

# Rockingham - Harrisonburg Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB)

Monday, October 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Rockingham County Administration Building  
Entrance "A" – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Fire Rescue Training Room  
20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802

## Agenda

- I. CCJB Meeting Called to Order
  - II. Roll Call
  - III. Approval of Minutes, dated July 22, 2022
  - IV. Public Defenders Office Exploratory Committee
    - Guest Speaker -  
Timothy Coyne, Deputy Executive Director,  
Virginia Indigent Defense Commission
  - V. Operational Updates - *Included in Read-Ahead Material*
    - A. Jail Report
    - B. Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board (CSB)
    - C. District 39 Probation & Parole
    - D. Court Services
    - E. Reentry Coordinator Update
    - F. Criminal Justice Planner Report
  - VI. Old Business
  - VII. New Business
  - VIII. Public Comment
    - State your name and local address after being recognized to comment.*
  - IX. Adjournment
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## Minutes

In-Person Meeting – 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Monday, July 11, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.

### **Board Members –**

Rick Chandler – Rockingham County Board Member / CCJB Chairperson – *Absent*  
Laura Dent - City of Harrisonburg Council Member / CCJB Vice-Chairperson  
Marsha Garst – Commonwealth’s Attorney  
Ande Banks – City Manager (Acting)  
Captain Pollard (Kelley Warner– *Absent*) – Chief, Harrisonburg Police Department  
Chaz Haywood – Clerk of Circuit Court  
Bryan Hutcheson – Sheriff, Rockingham County & City of Harrisonburg  
Ellen Harrison – Rockingham Harrisonburg Community Services Board  
Richard Jackson, Rockingham-Harrisonburg-Page Reentry Council  
Stephen King – County Administrator  
Celest Williams – Director, Department of Social Services  
Oskar Scheikl – Rockingham County School Superintendent – *Absent*  
Judge Baugher (Judge Bruce Albertson – *Absent*)  
Michael Richards – Harrisonburg City School Superintendent – *Absent*  
Joshua Lutz - Chief, Probation & Parole District 39  
Judge John Hart – *Absent*  
Judge Anthony Bailey– *Absent*  
Gene Hart – Defense Attorney  
Monica Martin – Chief Magistrate – *Absent*  
Ann Marie Ritchie, Director, Court Services

### **Non-Board Attendees**

S. Frank Sottaceti- Harrisonburg / Rockingham Criminal Justice Planner

- I. Welcome and Introduction by Vice Chairperson Dent
- II. Vice Chairperson Dent moved for Approval of the April 24, 2022 CCJB Minutes.
- III. Informational/Operational Updates
  - A. Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional & Middle River Regional Jail Statistics  
Report was posted and disseminated prior to the Meeting. No questions or comments were raised.
  - B. Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board (CSB)  
Report was posted and disseminated prior to the Meeting. No questions or comments were raised.

- C. District 39 Probation and Parole  
Report was posted and disseminated prior to the Meeting. No questions or comments were raised.
- D. Court Services  
Report was posted and disseminated prior to the Meeting. No questions or comments were raised.
- E. Reentry Coordinator  
Report was posted and disseminated prior to the Meeting. No questions or comments were raised.
- F. Criminal Justice Planner Report  
Report was posted and disseminated prior to the Meeting.

Sottaceti highlighted that misinformation continues to be pushed by advocates and activists about Harrisonburg/Rockingham driving the incarceration rates at the Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ). Sottaceti provided the latest figures that do not align with the information in various Editorials and mass media news stories that have been published.

#### IV. Old Business

Vice Chairperson Dent appointed Mr. Richard Jackson to be the Chairperson of the Exploratory Committee on Establishing a Public Defenders (PD) Office.

Vice Chairperson Dent then opened discussion regarding who other members of the Committee will be. Mr. Haywood mentioned that for potential Fiscal reasons of standing-up a Public Defenders Office that the County Administrator and City Manager should be on the Committee or appoint someone in their place to serve on the Committee. Commonwealth Attorney Garst said that Christopher Bean would be representing her Office on the Committee and suggested Gene Hart represent the Defense Bar. Mr. Hart agreed to be on the Committee.

Vice Chairperson Dent stated that it is important to answer the question of what issue/problem we are trying to solve and does a problem exist that would be solved by having a PD Office in our area. She further stated that it's difficult to measure costs when we are talking about people's lives. She also wants to determine what the outcomes would be and whether there are alternatives to establishing a PDs Office that address the same potential issue(s). Dent also stated that "wearing her City Council hat" these same concerns and questions are what she hopes will be addressed by the Committee.

Mr. King stated we need a timeline for the Committee. Sottaceti responded that the Committee would be prepared to present its preliminary workplan at the next meeting of the CCJB. Discussion followed that Sottaceti would find a representative from a PD Office that is operational in Virginia to come to the CCJB Meeting in October 2022 to speak with

our CCJB. Commonwealth Attorney Garst and Chief Lutz recommended Timothy Coyne be contacted. Sottaceti agreed to contact Coyne.

