

COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD
4093 Ironbound Road, Suite B
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Meeting Minutes: Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board
December 1, 2008

Members Present: Byron Adkins
Gail Albert
Sherri Bowman
James Burrell, Chair
Thomas Gooding
Wakie Howard, Jr.
Judge Colleen Killilea
Charles Moss
Shawn Overbey
Ron Montgomery
Doug Powell
David Slogge (Designee for Emmett Harmon)
Stan Stout (Designee for Michael Yost)
Rob Tyler
Lester Wingrove
Walter Zaremba

Members Absent: Eric Bergstrom
Charles Burgess, Jr.
David Coe
Judge G.C. Fairbanks, IV
John Kuplinski, Vice Chair
Jodi Miller
Judge Samuel T. Powell, III
Nancy Williams

Staff Present: Karen Biedenbach, CCC Secretary
Leah Griffith, Criminal Justice Planner
Katie W. Green, CCC Administrator
Natalie Dalrymple, CCC Intern

Guests Present: Brendon Brown, NAMI
Susan Bruno, Executive Director of HTSAC
Bryan Sanderson, NAMI
Janet Weaver, Executive Director of Merrimac Detention Center
Cindy Levy, CSB

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jimmy Burrell called the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board (CCCJB) meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. in Room A at James City County Community Center, James City County, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

2) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CCCJB RE-APPOINTMENTS

Chair Jimmy Burrell acknowledged the re-appointments of David Coe, Judge Colleen Killilea and John Kuplinisi. Burrell thanked the members for their continued contribution to the board.

3) WELCOMING COMMENTS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Jimmy Burrell recognized Doug Powell, Assistant County Administrator as a new board member appointed by James City County.

Burrell also recognized Ron Montgomery, Chief Deputy Sheriff from York County/Poquoson Sheriff's Office. Mr. Montgomery was appointed to fill the position of Sheriff J.D. Diggs.

After brief introductions, Chair Burrell welcomed Doug Powell and Ron Montgomery to the board. Burrell reported that Eric Bergstrom was appointed to the board to fill the unexpired term of William Poggione, Ph.D. as well as an additional 3 year term. However, Mr. Bergstrom recently resigned from the position of Chief Magistrate, which leaves the board position open until the new Chief Magistrate is appointed.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING

Chair, Jimmy Burrell asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from September 9, 2008 Board meeting. Walt Zaremba made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Charles Moss.

5) REPORT OF THE CHAIR

a) Nominating Committee for Chair and Vice Chair elections.

With a quorum present, Chair Burrell asked Tom Gooding for an update on the Slate of Officers for 2009-10. Gooding reported that Chair, Jimmy Burrell and Vice Chair, John Kupliniski agreed to accept the nominations for another term.

Gooding asked if there were additional nominations from the floor for position of Chair. With no new nominations, Lester Wingrove made the motion to appoint Jimmy Burrell to an additional term. Motion was unanimous to close the nominations for Chair and to appoint Jimmy Burrell.

Gooding then asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair. With no new nominations from the floor, Byron Adkins made the motion to close the nominations for Vice Chair and to appoint John Kupliniski to an additional term. Motion was unanimous to close the nominations for Vice Chair and to appoint John Kupliniski.

6) GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRANSFORMATION UPDATE

Katie Green gave board members an update of the activities related to training for facilitators to provide cross-systems mapping exercises designed to identify community resources and divert persons with mental illness from the Criminal Justice system.

Katie proceeded with a power point presentation that provided a brief overview of the Sequential Intercept Model and the mapping exercise to identify community resources, gaps, and strengths. At the conclusion of the presentation membership discussion ensued and included the need for a "drop-off" center, how law enforcement would handle persons who committed a criminal offense.

Final discussion included the benefits of criminal justice and mental health professionals collaborating and participating in the systems mapping exercise as there are and will continue to be less state resources targeted for the mental health population. The mapping exercise will allow for inventory of local resources and ultimately assist in developing strategies for individuals involved in the criminal justice system who are suffering from Mental Health and Substance Abuse disorders.

