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Board of Juvenile Justice

Board Meeting
Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center
1400 Florida Avenue
Lynchburg, VA
November 14, 2007

Board Members Present: James Turpin, Barbara Myers, Marjorie Arrington
Patricia Puritz, Justin Wilson

Board Members Absent: Aida Pacheco, Courtney Penn

DJJ Staff Present: Barry Green, Steve Pullen, Tim Howard, Janet Van Cuyk, Deron Phipps,
Eric Hopkins, William Davenport, George Wakefield, Steve Pullen, Sam
Abed, Resident C – Culpeper, David Pierce, Tamika Wright, Marilyn Miller
and Deborah Hayes.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Turpin.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Turpin called for introductions of attendees prior to proceeding. In attendance were: Tom Currier, Superintendent-Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Mark Crowley-Loudoun CSU, Bob Wade-Lynchburg CSU, Michelle Smith-Loudoun Co. Detention Center, Hope Stonebrook-Loudoun DFS, Sandy Hunter-Loudoun Co. Office of Capital Construction, W. E. Clark, III-Lynchburg NAACP, Walter Fore-Lynchburg NAACP, Alison Crane (JustChildren), Abigail Turner (JustChildren), Linda Kaufman (parent), Charisa Smith (JustChildren), Liane Rozzell (parent), Tamara Rosser-Lynchburg Juvenile Services, and Dan Fallen-Lynchburg Juvenile Services.

Superintendent Currier welcomed everyone to Lynchburg and the juvenile detention center. He thanked the Board and staff for their presence and said he was happy to host them. Mr. Currier said Lynchburg's City Manager will stop by to greet the Board and staff during lunch.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Puritz and seconded by Ms. Arrington, the Board approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF September 12, 2007 MINUTES

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Penn, the minutes of the June 13, 2007 Board meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Turpin read the Board's policy on public comment. Ms. Liane Rozzell and Ms. Linda Kaufman contacted DJJ central office to register to speak to the Board.

Ms. Rozzell and Ms. Kaufman spoke on behalf of the Beaumont Parent Group. Ms. Rozzell's and Ms. Kaufman's comments are on file with the board minutes in Central Office and will be made available upon request.

Mr. W.E. Clark, III thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He stated that he is a member of the NAACP and shares the concerns of Ms. Kaufman and Ms. Rozzell—that our youth are confined in the juvenile facilities and come out worse.

Mr. Walter Fore thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He said he currently serves on the VA Cares Committee as well as the NAACP. He stated that his concern is what he sees in the Black community. He's concerned about the "gang stigma" and a 15 year old boy who is being treated as an adult in the court system. He said that he was introduced to Abigail Turner and have been able to retain an attorney for the youth. Mr. Fore says he wants the Board to look at the frequency in which kids are being jailed.

Ms. Abigail Turner distributed a letter regarding policy 02-004-Communication of Serious Incidents and policy 03-002-Program Investigations by the Department. JustChildren's is concerned about the Board's role to ensure accountability for the safety of wards. Ms. Turner also distributed a letter regarding regulations regarding access to counsel. After sharing the information contained in her letter, Ms. Puritz suggested that the Board defer action on this matter and add it to the Board's January 2008 agenda. She also requested that Mr. Muse be present at the January meeting. Chairman Turpin thanked the parents and the advocates for their concern for the youth and taking time to present to the Board. He asked individuals to submit correspondence to Central Office to be included in the board packets. This will allow the Board members to review the information and ask the Department for any background information. Ms. Turner's letters are on file with the board minutes in Central Office and will be made available upon request.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Secure Services Committee

Certifications

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Puritz and seconded by Ms. Myers to certify Oak Ridge Juvenile Correctional Center for three years with a letter of congratulations for 100% compliance. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the Needs Assessment for a 60-bed detention facility for Loudoun County, thereby authorizing the County of Loudoun to proceed to the planning stage. Motion carried.

B. Non-Secure Services Committee

Certifications

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to certify the 4th District Court Service for three years with a letter of congratulations for 100% compliance. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Wilson to certify the following programs for three years: 10th District Court Service Unit, 14th District Court Service Unit, 21st District Court Service Unit, 22nd District Court Service Unit, and the 23rd District Court Service Unit. Motion carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Art Presentation

Resident CP (Culpeper JCC) thanked the Board for allowing him to come before them. He said he has been painting since his arrival at Culpeper. He has received his GED and plans to go to art college in DC upon his release from Culpeper.