## V. New Business

- A. Vice Chairperson Dent mentioned that a citizen at a City Council Meeting stated that the City isn't doing anything to prosecute violence against women. Dent said she contacted Chief Warner, Commonwealth Attorney Garst and Sottaceti regarding same. Garst stated that prosecution declined does not always mean that the Commonwealth Attorney's Office has decided not to prosecute. It can mean that the victim no longer wishes to prosecute or the elements of the crime are not satisfied. Garst mentioned that Ms. Eldridge of her Office will be reaching out to Dent to further discuss the issue being raised by the citizen.

Vice Chairperson Dent mentioned that the City has purchased a permanent homeless shelter. Ande Banks said that the construction will take 12-15 months and will be run on a contract basis by a local provider.

Sottaceti mentioned that there are two new Grants received since the last CCJB Meeting. The first is from the Sentara RMH Foundation for \$180,000 for the Community Paramedicine Program to purchase a response vehicle and all the equipment for that vehicle. The second is for the Crisis Intervention Team and is for ~\$50,000 to purchase a virtual reality training platform. Ande Banks mentioned that the RMH Foundation in addition to the above-mentioned funding provided many additional funds to other organizations throughout the Rockingham/Harrisonburg Community.

Mr. King mentioned that Superintendent Jeffery Newton from the Middle River Regional Jail retired and was replaced by Superintendent Eric Young after a nationwide search was conducted.

## VI. Public Comment

None

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4:27 pm - Meeting Adjourned

The next CCJB Meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

# Community Criminal Justice Board Meeting Handout

RHRJ / MRRJ Numbers: September 26, 2022

## RHRJ:

Total Population = 320 (Bond eligible = 18)

Males 277

Females 43

White 232 (72%)

Black 63 (19%)

Hispanic 23 (8%)

Asian/Pacific Islander 2 (1%)

## Additional RHRJ Numbers:

Federal Inmates 10

Sentenced Inmates 45

↳ (\*W/Probation Violations 21)

Pretrial/Charges Pending 159

Probation Violations 106

Possession of Marijuana 0

## Pretrial/Charges Pending:

Misdemeanor 32

Felony 233

## Sentenced:

Misdemeanor 9

Felony 36

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**MRRJ:** Total Population = 149

(Bond eligible = 0 )

**Pretrial:**

Misdemeanor 3

Felony 48

***TOTAL 51***

**Sentenced:**

Misdemeanor 14

Felony 84

***TOTAL 98***

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Sentenced Probation 53

Un-sentenced Probation 23

***\*TOTAL Probation Violations\* 76***

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# 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.

During the time of July 1, 2022 through September 26, 2022, our Jail Services Case Manager provided 289 contacts to 163 individuals; of the 163 individuals, 37 were female and 126 were male. The primary services rendered was related to assessment and follow up contact with 53% of the total contacts, second was safety and crisis contact, which comprised 30% of all contacts. Of note, this past quarter there was a 7% increase in screenings for psychiatric services from the previous quarter.

<b>Services Rendered By Jail Services Case Manager</b>	
<b>Services Provided</b>	<b>Percent to total</b>
Assessment/Follow-up	53%
Release Planning	3%
Safety/Crisis	30%
Screening for Psychiatric Services	13%

There are several ways individuals can be identified as needing mental health services from the Jail Services Case Manager. The primary referral source during the last three months was self-referrals, which comprised of 60% of all referrals. Self-referrals increased by 9% over the last quarter. We suspect that the increase in self-referrals has

<b>Primary Issue</b>	<b>Percent to total</b>
Mood Disorder	21.5%
Adjustment Disorder	3.5%
Drug / Alcohol Abuse	42%
Thought Disorder	12%
Bipolar	2%
Anxiety	19%

affected the increase in screenings for psychiatric services. The primary behavioral health related concern identified continues to be substance use representing 42% of total contacts, followed by mood related concerns representing 21.5% 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. Our Jail Services Case Manager is able to meet with individuals one-on-one and this quarter have



started providing group sessions as well. The group sessions primarily focus on psychoeducation and skill development to help individuals manage their thoughts and feelings while incarcerated, as well as, help to develop the skills necessary to re-enter 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 following timeframe July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022, 91 medication related services were provided to 67 individuals. Of the 91 services provided, 29 were initial psychiatric evaluations and 62 were medication management follow-up appointments.



# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

JOSHUA C. LUTZ, CHIEF  
JOSEPH R. SMITH, DEPUTY CHIEF

*Department of Corrections*  
*Division of Community Corrections*  
*Adult Probation and Parole*  
**DISTRICT 39**

30-A WEST WATER STREET  
HARRISONBURG, VA 22801  
PHONE: (540) 214-3100  
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September 28, 2022

Total Number of Cases: 1636 (397 Page) (1,239 Rockingham/Harrisonburg)  
+ 310 (OLU – Voice Monitor System used for low level cases)  

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1,946 Page/Rockingham/OLU

Over the past 30 days, District 39 has taken in 131 supervisees (from the Courts/Jails/Prisons) and transferred out 86 supervisees. Since January 2022, District 39 has taken in 786 and transferred out 713 supervisees. The number of intakes has significantly increased in the last couple months which may likely be due to the Earned Sentence Credit Law Change as well as the change in Probation Violation Laws regarding New Law Violations and Technical Violations.

