



Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention

Tuckahoe Library
1901 Starling Drive
Henrico, VA 23229

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April 23, 2024

Members Present

Sallie Amos
Stephanie Ayers
Teresa Berry
Bridgette Bowman
Demetria Davis
Delegate Debra Gardner
Juliana Herbek (Vice Chair)
James Laster
M. Sandra Lawyer
Linda McWilliams (DJJ Proxy)
Melissa Morgan
Dana Partin
Samuel Perez (Chair)
Toni Randall
Katheryn Rowell
Brook Rudis
Kari Savage (DBHDS Proxy)
Doranda Scott (DOE Proxy)
Alexandria Wall

DCJS Staff Present

Carolyn Halbert
Ed Holmes
Greg Hopkins
Laurel Marks
Tony Nelson

Members Absent

Gena Boyle (DSS Proxy)
Valerie Coley
Erik Conyers
Joseph Gong
Robert Gray
Maria Matricardi
Olivia Saunders
Jack White

- I. **ACJJP Member Roll Call** – DCJS staff Greg Hopkins conducted a verbal roll call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – The committee received and reviewed the draft minutes of the February 20, 2024, meeting. Teresa Berry made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bridgette Bowman. The motion was approved unanimously.
- III. **DCJS Updates** -- Tony Nelson updated the committee on JJDP Act compliance and data collection. Mr. Nelson shared that DCJS is in the process of finalizing annual data for the upcoming 2024 Title II Formula Funding application.

Greg Hopkins provided agency updates, including a summary of current grant opportunities and upcoming DCJS-sponsored conferences and trainings.

Mr. Hopkins shared that DCJS received a total of nine Title II applications that the ACJJP Grants Committee will review to make recommendations for funding to the Criminal Justice Services Board, which is ultimately responsible for making awards.

- IV. **2024 Virginia Juvenile Justice Legislation Review** – Greg Hopkins shared with the Committee a summary of juvenile justice legislation that passed during the 2024 General Assembly Session.
- V. **Three-year plan Sub-Committee report out (Priority Areas)** – DCJS staff Greg Hopkins and Committee member Kari Savage provided the Committee with an overview of the three-year priority area recommendations from the Sub-Committee. Ms. Savage shared with the committee the three recommended priority areas:
 - Priority Area 1: Compliance Monitoring & Improvement,
 - Priority Area 2: Serving youth and system-involved youth in their home communities (Prevention) and,
 - Priority Area 3: Increase family engagement and community involvement for youth (Intervention)

Members were invited to provide feedback and engage in discussion on the three priority areas. Brook Rudis made a motion to approve the priority areas as presented, second by Toni Randall; the motion was approved unanimously.

- VI. **Public Comment** – None
- VII. **Next Meeting-** The next scheduled meeting dates are September 17, 2024, and November 12, 2024.
- VIII. **Adjournment-**Meeting adjourned at 11:05am

Facility Tour

After the meeting adjourned, ACJJP Members and DCJS staff attended a tour of the James River Regional Detention Center Tour. The purpose of the facility tour was to provide the ACJJP members with an overview of a local regional detention center and to observe the implementation of the Title II-funded Moral Reconnection Therapy (MRT) program. Additionally, ACJJP members had an opportunity to hear from youth in order to incorporate their voice and perspective in the development of the Virginia three-year plan.