

Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board
Meeting of Members
Minutes
January 17, 2017

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, January 17, 2017 at 6:33 p.m.

Present:

Stephen M. Gyurisin, Chairman
Beverly Brown Schulke, PhD
Nancy Haden
Chief Neal White
Chief Tessie Lam
The Honorable W. Dale Houff
The Honorable Dennis L. Hupp
Deputy Dominika Seal for Capt. Foster

Absent:

The Honorable William Sharp
Tim Coyne, Vice Chairman
Brian Madden
Brenda Garton
Chief Monica Martin
Sheriff Tony Roper
The Honorable Ian R. D. Williams

Staff Present:

Andrea Cosans
Kim Chmura

I. Call to Order

Mr. Gyurisin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Mr. Gyurisin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Approval of the Agenda

There was unanimous approval of the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The members reviewed the meeting minutes from October 18, 2016. A motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2016 was made by Dr. Schulke and seconded by Ms. Haden. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Sheriff Roper and Ms. Garton have been reappointed for another 3 year term. Ms. Chmura will speak to Judge Sharp and Mr. Madden about the end of their terms/reappointment.

V. New Business

A. Staffing at ODCS: Ms. Chmura advised the Board that due to increasing costs in salaries and benefits, the FY 18 budget for probation is in the red. This was discussed with staff who decided to hold the position of secretary open for the foreseeable future.

B. Grant Application for Pretrial Expansion to Warren and Shenandoah Counties:

The Governor's budget included 1.5 million dollars for pretrial expansion which is

\$500,000 less than previously approved. We will not know until the Legislators approve a budget if there are any more cuts. Ms. Chmura will advise the stakeholders in Shenandoah and Warren Counties, as well as this Board, when she learns anything definitive.

C. Pretrial Performance Measures:

1. Year-to-Date performance measures are acceptable.

<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Misdemeanants</i>	<i>Felons</i>
<i>Success Rate</i>	81%	75%
<i>Court Appearance Rate</i>	96%	92%
<i>Public Safety Rate</i>	90%	88%

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

D. Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument-Revised (VPRAI-R) and Praxis:

All present members received a hard copy of the document, Race and Gender Neutral Pretrial Risk assessment, Release Recommendations, and Supervision: VPRAI and Praxis Revised; November 2016.

- The current VPRAI and Revised are gender and race neutral.
- The researcher was able to make the VPRAI slightly better and significantly different.
- VPRAI-R has 8 risk factors, and a highest score of 14 points.
- The weight of each risk factor is based on a logistic regression model and each factor is weighted on its predictive validity.
- VPRAI-R has a risk distribution among its 6 levels that are more in line with national standards.

The Praxis chart has been changed to reflect these changes in the assessment tool. The Praxis chart was reviewed and amended by a group of VA stakeholders; Judges, Attorneys, Magistrates, Victim Witness, Sentencing Commission, and pretrial/DCJS staff.

Once the changes are solidified and the new VPRAI-R forms has been developed, training will occur with Judges, CW and defense counsel. Hopefully training can be scheduled by end of May or sometime in June.

E. Local Probation Performance Measures:

1. Year-to-date data shows that misdemeanor closures had a successful outcome 68% of the time. Felony cases closed successfully 70%.
2. Success rates among risk levels: low risk probationers complete probation successfully 90% for FY 17. YTD medium risk probationers are completing successfully only 55% of the time. Success rates for medium risk offenders should be in the 65% to 70% range. ODCS will be making some changes in the interventions for the medium high probationers in an effort to increase successful completion of probation. There was discussion concerning the completion of community services hours and how to increase this area of failure.

F. Drug Court: Chief Lam shared they have received additional funding for substance abuse treatment and that MOU negotiations are in progress for a part-time Probation Officer with District 11.

G. Frequency of Meetings: Ms. Chmura had suggested reducing the number of times this Board met to twice per year. It was the decision of the Board that we would continue to meet quarterly.

VI. Adjourn

Ms. Haden moved to adjourn. Dr. Schulke seconded the motion. The meeting was concluded at 7:03 p.m. and was adjourned.

The next CCJB meeting will be held on April 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. K. Chmura