directed. They have the information, and she hopes they can work DJJ into the schedule.

## **IX. COMMENTS OF BOARD**

Messrs. Feng, Sparks, and Maddra had no comments.

Mr. Wilkins read a note from Don Carignan thanking the Board for the fruit basket and plant. He also read a letter from Mr. John Wasowicz in which Mr. Wasowicz announced his resignation from the Board effective immediately. Mr. Wilkins advised him to send an official letter to the Governor and Secretary of the Commonwealth. Discussion ensued

regarding a replacement and a method to show appreciation for the years of service Mr. Wasowicz provided.

Discussion was held regarding where the Board should meet. Mr. Marsden suggested Fairfax or Winchester with an orientation on post-dispositional detention.

The Crater Detention Home's shortfall as well as excess capacity was discussed.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was not called.

**XI. LUNCH**

The meeting did not require working through lunch.

**XII. ADJOURN**

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Feng, seconded by Mr. Maddra, to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Rollston