Leah concluded with a summary of the contacts and meetings she has had with over twenty three (23) stakeholders identified at the Governors conference held in May, 2008 and that they will be involved in the mapping exercise.

7) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Juvenile Justice Sub-Committee

i. Restorative Justice Training

Planner Griffith provided an overview regarding the Restorative Justice Practice and conference. Griffith reported that there is interest to develop a Restorative Justice Program for lesser offenses and the ninth grade transitioning students. As a result, a working committee was established which includes Stephanie Gallas, Nadia Williams, Gail Albert, Hal Diggs, Ian De Modna, Dennis Ivey, Cynthia Rhone, Jan Weaver and Planner Griffith. Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 2:00 pm in the CCC conference room.

ii. October 1, 2008 Gang Forum

Planner Griffith reviewed October 1, 2008 event, reporting that there was thirty-one (31) attendees with great outcome surveys. Many thanks were extended to Hal Diggs of the James City County Police Department, Sergeant Dennis Ivey and Captain Frank Crotty of York/Poquoson Sheriff Department for the facilitation of this event as well as the assistance with the December 16, 2008 forum planning.

iii. December 16, 2008 Gang Forum in New Kent

Planner Griffith reviewed October 1, 2008 event, reporting that there were thirty – one (31) attendees with great outcome surveys. As incepted from this event, December 16, 2008 Gang Fourm, *What's Here? What's Coming? Intervention?*; which will be held at New Kent County Sheriffs Department from 9:00 – Noon. Joel Moody of Richmond Police Department, Gang Reduction Intervention program will be the facilitator for this event. Topics of this forum will be: Richmond Gang Activity – *What's coming our way?*, National Gangs vs. Richmond and our locality Home Grown Gangs, Intervention Programming involving – How to respond to identified gang members, who to call, what works and what doesn't and how to provide appropriate intervention programs.

b) Special Projects Sub-Committee

i. First Responders Training

Planner Griffith provided the final outcomes for the Professional First Responders Course which was held on October 3, 2008 and the Law Enforcement First Responder Courses on November 12, 13 and 14, 2008.

Griffith stated that thirty-nine (39) professionals attended the October 3, 2008 First Responders course receiving a total of 234 hours of training led by Tim Webb. Griffith reported that that the October 3, 2008 training was unable to receive the accreditation by DMHRMSAS but the course was well accepted and absorbed. The trainings held on November 12, 13 & 14 provided forty-six (46) attendees with a total of 340 DCJS CEU's. All six (6) localities were represented and the outcomes seemed to be positive with 87 percent of attendees completing their surveys. The overall outcome was that the attendees believe they are better prepared to handle individuals suffering from Mental Illness, Substance Abuse or co-occurring issues.

ii. Community Outreach

Planner Griffith reported that one thousand one hundred and ninety three (1193) intern hours were provided to the CCCJB localities, through the Colonial Community Corrections, Williamsburg Probation & Parole, HTSAC, Department of Juvenile Justice/CSU Ninth District and York County Juvenile Services.

Griffith continued by stating that three (3) locality families and Cross Roads youth Home Center were provided with Thanksgiving Day Meals as a result of the collaboration with USG, Crossroads, District 34 and CCC. Planner Griffith reported that the families and youth home were overwhelmed by the generosity from the community and thankful for the donations received.

Planner Griffith stated that with the help of CCCJB intern, Natalie Dalrymple \$780.00 in incentives were received from local merchants while providing education on EBP practices.

Planner Griffith stated that Lester Wingrove and Katie Green spoke on behalf of our board to the New Kent County Rotary on October 21, 2008. Griffith is attempting to schedule additional Rotary presentations in all other localities.

iii. Legislative Breakfast Recap

A brief synopsis was provided by Planner Griffith regarding attendees and topics covered at the Legislative Breakfast. The three main topics of discussion included the downsizing of Eastern State Hospital, with request of a moratorium, The Sequential Intercept Model and the Mental Health Waiver waiting list.

