

Rockingham/Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB)

**County Administration Center
Conference A-C (Fire & Rescue Room)
December 4, 2017 @ 4:00pm**

Agenda

- I.** Open meeting – Chairman Kyger
 - II.** Approve minutes dated September 18, 2017
 - III.** Community Services Board Mental Health Services – Ellen Harrison
 - IV.** Data System Update
 - V.** Education Continuity for Juvenile & Adults in Criminal Justice System – Dr. Kizner
 - VI.** Drug Court Update – Marsha Garst
 - VII.** Sub-Committee workgroup – Judge John Paul
 - VIII.** Informational Updates Attached
 - A. Rockingham Regional Jail Statistics
 - B. Day Reporting Center
 - C. Court Services
 - IX.** Re-Entry Council Survey on Family Members of Inmates – Harvey Yoder
 - X.** CCJB Structure and Organization to Coordinate Efforts
 - XI.** New Business
 - B. 2018 Meeting Dates - proposed
 - March 19, 2018
 - June 25, 2018
 - September 24, 2018
 - December 3, 2018
 - XII.** Public Comment
- Adjournment

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

County Administration Center, Fire & Rescue Classroom
September 18, 2017 - 4:00p.m.

Board members present –

Marsha Garst –Commonwealth Attorney
Bryan Hutcheson – Sheriff, Rockingham County & City of Harrisonburg
Jimmy Wimer - Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail
William Kyger – Rockingham County Board Member
Stephen King – County Administrator
Ande Banks – Deputy City Manager
Louis Nagy – Defense Attorney
Celeste Williams - Department of Social Services
Ellen Harrison – Community Services Board
Richard Sites– Harrisonburg Police Department
Lee Shifflett - Chief, James Madison University Public Safety
Christopher Jones - City of Harrisonburg Council Member
Dr. Oskar Scheikl – Rockingham County School Superintendent
Dr. Scott Kizner – Harrisonburg City School Superintendent
Monica Martin – Chief Magistrate

Judges present (abstain from the vote) –

Judge Clark Ritchie – Circuit Court
Judge William Eldridge – General District Court

Board Members Absent –

Chaz Haywood – Clerk of Circuit Court

Staff present –

Ann Marie Freeman, Director, Court Services Unit

Mr. Kyger opened the meeting at 4:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the Rockingham/Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board meeting. Welcomed new member Oskar Scheikl, Rockingham County Public School Superintendent

On motion by Marsha Garst, seconded by Ellen Harrison, the April 24, 2017 minutes were approved, the motion passed unanimously.

REPORT – HARRISONBURG ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (HRCSB)

Ellen Harrison, Community Services Board Executive Director, gave an update on the mental health services provided in the jail. Additional information is in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item III

REPORT – DATA SYSTEM UPDATE

Mr. Banks reported both demonstrations have been completed. The working group will visit two customer sites and hope to secure a contract by mid-December and that would lead to a six to eight month implantation plan.

REPORT - Education Continuity for Juvenile & Adults in Criminal Justice System

No report. Mr. Kizner has been appointed to the State Juvenile Justice Board

DRUG COURT INITIATIVE – MARSHA GARST

The Drug Court application was approved by the Supreme Court. A training initiative grant was applied for through the National Association of Drug Court. We have visited Augusta County and the Winchester Drug Court. The anticipated start date is October 1st, which is very ambitious. One of the impediments we have is finding non-defense practicing attorneys who will volunteer for the weekly treatment meetings. This is a great opportunity for pro bono work. This program is for very high risk offenders and is also being done without Federal Funding.

UPDATE ON SUB-COMMITTEE WORKGROUP

Ms. Hill handed out material on the upcoming Community Criminal Justice Days hosted by the Institute for Reform & Solutions. The conference will be on October 18 & 19 at Blue Ridge Community College. Topics include families & offenders, re-entry, family resources, specialty courts and statewide candidates. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Ms. Jost had a list of questions she handed out to departments previous to the meeting regarding Restorative Justice.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. ROCKINGHAM HARRISONBURG REGIONAL JAIL STATISTICS

The information provided in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item VIII (A) provides a general overview of the jail statistics for April 2017 – September 2017. A general question was asked regarding the Hispanic population and it is calculated within the white population.

