

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Regular MeetingJuly 17, 2013

Location.....6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

Presiding.....David Simons, Hampton Roads Regional Jail, Committee Chairman

PresentPeter Decker, III, Chairman, Board of Corrections
Kurt Boshart, Member, Board of Corrections
Linda Curtis, Board of Corrections
William Osborne, Member, Board of Corrections
Carl Peed, Member, Board of Corrections
Tim Trent, Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority
Glenn Aylor, Central Virginia Regional Jail
Sheriff Tom Jones, Charlotte County
David Hackworth, Chesapeake Correctional Center
John Jenkins, Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office
Sheriff Gabe Morgan, Newport News
John Roberts, Director of Newport News Adult Corrections (Retired)
Robyn deSocio, State Compensation Board
Jim Parks, Classification and Records, DOC
Brooks Ballard, Local Facilities, DOC

The meeting was called to order and attendees in the room identified themselves for the record. Mr. Simons welcomed all attendees.

I. Committee Chairman (Mr. David Simons)

Mr. Simons called for a Motion to approve the May minutes. By *MOTION* duly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously *APPROVED*.

II. Prison/Local Jail Population Report and Jail Construction Update – Mr. Bill Wilson

Mr. Wilson was not present. Mr. Parks presented the out-of-compliance number at 4,627.

III. Funding and Budget Issues (Ms. Robyn deSocio, State Compensation Board)

Ms. deSocio updated the Committee on several items.

The Commonwealth’s budget development process has been finalized and state agencies are currently developing their next two-year biennial budget for FY15/16.

Requests from state agencies for additional funding are due by the end of August, and the Comp Board will include staffing standards and career development programs, such as the master deputy/master jail officer program, and requests for staffing for new jail capacity coming on line during FY15/16 and per diem funding needs as a result of the current and projected prison and jail inmate forecasts.

Implementation of the new LIDS-CORIS program had been delayed but it is now up and running. Jails are reviewing the data that has already been converted, and the March through June inmate data will be certified on July 19. Some facilities may not meet this cutoff, and Comp Board staff is working with them. First quarter per diem payments for March through May will be processed by the end of next week for those facilities that have been certified. There may be additional payments for jails that are not yet ready to certify all months for the first quarter payment. Some vendors are still working to make changes to comply with the requirements. The conversion is a work in progress.

Regarding the master deputy/master jail officer program, the 2013 General Assembly lifted the suspension and restored funds in FY14. Some additional participants were brought into the program in FY13/14; without additional funds, the program allowance of 20% of entry-level deputies cannot be fully funded. Ms. deSocio noted that for the current year, the number of master deputy/master jail officer slots will be maintained, and if someone leaves a master deputy position this year, they can be replaced but additional slots cannot be added. This program will be further evaluated.

Ms. deSocio reviewed other matters. The survey for the annual Mental Illness in Jails report is out for review and data reporting will begin on August 1. The survey has not changed from last year.

Language approved by the 2013 General Assembly requires that the comp Board provide a report on the number of inmates in jail who may be eligible for Medicaid. The Comp Board is working with and has met with the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to identify what information will need to be pulled from the jails. The Comp Board will be reaching out to the Sheriffs' and Regional Jail Associations for input. The report is due to the General Assembly by November 1.

Ms. deSocio then fielded questions from Committee members. Sheriff Morgan asked if the Comp Board had requested input from the Associations regarding future budget needs. Ms. deSocio responded that the Comp Board is specifically addressing the staffing standards as well as shortfalls in other areas and that if anyone has any specific issues, to let her know. Sheriff Morgan mentioned issues his jail is having with the new CORIS-LIDS system, and Ms. deSocio stated she will get with him about his concerns. She reminded the Committee that there is a newsletter on the Comp Board website that might be helpful.

Mr. Simons stated that for those Sheriffs and Regional Jails that are insured by Anthem, there is a report that provides the number of hospital days for inmates over 65

years of age, which might help with the report due to the General Assembly. Ms. deSocio indicated she would get with Anthem to find out that information but stated it might be helpful if the request came from the Sheriffs and Regional Jails. The Comp Board will be sending the inmate information it has to DMAS to run through its system to identify Medicaid-eligible inmates.

Ms. deSocio completed her report. There were no further questions. Mr. Simons thanked her for her report.

IV. **Other Comments (Mr. David Simons)**

Mr. Simons that Mr. Wilson is at NIC. Mr. Parks reported that Wallens Ridge and Red Onion are both being used for intake, which is not an ideal situation. He noted that 1,000 beds at River North will open on October 1, and 300 beds at Greenville Correctional Center will become available during February and March. He stated that if anyone needs help having someone brought in, to let him know.

Mr. Simons noted that the Hampton Roads Regional Jail has its community-based corrections plan before the Board today and hopes the Board will approve it. They are trying to accommodate Portsmouth as well as talks with Chesapeake about becoming part of the Hampton Roads Regional Jail.

There was no other new business and with that, Mr. Simons noted the next meeting will be held on August 15, 2013, at 9:30.

There being nothing further, by **MOTION** duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.