

Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board
Minutes
Meeting of Members
July 21, 2015

The Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board meeting was called to order at the Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630 on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Stephen M. Gyurisin, Chairman
Tim Coyne, Esq., Vice Chairman
Brenda Garton
Nancy Haden
The Honorable Dale Houff
Tessie Lam
Capt. Rusty McCoy
Sheriff Tony Roper

ABSENT:

The Honorable Dennis L. Hupp
The Honorable Ian R.D. Williams
The Honorable William Sharp
Brian Madden, Esq.
Chief Neal White
Monica Martin
Beverly Brown Schulke, PhD

STAFF PRESENT:

Trish Lowery
Sheila Harden
Kim Chmura
Melissa Beloti

Chairman Stephen M. Gyurisin thanked Major Pettitt for his service on the Board and a resolution acknowledging his service was approved.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gyurisin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was unanimous approval of the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2015 was made by Chief Tessie Lam and seconded by Mr. Tim Coyne. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Term expirations: Chief Kim Chmura confirmed membership is current and thanked Capt. Rusty McCoy for his service on the Board. The Honorable Ian R.D. Williams is representing Frederick/Winchester General District Court and will be present at the October meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Personnel Changes:** Chief Chmura advised her office is fully staffed. Alicia Davis started in March 2015 as the Pretrial Investigator. She has completed VCIN training, NRADC orientation and will be attending DCJS Basic Skills training in October.
- B. **Updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOP):** Two policies were approved: SOP 2.1- Mission Statement effective 4/9/15 and SOP 3.5- Offender Intake effective 4/19/15. There is another policy that will be approved later this year.
- C. **Pretrial Services General Statistics:** This year there were 849 placements, 100 more than last year and about 300 more than FY 2011. Of the 849, 42% were PR/Unsecure Bond, which is up 6 points from last year and secure bonds were 58% of the placements.

Risk level distribution is within acceptable percentages; about 75% of the defendants on pretrial supervision are average or higher risk. Typically, if the VPRAI scores low or below average, the defendant could be released with no pretrial supervision.

Average length of supervision for misdemeanor charges is 4 months. Defendants with felony charges are on average on pretrial supervision for 5 months.

- E. **Video Arraignment:** Risk Assessment Completion Rate is 57%. Judge Williams has established 11:15 a.m. as the time for bond hearings; hopefully this will increase the Completion Rate. During FY 15, a total of 752 VPRAIs were completed for video arraignment.
- F. **Performance Measures:** Performance measures for pretrial are Overall Success Rate, Court Appearance, and Public Safety Rate.

| Misdemeanor | | Felon | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Overall Success Rate | 80% | Overall Success Rate | 77% |
| Court Appearance Rate | 95% | Court Appearance Rate | 93% |
| Public Safety Rate | 86% | Public Safety Rate | 88% |

- G. **Success Rates within Risk Levels:** In reviewing the charts below, regardless of financial obligations, the data shows that for our area, as the risk level increases so does the likelihood of being non-compliant.

| Misdemeanant Success Rate | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Risk Level | Secure Bonds | Unsecure Bonds |
| Low | 100% | 97% |
| Below Average | 85% | 89% |
| Average | 82% | 83% |
| Above Average | 78% | 79% |
| High | 68% | 44% |

| Felon Success Rate | | |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Risk Level | Secure Bonds | Unsecure Bonds |
| Low | 50% | 100% |
| Below Average | 73% | 88% |
| Average | 86% | 80% |
| Above Average | 61% | 69% |
| High | 68% | 76% |

- H. **Local Probation General Statistics:** Looking at the past three (3) fiscal years, the probation referrals are leveling off. Total number of referrals for FY15 is 393, which 73% of the placements are deferred dispositions cases. The Honorable W. Dale Houff agreed with that statistic. Mr. Coyne asked if the 102 felonies were deferred disposition cases, Chief Chmura answered yes or else they would be in State Probation with Chief Lam.

There were 11,278 hours of community service completed and \$88,676.48 collected for court costs, fines and restitution.

Jurisdictional distribution remains consistent: Frederick Co. 21%, Winchester 22%, Warren Co. 12%, Shenandoah Co. 9%, Page Co. 7%, and Clarke Co. 4%. The remaining 24% are probationers from other Virginia jurisdictions who happen to live in our area; they are referred to as transfer in cases.

The average length of supervision for the misdemeanor population is 7 months and average length of supervision for the felon population is 11 months.

- I. **Local Probation Performance Measures:** Successful Misdemeanant Closure rate is 70% and the Successful Felon Closure rate is 65%. About 13% of the cases were closed unsuccessfully due to new criminal charges.
- J. **Evidence Based Practices:** Chief Chmura informed she is interested using an online marijuana course for those probationers who test positive for marijuana. The main office would have computers for the clients to take the course, as some may have

difficulty with internet access. The course is conducted by 3rd Millennium and has been shown to reduced recidivism and increases compliance. Ms. Nancy Haden asked for the website, Chief Chmura supplied the website www.3rdmilclassrooms.com. Chief Chmura also added she is looking into the possibility of in-house substance abuse treatment and offering MRT.

The staff engage in professional development with bi-weekly learning teams and a monthly skill development group.

L. Research:

- Results for the probationer client survey conducted in the winter 2015 are available. Out of a possible 210, ODCS was rated 196 by the probationers. Overall the probation officers create a positive working relationship with the clients who believe their PO to be fair, trustworthy and hold them accountable.
- The Pretrial Justice Committee survey concerning the VPRAI is completed. The survey was offered to Judges, CA and defense attorneys. Out of 929 responses, 66% knew what the VPRAI was. Of those 616, 80% of the Judges, 82% of the CA and 55% of the defense attorneys are provided the VPRAI for first appearance/bond hearing. The judges reported using the VPRAI to inform their decision 96% of the time; CA 81% and defense attorneys 87%. Overall very good statewide responses. In our own area, ODCS could share the VPRAI with the CA and defense counsel on a more regular basis.
- The Praxis/STEP research (Pretrial), we do not have the results yet, should be out any day.
- The final edits for the Recidivism Report (Probation) are currently in the works and should be ready soon.

VI: Next Meeting:

The next CCJB Meeting will be held on October 20, 2015 at the Holiday Inn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



S. Kimberly Chmura