

Rockingham/Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB)

In accordance with the Emergency Ordinance to effectuate temporary changes in certain deadlines and to modify public meeting and public hearing practices and procedures to address continuity of operations associated with pandemic disaster, adopted on April 6, 2020, the public will not be able to physically attend the July 13, 2020 Community Criminal Justice Board meeting.

However, a phone line will be live where residents will be allowed to call in and speak to the CCJB during the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

The telephone number to call in is: (540) 437-2687

Residents will be able to watch the meeting live on:

- The City's website: <https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/agendas>
- Public Education Government Channel 3

July 13, 2020 @ 4:00pm Agenda

- I. Open meeting
 - II. Approve minutes dated March 2, 2020
 - III. Drug Court Update – Marsha Garst
 - IV. Recidivism Reduction Working Group – Nancy Insco
 - V. Frank Sottaceti – Criminal Justice Planner
 - VI. Kelly Royston - CIT Coordinator & RHJMHC Program Coordinator
 - VII. Alternatives Committee – Ruth Jost
 - VIII. Informational Updates Attached
 - A. Rockingham Regional Jail Statistics
 - B. Harrisonburg Rockingham CSB
 - C. District 39 Probation
 - D. Court Services
 - IX. New Business
 - X. Public Comment
- Adjournment

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

Harrisonburg City Hall, Lower Level Training Rooms 11 & 12
March 2, 2020 - 4:00p.m.

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 - absent
Nancy Insko, Rockingham Harrisonburg Page Re-Entry Council
Christopher Jones - City of Harrisonburg Council Member
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 - absent
Monica Martin – Chief Magistrate

- I. Introduction of Frank Sottaceti, Criminal Justice Planner/Crime Analyst
- II. Chairman Jones moved for approval of the December 2, 2019 minutes, motion made by Mr. King, seconded by Ms. Harrison and approved by the Board.
- III. Middle River Regional Jail Needs assessment – Mr. King stated the plan was submitted to the state and the CCJB was made aware of the submission. See attachments for additional details of the submission.
- IV. Drug Court Update – Ms. Garst provided an update on the Drug Court initiative. Currently there are 48 participants in the program. Ms. Garst stated as we continue to graduate participants there are growing struggles of violations. Judge Albertson added other programs struggle as well. He committed on the First Offender Program in regards to participants given an opportunity to have their case dismissed if they successfully complete a year of probation but they are not getting a lot of success at this time.
- V. Alternative/Sub-Committee Workgroup - Ms. Jost spoke regarding moving forward with programs we have in place and make a one stop shop. Ms. Jost introduced Caleb Cramer, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Augusta County. Mr. Cramer discussed the Pre

Charge Diversion Program which provides a program for non-violent, first-time offenders a chance to perform community service before they have been arrested. If they complete their community service, they will not be arrested or charged.

VI. Informational Updates

A. Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail Statistics

Sheriff Hutcheson provided an update on jail statistics as of February 23, 2020, for the Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail (RHRJ) and the Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ). See attached report for details.

B. Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board (CSB)

Ms. Harrison provided an update on CSB activities. She highlighted the work of the case manager in RHRJ. See attached report for details.

C. District 39 Probation

Mr. Lutz reported on the statistics for the period.

D. Court Services – Ms. Freeman reported on the statistics for the period. See attached report for details.

VI. New Business

VII. Public Comment

Ramona Saunders, Board Member of Gemeinschaft, advised the Board of a Fund Raiser to be held on June 19, 2020.

Nancy Insko made a motion to propose a working group to examine how to reduce recidivism/probation violation numbers and to include in the working group; stakeholders, community members, and the planner. Chairman Jones recognized the motion and 2nd by Mr. Chandler.

Diane Orndorff asked the time and location of the CCJB meeting in Augusta County.

5:12 pm Meeting Adjourned

Community Criminal Justice Board Meeting Handout

RHRJ / MRRJ Numbers: July 8, 2020

RHRJ:

Total Population = 254 (Bond eligible = 6)

252 males / 2 female

White 170 (67%)

Black 52 (20%)

Hispanic 32 (13%)

Additional RHRJ Numbers:

Federal Inmates 9

Sentenced Inmates 56

↳ (*W/Probation Violations 26)

Pretrial/Charges Pending 103

Probation Violations 86

Possession of Marijuana 0

Pretrial:

Misdemeanor 20

Felony 169

Sentenced:

Misdemeanor 5

Felony 51

MRRJ: Total Population = 198

(Bond eligible = 4)

Pretrial:

Misdemeanor 8

Felony 52

TOTAL 60

Sentenced:

Misdemeanor 12

Felony 126

TOTAL 138

Sentenced Probation 69

Un-sentenced Probation 31

****TOTAL Probation Violations* 100***

*****COMBINED*****

Total population = 452

Total probation violations = 212

46% of total inmate population



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

HRCBSB has been providing a full-time case management position to support incarcerated individuals who are experiencing mental health distress since January 2017. 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.

