

**COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Dec. 4, 2008**

Meeting time: 1:30pm- 3:30pm
Meeting place: Colonial Community Corrections Conference Room

Members present: Gail Albert, Dennis Ivey, Gregory Deaver, Gail Elmakis, Ian DeModna, Stephanie Gallas, Kevin Cusce, John Carnifax, Nadia Williams, Jan Weaver, Thomas Gooding, Hal Diggs, Dan Longo and Leah Griffith

Previous Meeting Minutes: August 7, 2008 Minutes reviewed and accepted

A. Welcome and introduction of area representatives

B. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes.

C. October 1, 2008 Gang Forum Overview : Leah reviewed October 1 event for committee members reporting that there were 31 attendees with great outcome surveys. As incepted from this event, December 16, 2008 Gang Forum, *What's Here? What's Coming? Intervention?*; which will be held at New Kent County Sheriffs Department at 9am-noon. Joel Moody of Richmond Police Department, Gang Reduction Intervention Program will be our facilitator of 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, what doesn't work and how to provide appropriate intervention programs. Many thanks was extended to Hal Diggs of the James City County Police Dept., Sgt. Dennis Ivey and Capt. Frank Crotty of York/Poquoson Sheriff Dept for the facilitation of the October 1, 2008 Forum and assistance with the Dec. 16, 2008 Forum planning.

D. GREAT Update: GREAT stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training www.great-online.org. Status Reports provided by Officer Hal Diggs, JCCPD and City of Poquoson Police Officer, Greg Deaver. Hal Diggs, reported that 882 kids have graduated from the GREAT Program and they currently have 275 wjcc public school students taking the classes thru the Health and PE Curriculum. The program is currently in the Elementary and Middle Schools for the 2008/2009 school year. As reported by Hal Diggs, there have been good results measured by the pre and post program surveys and are a valued program. Fortunately, JCCPD Grant Funding extension has been approved to continue the program.

Gregory Deaver, reported that they were approved the grant monies and reviewing the new grant submission. The previous GREAT Training was canceled. He is in the process of arranging another time for the training and researching transportation grant options. City of Poquoson Public Schools recently welcomed a new Superintendent and a new MS Principal. Officer Deavers is currently rebuilding relationships with the schools and working with the GREAT Training Committee.

E. Restorative Justice Conference Update: Stephanie Gallas provided a Restorative Justice Conference overview and presentation to the committee regarding Restorative Justice Practice and conference. Leah provided committee with Conferencing Script and other Restorative Justice Materials. Stephanie reported that she has spoken with Dr. Steve Chantry, Cynthia Rhone and Chuck Wagner regarding possible piloting of practice in the WJCC Public School System. There is current interest to develop a Restorative Justice Program for Lesser Offenses and tie it into Transitioning Training into the other level school such as elementary to middle and middle to high. . Good discussion was presented by all members at the meeting

resulting in a working committee being established. The working committee will encompass Stephanie Gallas, Nadia Williams, Gail Albert, Hal Diggs, Ian De Modna, Dennis Ivey, Cynthia Rhone, Jan Weaver and Leah Griffith. The working committee will meet on Wed. Dec. 17, 2008 at 2pm with location to be in CCC conference room.

F. Olweus Bullying Program: Gail Elmakis of Poquoson City Public Schools presented on their anti-bullying program. This grant-funded, evidence-based program is preventive in nature and uses many of the techniques associated with the philosophy of restorative justice. The program is fully implemented at Poquoson Primary School (3rd year) and partially implemented at Poquoson Elementary School and Poquoson Middle School (1st year). The program employs the use of class meetings to discuss behavioral expectations and resolve issues. It also empowers bystanders to respond when they notice bullying behaviors. Poquoson High School is creating their own program using components of Olweus and components of Stop Bullying Now. Additional information about Olweus is available at www.olweus.org

Unfinished Business:

A. Court Improvement Project: Discussion held regarding the need to educate local judges regarding holding the parents responsible for missed appointments such as court, school, counseling, social services, DJJ and etc. Thomas Gooding reported that he would speak with Diana Hutchens of JCC Social Services regarding such initiative by next meeting on Feb. 5, 2009.

B. Review of SMART Program: by Chair Gooding regarding 0 charted for this year. Update of filing both CHINS and Parental Petition of Non-participation.

C. Update of Anger Management Classes: by Chair Gooding with referral information given to localities regarding Principals and CSU referring out to Anne Marie Long of Child and Family Services out of Hampton. This 9 week program is currently being held at Berkley School and those participating are both the children and parents! It is funded by WHF and the program is a SAMSA recognized Evidence Based Program and is at the end of a 2 year grant cycle. The course is held on Thursdays from 5-6:30pm and dinner is provided. As expressed by Tara F. of JCC P&R, this program ties into 2 programs of theirs, the STRIDE Program and PATTS (Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations). As reported by Gail Elmakis of Poquoson Schools, there is a meeting scheduled with Anne to come present to their school board regarding this program. Tom reported that DJJ/CSU are submitting referrals to the program but there haven't been enough made from the schools. Stephanie Gallas reported that she would certainly get the information back to the school system.

D. December 16, 2008 Gang Forum: Leah updated committee with providing event flyers as discussed earlier in minutes under the October 1, 2008 section.

Open Discussion:

A. Grants- Leah reported that the WCHF Final Report was submitted with full report of Restorative Justice Conference. Officer Deaver had requested grant assistance for AED equipment. Leah and Officer Deaver scheduled meeting for Dec. 5th, 2008 at 2pm. It was briefly discussed, regarding York County and CCCJB, Leah collaborating and working on new software grant for 2009. No other grant information reported.

B. Project & Items of Discussion-

Leah provided an overview of the CCCJB Initiatives to include the successful First Responders Training for both Professional First Responders and Law Enforcement Agencies. Other initiatives reviewed but not limited to are the collaborative efforts set forth for EBP incentives and donations, education of EBP by board members to New Kent Rotary in October 08, Legislative Breakfast in September 2008 regarding Eastern State, MR/MH Waivers and Sequential Intercept Model, and the upcoming Heroin Community

Workshops for January 22, February 10, and March 3, 2009 thru collaborative efforts of City of Poquoson Police Dept., HTSAC, William and Mary, Norfolk Methadone Clinic and the CCCJB.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment: The 2009 Meeting schedule was announced and marked in the calendar to remain every other month on the 1st Thursday in the Colonial Community Corrections Conference Room to begin Thursday February 5, 2009 at 2pm.