B. DAY REPORTING SERVICES

Additional information was handed out regarding the Day Reporting Program.

C. COURT SERVICES

Mrs. Freeman reported that 419 offenders were placed on supervision as of June 30, 2017 and 596 defendants were placed on Pretrial. Additional information is in the packet of materials listed as Agenda Item VIII (C).

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. King reported that the HVAC system will be upgraded in the entire jail facility within the next year. At 4:22 p.m., Chairman Kyger recessed the meeting for five minutes before public comment.

At 4:28 p.m., Chairman Kyger called the meeting back to order and opened the public comment section of the meeting.

Harvey Yoder, Co-Chair of the Family Support Committee for the RE-Entry Council. With the consent and cooperation of the Sheriff's Department, one hundred surveys were given to inmate families and eighty were received back. An analysis of the surveys is being done by interns at Mary Baldwin College. This report will be added to the agenda at the next meeting. Concern was expressed regarding the \$1 a day fee on top of the commissary, telephone cost. Item 5 (see attached Survey) regarding inmates being able to attend job training and skills classes while incarcerated was a top concern. A request was made to see if electronic tablets can be provided for more educational opportunities.

Wynonah Hogan, Rocktown Justice, commented on spending time in jail during a pregnancy. Can we start to see how we can make jail a little more comfortable for those that are expecting and would like to focus on seeing these women have a more wholesome experience.

Evan Nathumburger commented on whether this group has visited a jail and encouraged those who hadn't to do so. Ms. Garst commented that is a very good point and with her many travels throughout the state she has visited around 100 jail/prisons and stated we have a very nice jail compared to most.

Steven Thomas, North East Neighborhood, asked Dr. Kizner for clarification regarding his comment that Latinos are grouped with white prisoners on the population sheet. Sheriff Hutcheson commented yes that is correct and that is how the state classifies inmates. Mr. Thomas commented on one tool used by municipalities across the country to deal with recidivism rates and there is a national movement to end money bail. There was a short discussion on the jail numbers and how many inmates are eligible for bail at this time.

Tom Domonoske appreciated the agenda and packet made available on the website before the meeting. Mr. Domonoske also spoke regarding the jail data and is not clear on what the numbers mean and would like to see additional information on those incarcerated and the statistics on the 222 inmates awaiting trial with pending charges are not bond eligible. He also requested as an agenda item a report on the Quarterly Meetings held at MRRJ.

Chairman Kyger adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Next meeting will be December 4, 2017 @ 4pm.



Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail Mental Health Services Provided by Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB Quarterly Update

Over the last eleven months, HRCSB has provided a full-time case management position to support incarcerated individuals who are experiencing mental health distress. The Jail Services Case Manager is located at the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail (RHRJ) and conducts assessments, screenings for psychiatric services, completes safety contacts, coordinates release planning, and facilitates educational groups in the designated mental health pod.

In the previous three months (September 1, – November 26, 2017), the Jail Services Case Manager provided 161 contacts to 103 unique individuals. Since January 1, 2017, the Jail Services Case Manager provided a total of 684 individual contacts to 371 unique incarcerated individuals. Of those 371 individuals, 33% were female and 67% were male. The primary services rendered were related to initial assessment and follow-up which accounted for 39% of all contacts; with 25% of contacts encompassing safety contacts.

Services Rendered By Jail Services Case Manager	
Services Provided	Percent to total
Assessment/Follow-up	39%
Monitoring	5%
Release Planning	12%
Safety/Crisis	25%
Screening for Psychiatric Services	19%

There are several ways individuals can be identified as needing mental health services from the Jail Services Case Manager.

