

Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board
Meeting of Members
Minutes
April 19, 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, April 19, 2016 at 6:41 p.m.

Present:

Stephen M. Gyurisin, Chairman
Tim Coyne, Vice Chairman
Beverly Brown Schulke, PhD
Sheriff Tony Roper
Nancy Haden
Brian Madden
Brenda Garton
Chief Neal White

Absent:

Monica Martin
Chief Tessie Lam
The Honorable Dennis L. Hupp
The Honorable William Sharp
The Honorable Ian R. D. Williams
The Honorable W. Dale Houff

Staff Present:

Andrea Cosans
Trish Lowery
Kim Chmura
Rebecca Dotson

I. Call to Order

Mr. Gyurisin called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. Mr. Gyurisin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of the Agenda

There was unanimous approval of the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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

IV. Old Business

- A. Board Membership is current. In December of 2016, Sheriff Roper will need to be reappointed.
- B. Chief Chmura noted as of February 22, 2016, local probation has moved from the Luray office. The majority of clients have chosen to be seen in the Front Royal sub-office. This is acceptable for the time being.

The Honorable W. Dale Houff has contacted the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Grayson Markowitz, in regards to a possible room for local probation and ASAP. Chief Chmura stated local probation is very interested and would like to move forward with this option. Mr. Gyurisin commented that that is good news for both local probation and ASAP.

V. New Business

A. Local Probation: Probation Research and Activities

1. A total of three papers will be released: VA Probation Performance Measures, EBP Summary Report with Recommendations, and VA M/OST Proxy Risk Validation Study.
2. The recidivism report has been completed and should be released shortly. The statewide recidivism rate for calendar year 2012 was 27% (or 73% success rate). Our local data will not be available until the report is released.
3. Staff surveys have been completed for this year.
4. Client surveys are currently taking place until May 15, 2016. Chief Chmura noted that probation included 3 questions of their own regarding operations, incentives, and probationer experience. These surveys are meant to evaluate the work of the probation officer.

B. Local Probation: Performance Measures

1. Overall Success: Misdemeanants 79%, Felons 56%. Risk level continues to be a good predictor of success. As risk level increases, so does non-compliance.
2. Placements/referrals to local probation: Compared to the previous year, there are 70 fewer placements. Chief Chmura noted that this appears to be a trend with similar agencies.

C. Pretrial: Pretrial Research and Activities. The Praxis chart is being amended and will be embedded with the VPRAI. There has been an increase in the DCJS budget, this will hopefully allow for the expansion of Pretrial services.

D. Pretrial: Performance Measures

1. The Pretrial investigator, Alicia Davis, has completed 248 felony VPRAI's and 195 misdemeanor VPRAI's. The VPRAI completion rate is now 77%, which is 13 points higher than the last quarter. Chief Chmura stated that Ms. Davis has done a wonderful job.
2. Of those defendants who are seen by video arraignment, most are average or higher risk which indicates that the magistrate is releasing the lower risk defendants or that law enforcement are issuing summons for low risk misdemeanor charges. Of those who are seen by video arraignment, 52% of felons and 73% of misdemeanants were ordered released. Unfortunately, some were not released due to the requirement of secure bond which was ordered 78% of the time for felons and 63% of the time for misdemeanants. The use of secure bonds does not impact the likelihood of court appearance and does not address public safety. It is not appropriate to require both a secure bond and pretrial supervision as conditions of bail.
3. Success Rates continue to be good. Felon Court Appearance Rate was 88%, Public Safety Rate was 87%, Misdemeanant Court Appearance Rate was 95% and Public Safety Rate was 91%. Overall, 8 out of 10 felony defendants complete pretrial

supervision successfully and 9 out of 10 misdemeanor defendants complete pretrial supervision successfully.

E. Pretrial: Demographics.

1. Placements/referrals appear to be leveling out. Over the past several years, the use of pretrial supervision has increase substantially; 443 placements in FY 11 to 849 in FY 15. It is forecasted that FY 16 will end with 800 placements.
2. 56% of the placements are felony charges; 445 misdemeanors.
3. The placements are evenly distributed between magistrates and judges.
4. 60% of all defendants are also required to pay secure bond.
5. 76% of all placements originate in general district court; 16% circuit and 8% JDR.
6. 45% of the placements are from Winchester City courts, 47% are from Frederick Co. courts and 5% are from Clarke County courts.

F. Sheriff Roper inquired as to whether any legislative changes occurred in reference to pretrial services. Chief Chmura stated that nothing has passed at the present time.

G. Sheriff Roper further inquired as to how Pretrial was coordinating with Drug Court. Kim Chmura stated that Drug Court is for the high risk and high needs defendants, these individuals will often be placed in State Probation. Vice Chairman, Tim Coyne, concurred regarding this matter.

VI. Adjourn

The next CCJB meeting will be held on July 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. K. Chmura