It was reported that several delegates and senators requested additional information regarding the moratorium on Eastern State Hospital downsizing and locality statistics regarding the Crisis/Triage Drop off Center. Griffith provided CSB and the Legislative Planning Committee with all requested information and statistics on October 17, 2008. Griffith stated that the Legislative Planning Committee is currently moving forward in scheduling dates to meet regarding the obtained information.

iv. TC Graduate Study (IRB)

Cindy Levy of the CSB reported that the working committee is preparing their proposal and thought it will be placed on the on the agenda by mid January. Levy also reported that the full proposal prepared by Dr., Sarah Bisconer, Ph.D., Cindy Levy and Planner Griffith should be submitted to Eastern State Hospital by mid December, 2008.

c) Criminal Justice/HTSAC

i. Fall Coalition meeting “Aging Gracefully: Alcohol, Medications & Health”

Planner Griffith asked Susan Bruno, Executive Director of HTSAC to provide an update on the Fall Coalition. Bruno reported that CSB has received numerous calls with reports of elderly residents mixing prescription medications, alcohol and over the counter medications. HTSAC is talking with the elderly on the dangers of this “toxic cocktail” in addition to meeting with local pharmacies, providing information on how to diagnose and assist with treatment. Bruno also talked about the ongoing issue of teenagers using elderly grandparent’s medications and mixing with alcohol during “pharm parties”.

ii. Heroin and Methadone Community Workshops in 2009

Planner Griffith reported that she is working with Susan Bruno, Executive Director of HTSAC and Cliff Bowman, Chief of Poquoson Police Department to provide a series of workshops at the Poquoson City Hall during the months of January, February and March. These one hour trainings will be dedicated to law enforcement, probation officers, teachers, parents, clients. etc. Griffith stated that she is waiting on presenters to verify dates. Bruno added that reports indicate that the use of heroin is growing among high school students and is trickling down to

the middle school in the Poquoson area. Bruno stated that the problem may be expanding into the surrounding areas, but to date, Poquoson is the only area that has come forward.

8) OPEN DISCUSSION

a) Grant Review

Chair Burrell asked if there were any grant reviews that needed to be discussed. Planner Griffith updated the board in accordance with the Williamsburg Health Foundation that the First Responders Grant was not continued because previous year's funds were not spent.

b) Misc. Discussion

Change of Meeting Schedule

Chair Burrell asked Griffith for an update on the financial status of CCCJB. Planner Griffith inquired about the possibility of changing our board meetings to three (3) times a year instead of quarterly meetings. CCC Administrator, Katie Green reported that she was asked to cut spending to satisfy the localities. The reduction in meetings would save \$250.00 - \$300.00 per year.

After a brief discussion, The Honorable Judge Killilea stated that according to the CCCJB by-laws the members would need to be notified in writing prior to voting and would need to be placed on agenda for the next meeting.

Further discussion from board members indicated the desire to continue quarterly meetings. It was discussed that meeting agendas, materials and other costs could be shared by all localities. An example of this was York County Sheriff's office, board member, Ron Montgomery offering to cover photo copying at their office for the next board meeting.

9) CLOSING REMARKS

a) Next CCCJB Board Meeting Dates

Chair Burrell asked for any additional business from the board members. He announced the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2009 as well as other meeting dates as follows. June 1, 2009, September 14, 2009 (*instead of September 7 - Labor Day Holiday*), and December 7, 2009. All meetings will be held at the James City County Community Center, Room A at 6:30 pm.

Raffle for the Rosemary Tree and Gift Certificate to Casa Maya was won by Gail Albert. Burrell wished all a safe and happy holiday season.

10) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Jimmy Burrell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.