**Prince William County**

**Community Criminal Justice Board**

**April 27, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Brad Marshall, Peter Meletis, Dan Manza, Peggy Anthony, Tara Petty, Antonio Bryer, Tom Garrity, Elijah Johnson, Robert Keller, Terry Fearnley, Anthony Kostelecky attending for Amy Ashworth, Leviticus Bass, Judge Lisa Baird, Tracey Lenox, Jeffrey Homan, Devan Kirk

**ABSENT:** Kerry Davis, Jacqueline Stott, Jennifer Braswell, Carl Dorr, Keith Nguyen, Robert Gudz, Judge Robert Coleman

**STAFF:**  Steve Austin, Tomaudrie Thomas, LaToya Morton, Cassie Wright, Joanna Campos

**CITIZENS:**  None

**GUESTS:**  None

**CALL TO ORDER:**  The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm

**CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS (Item 1)**

Chairman Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all members present for attending the virtual meeting.

**Resolution Finding the Need to Conduct the April 27, 2021, Community Criminal Justice Board Meeting Electronically (Item 2)**

Chairman Brad Marshall asked for a motion to approve the virtual meeting**. The motion was made by Jeffrey Homan and seconded by Robert Keller. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 3)**

Chairman Brad Marshall asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **The motion was made by** **Peggy Anthony and seconded by Jeffrey Homan. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)**

Chairman Brad Marshall asked for a motion to approve the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes. **The motion was made by Peggy Anthony and seconded by Jeffrey Homan. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**CITIZENS TIME (ITEM 5)**

Chairman Brad Marshall asked if there were any citizens present. There were no citizens present.

**EVIDENCE BASED DECISION MAKING UPDATED (EBDM) (ITEM 6)**

Steve Austin announced that the last EBDM Policy meeting met virtually in December. On March 11th both the Opioid and Mental Health subcommittees met jointly and have been working to look at gaps in the system. The subcommittees have decided to embark on a sequential intercept mapping exercise. The exercise will be done as a two-half day virtual event in June focusing on the gaps in local resources for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder and individuals diagnosed with serious mental illness. All members on the EBDM Opioid, Mental Health, and Divert Committees will be invited to participate.

**DCJS QUARTERLY REPORT (ITEM 7)**

Tomaudrie Thomas reviewed the DCJS Quarterly Report for the 3rd quarter FY21 (January 2021- March 2021). She stated the statistics show that this quarter there were 1,363 pretrial placements on supervision and 79% of those placements were placed on an unsecure or recognizance bond. The risk level for individuals placed on supervision was 41% average or above average risk which is more of the target population for supervision. The court appearance rate for individuals on Pretrial was 92%, and the public safety rate was 95% for individuals who made it to court without a new charge.

Data for Local Offenders Probation shows that there was a total of 594 active placements. Of those placements 89% were misdemeanor offenses and 11% were a felony charge. The profile risk level of those individuals placed on probation are 74% low risk and 15% medium risk. The average success rate for Local Offenders Probation is 82% for both misdemeanor and felony charges.

**ROUND TABLE TOPICS (ITEM 8)**

Tomaudrie Thomas announced that the National Center for State Courts and DCJS collaborated to conduct a workload time study with community corrections across the state of Virginia. The purpose of the study is to develop an accurate way to appropriately fund more Community Correction Agencies. The workload study focused on gathering information as to how each agency breaks down their workload. Pretrial and Probation officers from DCJS participated in a survey to document a month’s time frame of their workload and the time it takes them to complete each task. With the data gathered they will develop a funding formula so when agencies receive funding from the state it will be based on the workload of the agency. It is a twelve-month process once all the statistics are gathered. The National Center for State Courts will give DCJS the data to see how state-wide grant funding will be disbursed to Community Corrections Agencies throughout the state in the future.

Tracy Lenox thanked Cassie Wright for helping the Public Defender’s Office with her expertise in looking at the data they are collecting. The Public Defender’s Office will also be implementing the Uptrust System which will allow public defenders to send notifications via text message to remind clients of their court dates. It should be implemented by June. Ms. Lenox also announced that The Public Defenders Office received a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in collaboration with National Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). It is the grant that will be used to obtain a Restorative Justice Program in Prince William County. The Public Defender’s Office has engagement from CS, ACTS, Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, and other local stakeholders; they will also need input from the Police Department. They are looking to develop a Stakeholders Advisory Panel. The initial meeting is scheduled for May 11th.