We have been fortunate to be able to continue to provide services in the jail to individuals during this unprecedented time. We have limited group interventions and have focused primarily on offering support through individual meetings.

Services Rendered By Jail Services Case Manager	
Services Provided	Percent to total
Assessment/Follow-up	41%
Release Planning	9%
Safety/Crisis	31%
Screening for Psychiatric Services	19%

During the time period of Jan 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, the Jail Services Case Manager provided 242 contacts to 141 unique individuals. Of those 141 individuals, 6 were female and 135 were male. For comparison purposes, during the same time period in 2019 the Jail Services Case Manager provided 303

contacts to 199 unique individuals. The primary services rendered were related to initial assessments and follow up contacts which comprised 41% of all contacts. There was a slight increase in contacts focused on safety and crisis contacts with 31% of all contacts compared to last year which was 28.5% of contact.

There are several ways individuals can be identified as needing mental health services from the Jail Services Case Manager. The primary referral source during Jan 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 was self-referrals which comprised of 43% of all referrals which is an increase over last year which was 36% of referrals were self-referred. The second largest referral source was from RHRJ Medical staff which was comprised of 24% of all referrals. The primary behavioral health related concern identified continues to be substance use

Primary Issue	Percent to total
Mood Disorder	14%
Adjustment Disorder	21%
Drug / Alcohol Abuse	44%
Thought Disorder	13%
Bipolar	4%
Anxiety	4%



representing 44% of total contacts; this is a slight increase from last year which was 40% of total contacts. A primary function of the case manager has been to help individuals identify and develop coping skills for dealing with behavioral health symptoms and overall life circumstances. The Jail Services Case Manager also provides weekly groups within the mental health pod covering a variety of topics that help develop coping skills to assist the individual while they are incarcerated as well as when they are released and reintegrating into the community.

HRCSB's Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner continues to provide psychiatric evaluations and medication management services 3.5 hours per week for individuals with mental health issues. During the time period of Jan 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, 180 medication related services were provided to 89 unique individuals. Of the 180 services, 55 were initial psychiatric evaluations and 125 were medication management follow-up appointments.



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July 6, 2020

Total Number of Cases: **1503** (307 Page) (1196 Rockingham/Harrisonburg)

425 (Operations Unit – Lowest Level of Supervision / Report
by telephone; Low Risk Individuals)

Total Offenders Under Supervision in District 39: **1928**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua C. Lutz".

Chief Probation & Parole Officer

Court Services Unit Update – COVID-19

Probation

Total number placed on Supervision for FY20, as of May 31, 2020 - 256 placements

Closed Cases FY20 – 140 successful, 109 unsuccessful

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 for FY20 as of May 31, 2020 – 415 placements

Total number of screenings – 1,681 defendants

Closed Cases – 242 successful 90 unsuccessful

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 FY20– As of May 31, 2020

GPS – 37 participants

TAD/SoberLink – 3 participants

Day Reporting Program – Total Participants as of May 31, 2020 – 12

Rockingham-Harrisonburg Adult Drug Court Participants as of May 31, 2020 - 49

Work Program – Litter Control Program

As of May 31, 2020 for FY20, a total of 1491 bags of trash collected. 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 - 111 (2), Harrisonburg Police Department- 85 (8), James Madison University Police Department – 30 (3), Timberville Police Department - 5, Broadway Police Department - 8, Bridgewater Police Department – 8, Dayton – 4, Elkton Police Department – 2 (3), Grottoes Police Department – 3, Virginia State Police - 15, EMU Public Safety – 1, Bridgewater College PD – 2, Norfolk Police Department- 3, Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail – 27 (4), Magistrates 3 (1), Community Services Board – 8 (3), Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Services Unit – 2 (1), Emergency Communications Center – 61 (2), Rockingham County Fire & Rescue 3, Harrisonburg Fire Department – 8, State Probation and Parole – 12 Federal Probation – 1, Sentara RMH – 1, USDA Forest Service – 2, VDOC Augusta Correctional Center - 2