

Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board
Meeting of Members
Minutes
July 19, 2016

The Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board meeting was called to order at the Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality Drive, Front Royal, Virginia 22630 on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6:42 p.m.

Present:

Stephen M. Gyurisin, Chairman
Tim Coyne, Vice Chairman
Beverly Brown Schulke, PhD
Nancy Haden
Brian Madden
Brenda Garton
Chief Neal White
Chief Monica Martin
Chief Tessie Lam
The Honorable W. Dale Houff

Staff Present:

Andrea Cosans
Trish Lowery
Kim Chmura
Rebecca Dotson
Annie Hammer

Absent:

Sheriff Tony Roper
The Honorable Dennis L. Hupp
The Honorable William Sharp
The Honorable Ian R. D. Williams

I. Call to Order

Mr. Gyurisin called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. Mr. Gyurisin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Schulke moved to approve the agenda. There was unanimous approval of the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The members reviewed the meeting minutes from April 19, 2016. A motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2016 was made by Dr. Schulke and seconded by Ms. Haden. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Board Membership is current.

V. New Business

A. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: In accordance with the By-Laws, a nominating committee should be developed in preparation of electing a new Chairman and Vice Chair at the annual meeting in October. Mr. Gyurisin assigned the following board members to the nominating committee: Dr. Schulke, Mr. Coyne, Chief Lam and Ms. Garton. This subcommittee should meet prior to our next CCJB meeting.

B. Pretrial Services:

1. ODCS is applying for a grant to expand pretrial services to Shenandoah and Warren Counties. A stakeholders meeting is scheduled for this Friday. There should be more to report at the October meeting.
2. Pretrial had 797 placements this fiscal year; about 50 less than last year.
3. Generally, about 60% of our placements have secure bonds.
4. The Courts referred 55% of our placements and 45% are referred by the Magistrates.
5. Average length of supervision for felons was 6 months which is about 1 month longer than last year. ALOS for misdemeanants was about 3 months, 21 days shorter than last year.
6. Due to the utilization of the Praxis grid, the risk distribution level changed from last year. Previously there were about 20% low/below average defendants. Due to recommending detention during more arraignment hearings for higher risk defendants, it has impacted risk distribution percentages increasing low/below average defendants to about 30%.
7. Risk assessment completion rate for video arraignment is 68%, 11 points higher than last year. This is quite an accomplishment. Of those defendants who are seen at video arraignment, 57% were ordered released, down 23 points from last year, again as a result of applying the new research results with using the Praxis grid.
8. It is noted that due to financial obligations, 69 defendants with orders of release remained in jail through disposition of the charge.

C. Pretrial Performance Measures:

1. Misdemeanant success rate: 82%. Court Appearance Rate 95%. Public Safety Rate 97%.
2. Felon success rate: 73%. Court Appearance Rate 91%. Public Safety Rate 87%.
3. Of the 740 closed cases, 15 unsuccessful placements had a new charge that was violent in nature. Twenty-eight (28) were unsuccessful due to a new drug charge. Defendants who are on pretrial supervision for misdemeanor charges and receive new charges; typically are charged with new misdemeanor offenses. The same is true for felons on supervision; if they receive new charges, most often the new charges are felonies.
4. The best indicator for compliance is the VPRAI risk level, regardless of the condition of secure bond or not:

VPARI Risk Level	Success Rate
Low	90%
Below Average	86%
Average	81%
Above Average	71%
High	66%

D. Local Probation

1. There were 326 probation referrals for this year, FY 16.
2. About 63% were deferred disposition cases.

3. FY 16: 10,344 community service hours completed. \$65,864 paid in court costs/fines and restitution.
4. Average length of supervision for misdemeanants 260 days; felons 345 days.
5. Risk distribution changed from FY 15 to FY 16. Last year, 54% of the probationers were low risk, and it is now only 45%. Chief Chmura is uncertain as to why this change has occurred.

E. Local Probation: Performance Measures

1. Overall Success: Misdemeanants 75%, Felons 60%. Risk level continues to be a good predictor of success. As risk level increases, so does non-compliance.
2. Ms. Haden inquired as to what should be the felon success rate target. Chief Chmura responded that ODCS shoots for 80% success rate, but the statewide average is around 70%.

F. New Laws: COV Section 18.2-57.3 was reviewed. It appears that JDR Courts must require 1st offenders charged with assault and battery of a family member to completed treatment or education and that this may be done through Court Services. It is hopeful that this law will increase placements from JDR Courts who seldom refers anyone to supervised probation. There is another new law outlining FOIA regulations and training. Ms. Garton stated that Chief Chmura needs to contact Karen Vacchio to ensure compliance.

G. Drug Court: Mr. Coyne provided a brief update of the drug court.

VI. Adjourn

The next CCJB meeting will be held on October 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. K. Chmura