

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

Regular Meeting.....May 17, 2017

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

Presiding.....Superintendent Timothy Trent, Chairman

Present..... John F. Anderson, Board of Corrections  
Reverend Kevin Sykes, Board of Corrections  
Colin O’Dawe, Board of Corrections  
Bobby Vassar, Board of Corrections  
Stephen Draper, Martinsville Sheriff’s Office  
David A. Hackworth, Chesapeake Sheriff’s Office  
Bill Wilson, RSW Regional Jail  
Keith Lockridge, Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office  
Matt Marsteller, Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
Josh Salmon, Blue Ridge Regional Jail  
Laura Hopkins, Martinsville City Jail  
Taylor Muniz, Moseley Architects  
Mike Jones, Moseley Architects  
Jonathan Walters, Vectre Corporation  
Robyn deSocio, Compensation Board  
Jim Parks, Offender Management Services Unit, Department of Corrections  
James Bruce, Policy and Initiatives Unit, Department of Corrections  
Rebecca Hancock, Policy and Initiatives Unit, Department of Corrections  
Bob Casey, Compliance and Accreditation Unit, Department of Corrections  
Donna Foster, Liaison Support, Department of Corrections

The meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m. and Chairman Trent welcomed all attendees.

**I. Committee Chairman**

Chairman Trent called for a motion to approve the March 15, 2017 minutes. The March meeting minutes misidentified Laura Hopkins as being from the Southside Regional Jail, while she is actually from Martinsville City Jail.

Upon a **MOTION** and duly seconded, the March 15, 2017 minutes were unanimously **APPROVED** as amended.

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

Ms. deSocio reported that Information is being sent to local facilities concerning the compression pay raises to initiate the review process based on dates of hire. This applies to current employer, Compensation Board funded positions that are not locally funded and have no break in service.

The funding associated with Peumansend Creek Regional Jail has been pulled due to the closing of the facility. As is expected, the Compensation Board will begin the budget development process for the next biennium in the fall.

III. **Prison/Local Jail Population Report and Jail Construction Update – Mr. Bob Casey**

Mr. Casey reported that the Chesapeake City Jail expansion is in the construction phase with completion expected in early 2018. One of the temporary buildings has been dismantled, with the dismantling of the remaining two temporary buildings expected to be finalized upon completion of the project.

Pamunkey and Central Virginia Regional Jails' reimbursement packages have been submitted to the treasury for payment.

IV. **Offender Management Service Update - Mr. Jim Parks**

Mr. Parks reported that the out-of-compliance total is 3,218 of which 2,761 are males and 457 are females. He remarked that these numbers represent one of the lowest numbers for males and highest for females he has seen.

After some construction, the Powhatan Reception Center will be opening 120 infirmary beds. Deep Meadow Correctional Center is closing a 72 bed dormitory and replacing it with a 38 bed infirmary.

V. **Mr. Jim Bruce**

The Governor has approved the revisions of the Standards for Planning, Design, Construction and Reimbursement of Local Correctional Facilities. The proposed standards will be published in the June 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 *Virginia Register* with a 60-day comment period. They have made significant edits primarily to definitions.

VI. **Other Business**

Chairman Trent advised that the Attorney General has issued an official opinion on payment of services for pre-existing conditions. Code of Virginia §53.1-126 states that local facilities must provide proper medical care to offenders but fails to address the responsible party for payment of proper medical care for pre-existing conditions. The previous Attorney General

(A.G.) opinion determined that jail facilities were responsible for payment. The most recent A.G. opinion determined that local facilities are not responsible for payment of care for pre-existing conditions.

Lt. Col. Hackworth discussed the 48-hour hold/detainers requested by ICE (United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement). He noted a website that has been created, naming localities that are not cooperating with ICE. The most recent A.G. opinion stated that there was no legal authority for holding offenders past their release date. ICE is notified and must pick up the offender prior to their release date.

Chairman Trent added that the Regional Jail Association and possibly the Sheriffs' Association were recently approached by the Joint Commission of Healthcare with a survey to study healthcare in jails. Sheriff Steven Draper advised that the Sheriffs' Association has created a questionnaire on mental health for the commission.

I. **Other Comments**

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