

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY 2010, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

James G. Kennedy, Chairman, Stonehouse District
Mary Jones, Vice Chair, Berkeley District
Bruce C. Goodson, Roberts District
James O. Icenhour, Jr., Powhatan District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator
Leo P. Rogers, County Attorney

C. BOARD DISCUSSIONS

I. Colonial Community Corrections – Evidence-Based Practices (EBP)

Ms. Diana Hutchens, Manger of Community Services and Director of Social Services, introduced Ms. Katie Green, Director of Colonial Community Corrections and Mr. Lester Wingrove, Chief of the District 434 Office of Probation and Parole.

Ms. Green gave an overview of the purpose of CCC, pretrial services, criminal justice planning, and other services provided. She noted that the CCC was multi-jurisdictional. She noted that Mr. Wingrove was primarily in charge of the State-controlled prisoner population.

Mr. Wingrove stated his office under the Department of Corrections (DOC), Office of Probation and Parole, served the same jurisdictions as CCC and the departments worked together and shared resources. He commented on research that allows the services to be provided more efficiently and on effective ways of monitoring people in the community without putting undue stress on jails.

Ms. Green stated that Evidence-Based Practices has provided research for several decades. She noted that the purpose was to use scientific research to reduce crime and reduce recidivism. She commented on the process and risk assessment of individuals to determine eligibility. She commented on the evaluation of risk factors for each individual.

Mr. Wingrove defined recidivism as any conviction after being entered into the system. He stated that the purpose was to reduce recidivism and reduce costs by reducing the number of individuals that go into jail.

Ms. Green reviewed the risk assessment and case planning for each individual to reduce recidivism. She commented that in Virginia, CCC is engaged in a statewide project to validate the process across the population and screen out low-risk offenders.

Mr. Wingrove commented that different risk assessments are used for the two different agencies. He stated that "the tool" helped determine which offenders need the most attention and resources. Ms. Green commented that "the tool" used by CCC is a public domain assessment tool that has been modified to apply to this area. She commented that within the first ten pilot sites, almost every locality has about 60 percent low-level supervision. She stated they were in the process of validating the risk assessment instrument. She noted that all CCC staff and District 34 staff were trained on the instrument and case planning training was forthcoming for CCC.

Mr. Goodson asked which population of offenders was put through this process.

Mr. Wingrove stated that from the DOC perspective, it applies to all criminals. He stated that the violent criminals can be determined through the assessment tool and through examination of previous criminal convictions. He stated that the non-violent offenders do not receive the level of resources that violent offenders receive.

Mr. Wanner asked about the crime criteria to receive the alternatives to incarceration.

Mr. Wingrove stated that the people that are seen are those who have been convicted of a crime with a prison sentence of one year or more.

Mr. Goodson asked about the level of drug and alcohol-related offenses and the correlation to the types of violent crimes.

Ms. Green stated that their primary concern was to determine if drug and alcohol problems were occurring and if elimination of those problems would reduce recidivism.

Mr. Goodson stated that changing the law in the General Assembly would likely not change the process.

Mr. Wingrove stated that was correct. He stated that the court where the person was tried would help determine whether he/she would be served by Adult Probation and Parole, or CCC.

Mr. Wanner asked about the relationship with the magistrates.

Ms. Green stated that she had cooperation with the magistrates at the pre-trial stage, and if someone is non-compliant, sanctions can be enforced through the magistrate.

Mr. McGlennon commented that there seemed to be constant evaluation.

Ms. Green stated that an after-care program was being developed to perpetuate the support systems that have developed.

Mr. McGlennon asked if the program participants were incorporated into the after-care program.

Ms. Green stated that there was a mentoring program being developed and volunteers spent time with offenders at the jail to make a plan for after they were released.

Mr. Wingrove stated that changes are being made to improve the process.

Mr. McGlennon asked how long the process has been going on.

Ms. Green stated that CCC has participated for five years, but other localities have been using the process for longer.

Mr. Icenhour stated he determined that recidivism rates were the best evaluation tool. He asked what the projection would be on the effectiveness of the program.

Ms. Green stated that there has been a slight decrease in technical infractions in the early stages of evaluation.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Goodson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the Consideration of a Personnel Matter Involving the Six-Month Performance Evaluation of the County Administrator.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: McGlennon, Goodson, Icenhour, Jones, Kennedy (5). NAY: (0).

At 4:42 p.m., the Board recessed into Closed Session.

At 5:15 p.m., Mr. Kennedy reconvened the Board.

Mr. McGlennon made a motion to adopt the Closed Session resolution.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: McGlennon, Goodson, Icenhour, Jones, Kennedy (5). NAY: (0).

RESOLUTION

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

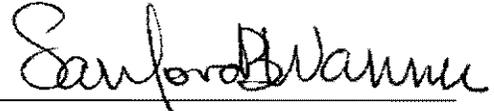
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, (Board) has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge: i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and ii) only such public business matters were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board as were identified in the motion, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, to consider a personnel matter, the six-month performance evaluation of the County Administrator.

E. BREAK

At 5:17 p.m. the Board broke for dinner.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sanford B. Wanner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

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