Anthony Kostelecky announced the Commonwealth attorney’s office has noticed a reduction in secure bonds as well as a reduction in bondsmen.

Steve Austin reported that CJS continues to operate with some covid restrictions. He reports that the virtual treatment groups are going much better. The agency is continuing to use LabCorp for drug testing. He also announced that Prince William county has hired an Equity and Inclusion Director who is working on a plan for the county. There is also a Racial and Social Justice Commission created by the Board of County Supervisors.. The agency is involved in Equity and Inclusion activities internally within staff meetings. He also informed the board that the 2022 DCJS PSA CCCA Grant was submitted and is waiting for a response.

Levi Bass stated that Juvenile residential services are aware of the new ideas about probation programs. Over the past year they have had a consultant working with them to look at the Juvenile Justice improvement in Prince William County and a report will be submitted to the director within the next week, with proposed recommendations as it relates to intervention and preventions in Prince William County.

Jeffrey Homan announced that the Director of Department of Juvenile Justice informed them that their department was recently awarded the Innovation and Government Award from L. Douglas Wilder’s School of Government and Public Affairs at VCU. This was in recognition of the positive outcomes for the Virginia’s court involved youth due to the implementation of the Department of Juvenile Justice transformation plan.

Peggy Anthony announced that District 35 has been doing well in terms of case numbers. They have been doing their best to follow the Compass Assessment and to supervise clients according to the results of the assessment. They currently have more than a third of their cases on low level supervision. She stated that District 35 has been in a Pilot Program for the last several months to do groups on sight, virtually, and as a hybrid model. They have been able to offer Decision Points, Thinking for Change, anger management, parenting skills, evidence-based programs, and peer support groups.

Cassandra Wright announced that there will be an update made to the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI). As of July1st marijuana use will no longer be included in the drug history on the VPRAI. Virginia State Police are trying to expunge records of simple possession of marijuana. Pretrial interviewers will not include marijuana use in risk assessments and it will not be included in criminal history.

Dan Manza stated that Community Services will continue to provide most of their services virtually and are looking to start some normal operating levels. They are currently back at the jail for clients who prefer to have more in person contact.

Chief Magistrate Devan Kirk stated she has been out of the office due to surgery since late March but is willing to participate in any work group or send a magistrate to assist. She reports that they are fully staffed and have one Magistrate currently going through certification school. They have been doing well and have been loaning Magistrates to other jurisdictions in the region who are understaffed. The Manassas audio video magistrate system is currently working. They can now redirect officers to the video and can easily reach an east end Magistrate when Manassas Magistrates are busy with court or other issues that are occurring on the west end.

Peter Meletis gave an update on Covid and announced the Adult Detention Center has one staff member positive. Since Covid started they have had 80 positive cases and 5 staff members hospitalized. They currently have one inmate positive with Covid. There have not been any inmates hospitalized since Covid started. Staff and inmates continue to get vaccinated. They are bringing a few programs back and the instructors going in have been vaccinated. The Drug Treatment Dorm is now open and running as well as the GED school system. Two Re-entry program dorms; Men of New Direction and Women of New Direction program are now open. Peter Meletis announced that their Business systems IT manager passed away from cancer and stated that he will be missed.

Judge Lisa Baird congratulated Jeffrey Homan’s team on the work that has been done especially with Diversion. There has been a 4% recidivism and a 96 % success rate in juveniles who participate. Jeffrey Homan and Kim Keller has been helping them along with Department of Social Services (DSS). They are having partnership meetings with families and are trying to implement that in Juvenile probation.

Thomas Garrity announced the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) will be finalizing the budget and part of that budget is doubling co responder units which has been in full effect since December.

Chairman Marshall announced that he represents the Bar Association and the Private Defense Bar and stated that things are slowly getting back to normal. Chairman Marshall thanked the Board for all their service.

**Adjournment (Item 9)**

Chairperson Brad Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was made by Jeffrey Homan and seconded by Dan Manza. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: July 27, 2021**

**Location: TBD**

**5:00 p.m.**