

Prince William County
Community Criminal Justice Board

April 24, 2025

PARTICIPANTS: Brad Marshall, Judge Rogers, Judge Baird, Judge Elect Susan Butler, Tony Kostecky, Dan Manza, Sonia Vasquez Luna, Tara Moore-Petty, Brandan Dudley, Phyllis Jennings, Kimberly Keller, Tracey Lenox, Tauheeda Yasin, Rachel Taylor, Carrie Stephens, Capt. Hardeman, Allen West, Kenyetta Grigsby, Shalabh Gupta

STAFF: Steve Austin, Tomaudrie Thomas, Amal Hajjami, Ann Trullender, Wendy Dempsey, Sarah Weatherford, Sarah Allen

CITIZEN: Nik Gambir

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS (Item 1)

Chairperson Brad Marshall began the meeting, noting the quorum and the absence of Supervisor Vega due to the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) meeting.

- Judge Baird announced she will be working in Prince William County Circuit Court starting on July 1, 2025. Judge Baird introduced Judge Elect Butler who will be seated at Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court.
- Chairperson Brad Marshall congratulated the following for their promotions, appointments, and hires:
- Allen West for his promotion to Superintendent of the Adult Detention Center.
- Levi Bass for his hire as the Director of the Office of Youth Services.
- Shalabh Gupta has been appointed by the Manassas Park Board as the new Citizen Member Representative. Mr. Gupta replaced Shantae Jones.
- Criminal Justice Services (CJS) hired a new Domestic Violence Program Manager and Administrative Support Supervisor, Sarah Weatherford. Amy Bass retired.
- CJS hired a new Intensive Community Supervision Manager, Christopher Chase.
- CJS hired a new Adult Recovery Court Coordinator, Sarah Allen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

- Chairperson Marshall asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **The motion was made by Sonia Vasquez Luna and seconded by Tony Kostecky. The motion was passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

- Chairperson Marshall requested a motion to approve the January 28, 2025, meeting minutes. **The motion was made by Brandan Dudley and was seconded by Sonia Vasquez Luna. Members voted, and the motion was passed unanimously.**

CITIZEN'S TIME (Item 4) None.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANTS (Item 5) reported by *Steve Austin, CJS & Tara Moore-Petty, MCPD*

- CJS applied for a grant from the Prince William County Bar Foundation to train two veteran mentors at the All-Rise Boot Camp. Mentors play a crucial role in the veteran's docket. The grant proposal was reviewed by our Board of County Supervisors, who appropriated and approved it on June 4, 2025. The grant was awarded.
- The second grant CJS applied for was funded by the Supreme Court of Virginia to support a full-time therapeutic case management position for the Greater Prince William Veterans Treatment Docket (GPWVTD). This grant was awarded to CJS, and the position will be developed in partnership with Community Services. The total grant amount is \$63,484, which covers part of the year. This treatment position will work across various systems to help coordinate better services for veterans.
- The third grant is CJS's annual grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, amounting to \$1,248,735. This funding supports local probation and pretrial services, which constitute about 20% of CJS's budget. The grant allows CJS to provide services in Prince William County, the City of Manassas, and Manassas Park. CJS conducts pretrial investigations to ensure court appearances and monitors clients in the community through programs such as probation and pretrial services. We also provide services aimed at enhancing client success, including treatment programs.
- Tara Moore-Petty from the Manassas City Police Department reported that her department was awarded two grants. The first grant, from Jack Grant, provided funding for casualty care equipment, medical supplies, and a black box lab for the forensic unit. The second grant, from the Black Swan Group, funded the crisis negotiation team to attend a competition in Texas, where they utilized new technology provided by the company. The team placed 9th, gained valuable knowledge, and received the technology as a part of the award. Each of these grants amounted to approximately \$35,000.

FUTURE CCJB MEETING DATES (Item 6)

- The board discussed the best day and time for future board meetings, considering the new schedule-so that the meetings do not conflict with Supervisor Vega's Tuesday BOCS meeting schedule.
- Third Thursdays at 5 PM were proposed and agreed upon and therefore, the next quarterly meeting will be scheduled on July 17.
- The ADC Boardroom availability for future meetings was confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARD (Item 7) presented by *Chair Brad Marshall*

- Chairperson Brad Marshall presented Judge Baird with a service award for her over 30 years of dedication to the criminal justice system. The board expressed gratitude for Judge Baird's leadership.
- Judge Baird expressed gratitude and will start her new role in Prince William County, Circuit Court on July 1, 2025.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY INDEX & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW

(Item 8) presented by *Tauheeda Yasin, Ph.D.*, Director of Office of Community Safety and *Rachel Taylor*, DV/IPV, Office of Community Safety