32% of all contacts within the past eleven months with the HRCSB Case Manager were initiated via self-referral by the incarcerated individual. The primary behavioral health related concern identified continues to be substance use representing 41% of total contacts; with the second greatest concern being adjustment disorder.

Primary Issue	Percent to total
Mood Disorder	10%
Adjustment Disorder	30%
Drug / Alcohol Abuse	41%
Thought Disorder	5%
Bipolar	4.5%
Anxiety	8.5%
Deferred Diagnosis	1%

During the 24 months prior (2015-2017), HRCSB provided 20 hours per week of mental health services by a licensed clinician. During this time, 648 incarcerated individuals were seen by the HRCSB clinician, with 55% of conacts initiated as self-referrals and



having identified substance use as their primary concern. The result of adding 50% more time to the mental health position in the jail (January 2017) is a doubling of the number of persons who received HRCSB services while incarcerated.

The Jail Services Case Manager has provided psychoeducational groups in the mental health pod as time allowed. These groups focus on skill building with the individuals associated with symptom management, interpersonal skill development and distress tolerance. Additional mental health and substance use groups, for men and women, continue to be offered in the general population on a weekly basis as well.

HRCSB's Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner continues to provide psychiatric evaluations and medication management services 3.5 hours per week. In the last eleven months, 373 medication related services were provided to 171 unique individuals. Of the 373 services, 76 were initial psychiatric evaluations and 297 were medication management follow-up appointments.

Finally, the Jail Services Case Manager started working with RHRJ staff to outline a process for addressing the outcomes of the Brief Jail Mental Health Screening form as required by the Virginia General Assembly for all incarcerated individuals. Since July 2017, results from the brief screenings identified 131 persons as having a mental health concern. We continue to work to prioritize the mental health resources we have available to best meet the needs of those individuals incarcerated at the regional jail.

Rockingham-Harrisonburg Drug Court

We are excited to be partnering with our local Commonwealth Attorney's Office and the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Services Unit to implement a Drug Court Program for our community. We have hired a Drug Court Case Manager who will be part of the multidisciplinary Drug Court Team. The Drug Court Case Manager's role will be to assist participants in accessing treatment services, identifying any barriers to treatment and assisting clients in overcoming said barriers, monitoring their progress and providing support as appropriate to participants. Participants will be assessed utilizing the ASAM criteria (named after the American Society of Addiction Medicine) to determine the appropriate level of clinical care. As a partner, we will be one of the primary providers accepting referrals for treatment. We are estimating a total enrollment in the program to not exceed 24 participants in the first year. We are looking forward to this partnership and the ability to support each participant in their recovery.

Rockingham and MRRJ numbers for November 29, 2017

RHRJ total Population	311	(Bond eligible=14)
258 males/ 53 females		
White	242	
Black	69	
Asian	0	
Federal inmates	6	
Pretrial/Charges pending	205	
Probation Violations	77	
Possession of Marijuana	0	
Total held at MRRJ	182	
Pretrial/Charges pending	1	
Probation Violations	87	

<u>Out of compliance Rockingham</u>		<u>Out of compliance MRRJ</u>	
60-150	17	60-150	49
151-300	3	151-300	28
301-500	1	301-500	13
(Total	21)	(Total	90)

Day Report Center Update

December 4, 2017

The DRC is continuing to go well we have been able to serve 61 participants this year.

We currently have 8-men and 3-women in the program

This year we have added a parenting group to our curriculum. Going into 2018 our hope is to facilitate and develop circle groups with specific clients and their families which will aid in building support as well as understanding.

On September 19th we established an office in Elkton VA at the EAUS Client Services Building. The office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9am – 1pm. We've been able to serve 5 clients so far at this location. The reason behind the Elkton office is to be in position to be more accessible to our clients that may be traveling from the Shenandoah/Elkton area.

Housing has been a growing need. We have had several clients that did not have anywhere to stay or were in the process of being evicted with children who needed services.