B. Policy Review

Mr. Phipps reviewed the policies to be rescinded. On MOTION duly made by Ms. Puritz and seconded by Ms. Myers to rescind the following board policies effective November 14, 2007, as they have been incorporated in the Virginia Administrative Code, are covered in the Virginia Code, or have been deemed unnecessary:

- 01-002 Directives System
 - 02-008 Policy Implementations
 - 02-010 Staff Involvement in Developing Procedures
 - 02-003 Communications Media Access to Individual Juveniles
 - 02-013 Organizational Communication and Reporting
 - 02-014 Inspections and Reviews of Juvenile Residential Facilities
 - 18-020 Inspection in Residential Facilities
 - 02-017 Meals Provided Employees, Guests, and Volunteers in Juvenile Correctional Centers
 - 12-001.22 Emergency Health Care Training
 - 02-012 Funding for and Utilization of Secure Detention Facilities
 - 02-012.1 Board Approval of Local Block Grant Proposals
 - 02-012.2 VJCCCA Plans: Maintenance Efforts
 - 04-002 Official Travel
 - 05-015 Essential Services and Personnel – Inclement Weather
 - 06-008 Continuing Education and Professional Association
- Policies 20-208 (Juvenile Industries), 20-311 (Post-Dispositional Facilities) and 13-004 (Food Preparation and Service of Meals) were tabled for further review. MOTION carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Arrington to adopt the proposed amendments for the following Board policies to be effective December 1, 2007, as submitted by the Department's Policy Review Committee:

- 01-001 Board Policies and Standards
 - 02-002 Media Relations
 - 02-016 Cooperation with Federal, State, and Local Officials
 - 02-006 Applications for Federal Funds
- Policies 20-106 (Discipline Plan) and 02-004 (Communication of Serious Incidents) were tabled for further review. MOTION carried.

The following State Board policies will be moved forward for the third review at the January 2008 meeting.

- 02-024 Collaboration with Colleges and Universities
- 03-005 Academic and Vocational Accreditation
- 03-007 Internal Audit Function
- 03-007.01 Reporting Theft and Fraud to Internal Affairs
- 07-002 Needs Evaluation
- 07-003 Demonstration Program
- 07-004 Statewide Plan for Residential Care Facilities
- 08-003 Review of Juvenile Records in Halfway Houses
- 08-006 Accountability for File Entries

Policy 03-002 (Program Investigations) by the Department was tabled.

Language Assistance Services

Ms. Van Cuyk provided background information on this policy to the Board. Mr. Wilson asked about statutory legislation regarding this matter. There is federal legislation addressing this. Ms. Myers asked about the meaning of "meaningful access". Ms. Van Cuyk said it is consistent with federal legislation. Ms. Puritz said JustChildren brought this before the Board and asked if this policy meets their standards. Ms. Turner responded that it is getting there; however, they do plan to come before the Board again on this. On MOTION duly made by Ms. Arrington and seconded by Mr. Wilson to adopt the proposed policy to be effective December 1, 2007 as submitted by the Department's Policy Review Committee: 17-000101 Language Assistance Services. MOTION carried.

C. Status of Regulations

Mr. Phipps gave an update on the current regulatory action (handout distributed). He pointed out that the Regulations Governing Mental Health Services Transition Plans for Incarcerated Juveniles will be published in the VA Register on November 12. A public comment forum opened on November 12, 2007 and will remain open through December 12, 2007.

VIII. Director's Comments

Mr. Green advised the Board of the retirement of Carole Selby. Mr. Selby has 37 years of service and is retiring December 31, 2007. Also, Bruce Bright (Virginia Beach CSU director) and Jim Woolf (assistant director) are retiring as well. He advised that Ms. Olympina Perkins is the new director for the Virginia Beach CSU.

Mr. Green and Mr. Abed attended the graduation of Eric Hopkins from the VA State Police Academy. Mr. Hopkins is an investigator with the Inspector General's Office and is the first non-police person to graduate from the academy.

The Judicial Liaison meeting was held November 2, 2007 at Central Office. Ms. Arrington attended that meeting.

The VJJA Conference was held in Roanoke November 7-9, 2007. It was well attended by field, institution and local folks. Also in attendance were Chairman Turpin, Director Green, Charissa Smith and Liane Rozzell. The conference provided a great training opportunity for all in attendance.

The Academic Bowl was held November 13. All institutions competed against one another for the title.

Scott Reiner, Tripti Gangal and Jared Miller co-wrote an article entitled "Public Safety Outcomes of Virginia's Detention Assessment Instrument". This article was published in the *Juvenile and Family Court Journal* Summer 2007 edition.

Mr. Green advised the Board members that he currently has dual roles between DJJ and the Secretary of Public Safety's Office. He advised the members that Clyde Cristman left and he expects to provide assistance to the SPS through the budget process and the General Assembly.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Turpin asked the Board members to review the proposed meeting schedule for 2008. As requested by Ms. Rozzell (FAVY), the board will discuss the possibility of having a meeting on Saturday or Sunday to allow more parents the opportunity to attend. FAVY will discuss this with their members at the December meeting and advise the Board of their desire.

Chairman Turpin said detention centers will be asked to host the Board in 2008. He stated that Charlottesville has expressed an interest in hosting the Board. Additional meeting locations will be discussed at the January meeting.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Department of Juvenile Justice Cedar Lodge facility in Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

XI. ADJOURN

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Canada Hayes
DJJ Board Secretary