- Dr. Yasin stated that the office was established in 2022 as an important initiative within our county, mainly in response to the alarming rise in youth violence. The agency focus has expanded to encompass a more holistic view of community safety, targeting three primary areas of concern. The main objective is to proactively prevent residents from becoming involved in potentially dangerous situations. As individuals exit various systems, such as the Adult Detention Center (ADC) or Juvenile Detention Center (JDC), it is critical that they are connected to vital community resources that can support their reintegration.
- Rachel Taylor, Domestic Violence Interventionist (DVIP) and her work primarily revolves around issues of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault.
- One of the central themes that the office is focused on improving systems integration throughout the county. This means fostering a coordinated response among all agencies, scrutinizing existing gaps in services and implementing effective solutions, while utilizing a system-based, evidence-driven approach.
- Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. This interagency team is specifically tasked with examining fatalities resulting from domestic violence within the county. The goal is to develop better protocols and strategies that can help mitigate such tragedies in the future.
- Neighborhood Safety Index, which is a comprehensive data dashboard being developed. This tool will help to analyze and visualize safety across the entire county by assessing various neighborhood factors.
 Environmental Factors: Assessing the availability of green spaces and identifying opportunities to incorporate more green areas, which can alleviate certain safety concerns.
 Social Aspects of Health: Analyzing the impact of poverty, housing stability, and access to essential healthcare services, including Medicaid and Medicare.
 Transportation Safety: Evaluating traffic conditions and pedestrian safety to understand how these factors influence the overall safety of our neighborhoods.
 Data Dashboard encompasses a wide array of safety issues.
- Domestic violence intervention historically began with the Criminal Justice Services (CJS) team. Using the ODARA tool along with the Domestic Violence Work Group, Rachel Taylor has been working in the DV/IPV space, where she has been mapping out responses across twenty agencies to identify gaps and opportunities for improvement.
- Ms. Taylor reported that her team is tasked with triaging high-risk cases by collaborating with various departments, including the Police Department (PD), Adult Protection

Services, and the Department of Social Services (DSS) that also focuses on housing services. Additionally, Ms. Taylor is conducting case consultations for domestic violence and safety assessments, further enhancing response efforts. She continued to report that she is networking among various agencies.

- The agency has acquired a new coordinator, Jennifer Kooyoomjian. Her previous role was with the Office of Youth Services. She is working with at-risk youth aged 10 to 21 years old. She has successfully connected with the Police Department and the React team, as well as those working at the neighborhood level to facilitate referrals for at-risk youth. She can accept referrals from across the entire county, although the waitlist is about 30 days.
- The Board's collaboration would greatly enhance community safety efforts.
- A copy of Dr. Yasin's and Ms. Taylor's PowerPoint Presentation was emailed to members.

RECOVERY COURT DOCKET UPDATE (Item 9) presented by *Sarah Allen*, Adult Recovery Court Coordinator, CJS

- Sarah Allen provided an update on the Adult Recovery Court (ARC), explaining its purpose, eligibility criteria, and phases.
- The Adult recovery court program in Prince William County, established in 2022, is a voluntary initiative aimed at supporting residents with substance use disorders who are involved in the justice system. This program lasts a minimum of fourteen months and provides intensive treatment and supervision through evidence-based practices. Participants must be assessed as high risk and high need, meaning they are at significant risk for reoffending and require comprehensive support.
- She reported that the program focuses on collaboration through a non-adversarial interdisciplinary team, which includes intensive substance use treatment, mental health counseling, and life skills training. The primary goals include reducing recidivism, increasing accountability, and improving treatment outcomes while enhancing public safety. Participants must meet specific eligibility criteria, such as residing in Prince William County, having current felony charges (excluding gun charges), no violent felony convictions in the past ten years, and a willingness to engage in treatment.
- The ARC operates in stages, with five phases designed to help participants achieve attainable goals like sobriety and stable housing. Each phase has specific milestones, guiding participants on their recovery journey while addressing their individual needs and criminogenic factors. The program involves various stakeholders, including the circuit court, public defender's office, and community service providers, working together to ensure accountability and support for participants throughout the process.
- The court operates on a voluntary basis, providing intensive treatment and supervision for justice-involved individuals with substance use disorders.
- Data on the court's demographics and geographic distribution are shared, along with the governance structure and referral process.
- The team has recently expanded by adding a case manager, Alexis Davis, through a grant from the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES). This enhancement improves case coordination and develops integrated case plans to better support participants. Ms. Davis focuses on both immediate needs, such as food assistance, and long-term capacity building, ensuring sustainable impacts. The program aims to remove barriers to

participation in services like housing and transportation while fostering skills development, particularly in financial literacy. Recent recovery court data shows a total of 18 participants—13 males and 5 females—comprised of various racial and ethnic backgrounds. The team plans to reapply for the grant annually to continue these efforts.

- A copy of Ms. Allen's PowerPoint presentation was emailed to members.

EVIDENCE BASED DECISION MAKING & PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT UPDATE

(Item 10) reported by *Steve Austin*, Director, CJS.