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Day Report Program Manager

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Court Services Unit Update

Probation

Total number placed on Supervision for FY18 as of September 30, 2017 - 78 offenders

Probation supervision provides sentencing alternatives to the judiciary and supervise offenders through intermediate sanctions consistent with the community's views. The Program will hold the offender accountable to the community for his/her criminal behavior through payment of restitution, fines and court costs, performance of community service work, and completion of treatment or any other special condition as ordered by the court.

Pretrial

Total number placed on Supervision as of September 30, 2017 - 124 defendants

Total number of screenings - 532 defendants

Pretrial services agencies provide information and investigative services to judicial officers to help them decide whether persons charged with certain offenses and awaiting trial need to be held in jail or can be released to their communities subject to supervision. Pretrial is an alternative to incarceration. Virginia pretrial agencies currently use an objective and research-based risk assessment to assess risk of flight and danger to the community posed by pretrial defendants. This assessment is known as the VPRAI.

Electronic Monitoring FY18 - As of September 30, 2017

GPS - 12 installed

TAD/SoberLink - 2 installed

Work Program - Litter Control Program

As of September 30, 2017 for FY18, a total of 339 bags of trash collected. There were 130 participants that worked 25 days. In addition to keeping the roads clean in Rockingham County, the work program also performs various jobs at county locations to include: County Administration Building, Social Services, Landfill, Bluehole, Central School Office, Plains Community Center, Rockingham Regional Jail, Shooting Range, Bergton Community Center, and various other facilities tasks to include - vehicle washing, grass cutting, weed pulling, tree trimming, general clean up, moving, etc.

Crisis Intervention Team

Total number of trained personnel from Rockingham County Sheriff's Office - 53 (2), Harrisonburg Police Department- 51 (8), James Madison University Police Department - 26 (3), Timberville Police Department - 3, Broadway Police Department - 6, Bridgewater Police Department - 7, Elkton Police Department - (3), Virginia State Police - 10, EMU Public Safety - 1 and Norfolk Police Department- 3, Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail - 24 (4), Magistrates 3 (1), Community Services Board - 8 (3), Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Services Unit - 2 (1), Emergency Communications Center - 57 (2), Rockingham County Fire & Rescue 1, Harrisonburg Fire Department - 1, State Probation and Parole - 3, Federal Probation - 1, Sentara RMH - 1, USDA Forest Service - 2

Reentry Council Survey for Family Members of Inmates

For more information contact: Reentry Survey, 1423 Mt. Clinton Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22802

The following are...

0 Not important, or I don't know

2 Very important

1 Somewhat important

3 Extremely important

- ___ 1. A manual with information for family members about local jail rules.
- ___ 2. Support groups for family members to meet with on a regular basis.
- ___ 3. A number to call for information about how to help an inmate.
- ___ 4. Inmates having more opportunities to attend substance abuse recovery groups (AA, etc.) and other programs while in jail.
- ___ 5. Inmates being able to attend job training and skills classes while in jail.
- ___ 6. Inmates having better access to a mental health counselor.
- ___ 7. Inmates having better access to affordable medical care/prescriptions.
- ___ 8. Complaint (grievance) procedure in place for family members' concerns.
- ___ 9. Phone calls being more affordable (and longer) for inmates.
- ___ 10. Inmates having fewer hours in lockdown (where applicable).
- ___ 11. Inmates having more opportunities for physical exercise.
- ___ 12. Inmates having access to education-focused e-tablets, books and other study materials.
- ___ 13. Commissary items being more affordable for inmates.
- ___ 14. Non-violent inmates being allowed to wear street clothes and not being handcuffed when appearing in court.
- ___ 15. Non-violent inmates being allowed to visit family members without being in handcuffs.
- ___ 16. Having more frequent opportunities for family members to visit inmates.
- ___ 17. The \$1 a day fee (\$3 a day at MRRJ) reduced or eliminated.

