

Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board
Minutes
Meeting of Members
October 15, 2013

The Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board meeting was called to order at the Hotel Strasburg, 213 S. Holliday Street, Strasburg, VA, at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

PRESENT:

Chairman Stephen Gyurisin
Major Jason Pettit
Ms. Nancy Haden
Mr. Brian Madden
Mr. John Riley
Mr. Tim Coyne
The Honorable David S. Whitacre
The Honorable W. Dale Houff

2 members of the public

ABSENT:

Chief Tessie Lam
Magistrate Monica Martin
Chief Neal White
Dr. Beverly Brown Schulke, PhD
The Honorable Dennis L. Hupp
The Honorable William W. Sharp
Sheriff Tony Roper

STAFF PRESENT:

Supt. Jim Whitley, NRADC
Capt. Ron Werdebaugh, NRADC
Gene Boyce, NRADC
Phil Braxton, ASAP
Patricia Lowery, ASAP
Kim Chmura, ODCS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Steve Gyurisin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Gyurisin called a vote for the agenda. Agenda was approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2013 was made by Ms. Nancy Haden and seconded by Mr. Tim Coyne. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Board was advised that the Clarke County Administrator appointed Sheriff Tony Roper to the board. Prior to the meeting, Sheriff Roper advised the board that he was unable to attend this meeting due to a previous engagement.

- B. Chief Kim Chmura advised she would be contacting some of the appointing authorities to modify some of the term limits as 12 of the 15 members will expire in 2015.
- C. Judge Dale Houff stated that as he is a resident of Page Co., it may be appropriate for the Board of Supervisors in Page Co. appoint him, as well as, Major Pettit.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. ODCS welcomes Cheryl Farrell Watson as the new Pretrial/Probation Officer. She will be assigned to pretrial investigations and will also complete jail diversion responsibilities. Ms. Watson has a BS in Criminal Justice. She worked at the Fairfax Co. Police Department for 18 years where her duties included road officer, detective, school resource officer, public information officer, background detective. Additionally she was an FTO and General Instructor.
- B. Mr. Gyurisin advised the board that Mr. Coyne had agreed to be nominated as the Vice Chairman. Mr. Gyurisin opened the floor for any other nominations. None being presented, Mr. John Riley motioned that a vote be taken electing Mr. Coyne for Vice Chair. Mr. Brian Madden seconded the motion. Mr. Coyne was voted as Vice Chair unanimously.
- C. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Coyne who entertained nominations for Chairman. Mr. Gyurisin was nominated. Mr. Riley motioned for a vote electing Mr. Gyurisin as Chair. Ms. Haden seconded the motion. Mr. Gyurisin was elected Chairman of the CCJB unanimously. The meeting was returned to Mr. Gyurisin.

D. FY 13 Pretrial Performance Measures:

Pretrial Success Rate was 80%.

Court Appearance Rate was 91.2%.

Safety Rate was 89.2%

Judge David Whitacre asked if a defendant was referred to PSA for a FTA, would that placement impact the Court Appearance Rate. Ms. Chmura stated, no, only if the client is on active supervision and fails to appear does the FTA get counted in the Court Appearance Rate. She also advised that any defendant who has a FTA listed in the criminal record, or has a risk level of average or higher, completes a court action plan while on pretrial supervision.

Ms. Chmura reviewed the current pretrial risk level among active defendants. She noted that 50% of the defendants are average or above average.

E. Pretrial General Statistics:

During FY 13, pretrial services received 696 referrals and closed 728 placements. There were 773 pretrial investigations completed via Video Arraignment. The jail diversion program interviewed 105 inmates resulting in 65 releases.

For the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, there were 191 referrals, 199 closures and 217 VPRAI's completed for bond recommendations during Video Arraignment.

F. FY 13 Local Probation Performance Measures:

Local Probation Success Rate: 72%

Ms. Chmura outlined the ranking of the unsuccessful closure reasons. By identifying the hierarchy of these reasons, it will promote consistence among staff.

1. Failure to enroll in LPA
2. New felony conviction
3. New misdemeanor conviction
4. Positive urine analysis
5. Substance abuse education or treatment failure
6. Community service failure
7. Failure to report to office visits
8. Other

A review of the DCJS /VCCJA Recidivism Study conducted by the National Center for State Courts was reviewed.

In 2004, Virginia Community Corrections recidivism rate was 21%. ODCS rate was 17%.

Hopefully at our January meeting, the report for 2010 Recidivism will be available.

G. Local Probation General Statistics:

During FY 2013, local probation received 426 placements, and closed 454 cases. There was 13,350.50 hours of community service verified and \$50,986.78 costs and fines paid.

Ms. Haden questioned what type of community service is completed. Ms. Chmura reported mostly non-profit organizations, and some governmental agencies.

Fiscal year 2014, 1st Quarter has had 103 referrals and closed 85 placements.

As of September 30, 2013, 48% of our placements were referred from General District Court, 45% were from Circuit and 7% were from Juvenile Domestic Relations Court.

Jurisdiction breakdown as of September 30, 2013:

28% from transferring in from other VA LPA
19% from Winchester
17% from Frederick
13% from Page
11% from Shenandoah
08% from Warren
04% from Clarke

Risk levels have remained consistence since November 2010. There are about 50% of low risk offenders, about 45% medium risk and 7% of high risk.

VI. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB) will be on January 21, 2014 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 111 Hospitality Drive, Front Royal, VA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion to so do was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Coyne.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Kimberly Chmura