

Minutes - Rockingham/Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB)

Virtual Meeting

December 14, 2020 - 4:00 p.m. EST

Board Members –

Marsha Garst – Commonwealth’s Attorney

Eric Campbell – City Manager

Ande Banks, Deputy City Manager

Eric English – Chief, Harrisonburg Police Department

Chaz Haywood – Clerk of Circuit Court

Bryan Hutcheson – Sheriff, Rockingham County & City of Harrisonburg

Ellen Harrison – Community Services Board

Nancy Insko, Rockingham Harrisonburg Page Re-Entry Council

Christopher Jones - City of Harrisonburg Council Member / CCJB Chairperson

Stephen King – County Administrator

Rick Chandler – Rockingham County Board Member

Kevin Lanoe - James Madison University Public Safety - *Absent*

Celeste Williams - Department of Social Services

Oskar Scheikl – Rockingham County School Superintendent - *Absent*

Judge Bruce Albertson

Michael Richards – Harrisonburg City School Superintendent

Joshua Lutz - Chief, Probation & Parole District 39

Judge John Hart - *Absent*

Judge Anthony Bailey - *Absent*

Louis Nagy – Defense Attorney

Monica Martin – Chief Magistrate – *Absent*

Celeste Williams – Social Services

Non-Board Attendees -

Anne Marie Freeman – Director, Court Services

S. Frank Sottaceti- Harrisonburg / Rockingham Criminal Justice Planner

Ruth Jost

- I. Introduction by Chairperson Chris Jones and Roll Call
- II. Chairman Jones moved for approval of the September 2020 Minutes, motion made by Mr. King, seconded by Chaz Haywood and approved by the Board. No Opposed.
- III. Work-Release Program Overview by Ms. Tina Hoover and Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative.
- IV. Frank Sottaceti provided an update on the activities of the Criminal Justice Planner. Ongoing data collection and preliminary data analysis is being conducted and will continue to expand as capabilities are identified and developed.

- V. Dr. Nancy Insko provided an update for the Recidivism/Probation Violation Workgroup. Dr. Insko spoke about the from the Prison Policy Initiative report that was sent-out prior to the CCJB Meeting [“Does our County Really Need a Bigger Jail?”](#) Dr. Insko spoke about the Pre-Charge Diversion Program being conducted in Augusta County. The cities of Staunton and Waynesboro have opted not to participate. Dr. Insko’s Institute is conducting case management for the Program. Dr. Insko also discussed the Comprehensive Opioid/Stimulant and Substance Abuse Program for which her Institute is performing the assessment and case plan and referrals to service providers. The effect will be unknown for 18-24 months.
- VI. Alternatives Committee - Ms. Jost spoke about The Sentencing Project’s document that was sent-out prior to the CCJB Meeting by the [“Decarceration Strategies: How 5 States Achieved Substantial Prison Population Reductions”](#). Ms. Jost also mentioned the upcoming Middle River Regional Jail Authority Board Meeting in February 2021 regarding the expansion project.
- VII. Harrisonburg Rockingham Department of Social Services (DSS) provided an update on the initiative to perform Reentry Planning. A full-time DSS employee has started at DSS and will be performing as a Reentry Coordinator and dedicated to assisting incarcerated individuals in a proactive manner.

VIII. Operational Updates

- A. Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail Statistics
Sheriff Hutcheson provided an update on jail statistics as of December 9, 2020, for the RHRJ and MRRJ. See attached report for details.
- B. Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board (CSB)
Ms. Harrison provided a written report for an update on CSB activities and wanted to make the CCJB aware of the “Marcus Alert” information that was sent to Members prior to the CCJB Meeting.
- C. Court Services – See attached report for details.
- D. District 39 Probation and Parole - See attached report for details.

VI. New Business

- A. Chairperson Jones moved for approval of the Calendar Year 2021 CCJB Meeting schedule. The dates of March 1st, June 7th, September 13th and December 6th were specified. Mr. Josh Lutz made a motion for Approval. Ms. Ellen Harrison Seconded. No Opposed.
- B. Mr. Louis Nagy who represented the CCJB membership as a defense attorney notified the CCJB that he was resigning from the CCJB. He thanked the CCJB for his opportunity to serve on the Board for the past six-years.

VII. Public Comment

- a. Mr. Harvey Yoder, a Rockingham County resident inquired whether there would be any public hearing regarding the expansion at Middle River Regional Jail. Chairperson Jones responded that comments regarding the Middle River Regional Jail should be directed to a resident's respective governing body of the City or County.

5:27 pm Meeting Adjourned