Name (optional) _____

Contact number or email address (optional) _____

(for any possible follow-up)

I am a ___ family member ___ partner/spouse ___ friend ___ pastor ___ therapist/counselor

(use other side for comments)

COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

*STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION TO COORDINATE EFFORTS

MISSION:

Efficiently and collaboratively coordinate services and to effectively allocate financial resources to ensure incarceration reduction, victim support, offender accountability, and community-based programs. Through strategic planning and research the Council will identify, evaluate, and develop strategies to improve the justice system to enhance public safety and quality of life in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. (*Restorative Justice as a framework and perspective is intentionally not identified as a separate category in this planning document; rather, the RJ lens should be applied in each area of focus as a commitment to the philosophy and approach.)

FOCUS AREAS:

- JUVENILE JUSTICE
 - Identify issues and initiatives relating to juvenile justice and examine current successful diversions and interventions that might be relevant for the adult system and vice versa.
- PROGRAMS AND INTERVENTIONS
 - Explore ways to of deterring initial entrance into the criminal justice system and identify strategies to reduce recidivism and victimization by researching efficient and cost-effective alternatives utilizing a data driven, evidence based framework.
- COURTS: ADJUDICATION AND DIVERSION
 - Explore practices and policies of judicial systems. Examine where change may be initiated at the local level to best serve the aims of justice and public safety. Identify strategies and processes occurring in other communities.
- JAIL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
 - Examine how the jail facility is being used and by whom. Explore the data related to contact with law enforcement. Identify the processes of grievance, oversight, and community review. Establish and improve where necessary. Incorporate strategies to develop procedural justice.
- PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION
 - Educate the public about initiatives, programs and services supported by evidence-based decision-making that are relevant to the mission of the council. Identify collateral consequences of incarceration and criminal justice system contact for offenders and the community. Convene community information sessions as part of a public relations plan to identify concerns related to the responsibilities of the council.
- PUBLIC HEALTH
 - Addresses issues around drug and alcohol addiction, mental health, gun violence and emergency medicine. Identify activities currently underway among local criminal justice system agencies, community service agencies, universities and hospitals. Identify areas where collaboration can be developed or improved. Engage partners to work with council to apply relevant research, to include the impact of trauma and the benefits of green space.
- DATA ANALYSIS AND INFORMATION
 - Identify the information needs of the Council and investigate ways and means to create the infrastructure to provide the information on a regular basis and with the necessary transparency and accountability. Identify a mechanism to provide this information for interagency collaboration, fund development, and community awareness.

COORDINATING POSITION TO SUPPORT CCJB

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Facilitate and coordinate the efforts of the council in planning and implementing system-wide improvement in Harrisonburg/Rockingham County's criminal justice system.

Coordinator is responsible for facilitating collaboration among all justice system partners and local and state level and steering the policy agenda and substantive strategy of the council. This effort includes seeking the commitment, cooperation and participation in strategic planning for future direction as well as oversight of current system practice to ensure alignment with the Council's mission, and will require meeting and coordinating with groups in the public safety arena and the larger community.

EXPECTATIONS OF ROLE:

- Active in the development of policy initiatives and responsible for enactment of policy initiatives
- Coordinate the work of the focus areas (subcommittees/working groups)
- Communicate efforts to decision-makers and community
- Consult with experts on evidence-based initiatives for criminal justice system improvement and act as a liaison to other functioning councils
- Research and analyze new programs and issues identified by council
- Make recommendations on programmatic, policy, procedural, or legislative changes based on research and community engagement
- Coordinate the efforts of agencies, local government and the criminal justice system to enhance the effectiveness of the criminal justice system
- Advise decision makers on innovative program and strategic initiatives
- Develop and recommend program performance standards
- Evaluate performance to identify success and make recommendations
- Work with Council to coordinate a strategic plan and monitor implementation of the plan
- Identify funding sources and write grant applications, work with community serving agencies to identify the ways in which their programs prevent crime and promote public safety