

Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board  
Meeting of Members  
Minutes  
October 18, 2016

The Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board meeting was called to order at the Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality Drive, Front Royal, Virginia 22630 on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:32 p.m.

**Present:**

Stephen M. Gyurisin, Chairman  
Tim Coyne, Vice Chairman  
Beverly Brown Schulke, PhD  
Nancy Haden  
Brian Madden  
Brenda Garton  
Chief Neal White  
Chief Monica Martin  
Chief Tessie Lam  
The Honorable W. Dale Houff  
Sheriff Tony Roper  
The Honorable Dennis L. Hupp  
The Honorable Ian R. D. Williams  
Deputy Dominika Seal for Capt. Foster

**Absent:**

The Honorable William Sharp

**Staff Present:**

Andrea Cosans  
Trish Lowery  
Kim Chmura  
Rebecca Dotson

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Gyurisin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Mr. Gyurisin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

**II. Recognizing Rebecca Dotson**

Mr. Gyurisin and Chief Chmura acknowledged Mrs. Dotson's contributions to ODCS and the CCJB and wished her well on her new job.

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

Dr. Schulke moved to approve the agenda. Chief White seconded. There was unanimous approval of the agenda.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes**

The members reviewed the meeting minutes from July 19, 2016. A motion to approve the minutes from July 19, 2016 was made by Sheriff Roper and seconded by Dr. Schulke. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**V. Old Business**

Board Membership is current. Sheriff Roper has agreed to be reappointed. Ms. Chmura will speak to Judge Sharp about the end of his term.

## VI. New Business

**A. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:** In accordance with the By-Laws, a nominating committee met on September 2016. The nominating committee forwarded Mr. Gyurisin for Chairman and Mr. Coyne for Vice Chair. The Board was opened to accept additional nominations. Mr. Madden made a motion to close the nominations and accept the nominations, it was seconded by Dr. Schulke. The motion passed and all were in favor. Ms. Chmura thanked Chairman Gyurisin and Vice Chairman Coyne for their willingness to continue in their current roles and for their service to the Board.

**B. Grant Application for Pretrial Expansion to Warren and Shenandoah Counties:** ODCS application was approved for funding by DCJS; although due to the State's revenue shortfall, the funding has been withdrawn by the Governor. As it is now, the funding is in the FY 18 budget, but that budget will be amended in this upcoming Legislative session and it is unknown if the funding will be cut again. If it remains, the funding would be available July 1, 2017. Judge Williams questioned if some revenue could be raised by fining the non-compliant defendants.

**C. Pretrial Performance Measures:**

1. First quarter's performance measures acceptable. Pretrial closed 168 cases.

<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Misdemeanants</i>	<i>Felons</i>
<i>Success Rate</i>	88%	81%
<i>Court Appearance Rate</i>	95%	91%
<i>Public Safety Rate</i>	94%	92%

2. Risk continues to be a better predictor of court appearance and likelihood of new arrest than requiring a financial obligation.

**D. Pretrial Research:**

A new research document will be released in the near future. Using the 18 months of Virginia data that was collected one year ago, the risk instrument (VPRAI) will be changing. Based on those changes, the Praxis grid will also be changing. The Praxis grid will be implemented to all pretrial services agencies. The anticipated date for these changes is July 1, 2017. All area judicial officers will be invited to attend a training event to discuss the changes in the VPRAI-R and Praxis.

Along with making the VPRAI and Praxis better, the researcher was tasked to determine if the current VPRAI and the new VPRAI-R are gender and race neutral. It was determined that both instruments are race and gender neutral – that regardless if male or female or white or person of color, the tool accurately identifies risk of pretrial defendants.

Once released, all members will receive this document via email.

**E. Local Probation Performance Measures:**

1. First quarter data shows that misdemeanor closures had a successful outcome 69% of the time. Felony cases closed successfully 74%.

2. Ms. Chmura was able to obtain some national targets for success rates within risk levels: Low Risk target was 90%, Medium Risk target was 65%, and High Risk target was 30%. The ODCS target for Medium Risk is 70%, which has not been reached in the last 3 years, so at this time, the target will remain 70% even though national target is 65%.

**F. Local Probation Research:** In conjunction with VCCJA and DCJS, the National Center for State Courts released 6 papers this summer. One of the papers, Virginia Local Community-Based Probation Performance Measures 2016 update which was included in the packet, discusses the recommended performance measures for the locality, i.e. CCJB. Members are asked to read that portion for a discussion at our next meeting in January.

The other papers were briefly discussed and will be shared with the members over the next few months. All documents will be available on the ODCS website.

**G. Drug Court:** Mr. Coyne provided a brief update of the drug court. Currently there are 6 drug court participants and they are hoping to have 10 by the end of the year. Judge Williams shared a positive story about one of the first participants who thanked him for the opportunity.

## **VII. Adjourn**

Ms. Haden moved to adjourn and the meeting was concluded at 7:20 p.m.

The next CCJB meeting will be held on January 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. K. Chmura