- Steve Austin provided an overview of the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) initiative launched in 2015 in Prince William, Manassas, and Manassas Park. Emphasis on utilizing data and research to enhance decision-making in the criminal justice system across various stages (arrest, charging, and release).
- Updates from the EBDM Group - Mr. Austin continued reporting that the group meets regularly to collaborate on ongoing projects. Office of Community Safety: Discussion on applying EBDM principles, focusing on prevention initiatives. Resource List Development: A comprehensive list of community services is being created, incorporating GIS mapping to identify resources like recovery residences; which will be public eventually. Mental Health and Opioid Subcommittee- Monthly meetings focus on prevention and advocacy efforts. - Topics include neighborhood safety index and improvements in medication-assisted treatment (JMAT) in the Adult Detention Center (ADC). -
- Currently, there are 74 participants in the JMAT program, showing positive outcomes with a decrease in diversion numbers. Plans to hire a full-time Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) nurse for improved patient care and links to community resources, especially through partnerships with George Mason University.
- Introduction of MAT in ADC: A significant policy shift allows the introduction of medication for inmates while in custody to facilitate treatment continuity during re-entry into the community. - Focus on addressing substance use disorders and mental health challenges, promoting support and successful reintegration.
- Navigator Grant Acquisition- Discussion on securing a grant for navigator positions to support jail programs. - Emphasis on the value of including peers with lived experiences to assist individuals.
- Update on PSA by Tomaudrie Thomas- Ms. Thomas reported on the implementation of the new DCJS case management system and associated data transfer challenges. - Currently, the team is unable to provide probation data and is focusing on pretrial data.
- Noted that 100% of eligible individuals have been assessed for arraignment, with a breakdown of assessments conducted with and without interviews. - Interviews aim to collect additional information for judges regarding residency and employment status.
- Supervision Levels Overview- Ms. Thomas outlined supervision recommendations: - 55% assessed at level one (no supervision recommended). - Smaller percentages in levels two and three, with level three indicating the highest risk.
- Ongoing discussions with the courts will focus on refining processes and improving assessment outcomes.

DCJS QUARTERLY REPORT/DATA REPORT (Item 11) Not available due to PSLP transition.

ROUND TABLE TOPICS (Item 12) *Members*

- Steve Austin: The discussion centers around the dissemination of criminal history information to defense attorneys in the context of bail hearings. The group discussed that while Commonwealth attorneys and the courts have access to criminal history through the VCIN and NCIC databases, defense attorneys do not have the same access.
- Mr. Austin continued by reporting that recent guidance from VA State Police dictates that criminal history summaries, which had been provided in reports, must immediately be ceased to be disseminated to defense attorneys to comply with legal restrictions. We are hoping to come up with acceptable solutions soon to address this issue.
- Tracey Lenox reported that this creates a disadvantage for defense attorneys, who rely on this information for bail arguments, especially given the tight timelines during arraignments. There is a call seeking clarifications and potential solutions, such as court orders, to find a middle ground that allows for fairer access to criminal history information while adhering to legal guidelines.
- Tracey Lenox also reported that Prince William County will hire a full time Spanish Language Interpreter for the Public Defender's Office. It is a state funded position.
- Judge Rogers, General District Court announced that Judge Fernando Villarroel will join the court on July 1, 2025. This addition aims to improve case flow, particularly for criminal trials, by having a judge available later in the morning. The goal is to expedite the trial process and reduce congestion when cases are ready for trial. Feedback on the change is welcomed, and they are excited to have a sixth judge to enhance their operations.
- Captain Brandan Dudley, Prince William County Police Department, oversees the Violent Crimes Unit and special investigations. He announced that this may be his last meeting, as he will be moving to the Office of Professional Standards soon. Captain Eileen Welsh, the current western district commander, will take over his position. Chair Brad Marshall thanked Capt. Dudley for his service on board.
- Tony Kostelecky, Chief of Staff at the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, shared the sad news of the sudden passing of colleague Mike Phipps, a veteran of the office for over 30 years, who previously worked as a defense attorney. The team is still mourning his loss and recently held a heartfelt service to honor him as they continue their work. The Board extended its condolences to Mr. Kostelecky.
- Superintendent West announced that the ADC has created a new senior communications position to enhance their public engagement and branding efforts. This person will manage press releases, social media, and events to promote the positive work being done, particularly in mental health services, the MAP program, and reentry efforts. The goal is to raise awareness among the citizens of Prince William County about the valuable services offered, as much of their work has been behind the scenes. The job is currently posted, and they encourage referrals from those in the relevant field.

- Kimberly Keller, the Court Service Unit Director, discussed the use of interventions like EPICS, which has been adapted into a program called FOCUS (Focus on Clients Under Supervision) by DJJ. This program emphasizes life skills, cognitive behavioral interventions, and social skills rather than just basics like registering to vote or getting a license. A new disposition recommendation tool, known as DIRT, is being implemented to assess clients more effectively and provide tailored recommendations for supervision levels. Additionally, a recent statewide workload assessment revealed the challenges of managing cases with limited staff, and there has been a lifting of the hiring freeze, allowing for new positions to be filled. Please check the Virginia State website for postings.

ADJOURNMENT (Item 13) Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2025, 5:00 p.m. at the Adult Detention Center Boardroom.