Special Programs Being Utilized by District 39:

1. Community Corrections Alternative Program (VADOC)
2. Harrisonburg/Rockingham County CSB (Substance Abuse/Mental Health)
3. Gemeinschaft CRP (VADOC)
4. Gemeinschaft Day Reporting/Gemeinschaft Women's Home
5. Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Drug Court
6. Page County Drug Court
7. Page County Counseling (at District 39 Substance Abuse Treatment)
8. Sex Offender Treatment (at District 39 Subsidized by the VADOC)
9. Strength in Peers
10. Private Counselors
11. Bright View Treatment Center
12. Harrisonburg Methadone Clinic
13. Social Services and various other state agencies
14. VA Medical Center/Hospitals (Winchester and Roanoke)
15. VASAP
16. BrightView Treatment Center
17. Multiple Other Agencies

Please note that this is a small number of the community resources we use most commonly in supervision. Also, during the pandemic, we have had to move to virtual means of running groups and other activities.

Joshua C. Lutz, Chief P&P Officer

## Court Services Unit Update

### **Probation**

Total number of placements as of August 31, 2022 for FY23 - 33 placements

Closed Cases FY23 – 16 successful, 14 unsuccessful                      Number of Offenders - 179

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 of placements as of August 31, 2022 for FY23 – 47 placements

Total number of screenings – 268 defendants

Closed Cases – 29 successful 9 unsuccessful                      Number of Defendants - 274

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 FY23 as of August 31, 2022**

GPS – 17 participants, TAD/SoberLink – 3 participants

### **Day Reporting Program – Total Participants as of August 31, 2022– 16**

### **Rockingham-Harrisonburg Adult Drug Court Participants as of August 31, 2022– 34 participants**

**Rockingham-Harrisonburg CRT Mobile Crisis Team** as of August 31, 2022 there have been 53 new consumer contacts in our community.

### **Work Program – Litter Control Program**

As of August 31, 2022 for FY23, a total of 77 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 - 129 (4), Harrisonburg Police Department- 99 (3), James Madison University Police Department – 36 (3), Timberville Police Department - 5, Broadway Police Department - 8, Bridgewater Police Department – 9, 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 – 32 (2), Magistrates 3 (1), Community Services Board – 11 (1), Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Services Unit – 4 (1), Emergency Communications Center – 61 (2), Rockingham County Fire & Rescue 3, Harrisonburg Fire Department – 10, State Probation and Parole – 18(3) Federal Probation –1, Sentara RMH – 1, USDA Forest Service – 2, VDOC Augusta Correctional Center – 2,SS-2 , National Park Service-Shenandoah- 2

# HRSSD Re-Entry Update Quarterly Report 2022

Number of Ongoing Participants	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
City	10	4	2		
County	7	1	2		
Other locality			4		
Non-participant					
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>		

Number of New Participants	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
City	5	9	11		
County	3	1	4		
Other locality			8		
Non-participant					
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>		

Referral Source / Number of Referrals	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Community Service Board	1	2			
District 39 Probation and Parole		2	1		
Court Services	2				
HRDSS BPS/SSW employee	1		1		
Rockingham County Jail Staff	1				
Brochure/Flyer/ Self Referral	1	10	6		
Middle River Regional Jail ReEntry Class	1	1			
Rockingham County Jail Sgt					
Community Corrections Alt Program	1				
Women's Geminschaft Home			1	2	
Resource Fair				4	
Strength in Peers				1	
Other		2			
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>		

Released From	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Rockingham County Jail	3	6	5		
Middle River Regional Jail	1	2			
RSW					
Still Incarcerated			4		
Allenwood Federal Correctional Institution					
Indian Creek Prison					
Department of Corrections					
Pretrial Services					
Gemeinschaft Home			2	4	
Coffeewood	1		1		
No Release/ but referred to program for assistance	2		1		
Other/ or Federal Prison	1	4	5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16*</b>		

**Service Provided**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Phone Card	2	4	2		
Gas Card	7	3	2		
Shoes/ Clothing/Haircut	2	8	10		
SNAP	3	3			
Medicaid	1	3			
Housing/Pay Rent	1	2	3		
Assist / w Disability App	3	1	1		
Gift Cards	2		1		
Birth Certificate	1	2	3		
Mental Health	4	1	2		
Transportation/Bike/Bike items				2	
Addiction Recovery	4	11	7		
Legal Services			1		
Medical Equipment	1				
Car Insurance			1		
Oxford House Application	1	1			
DCSE	1		1		
DMV/Way to Go	3	4	2		
Budgeting	2				
Phone	2				
ASAP	1				
DARS Referral	3	1	1		
Family Reunification		3	1		
Help finding employment		2			
DCSE/Way to Go	1				
Household Items			1		
Employment Help			1		
	45	50*	41		

**Gender**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Male	5	11	6		
Female	3	7	9		
Total	8	18	15		

**Employment Obtained**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Receiving Social Security Income	1	3	5		
Applied for Social Security Income, awaiting disability determination	2	1	2		

**Returned to Incarceration**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Total	0	0	0		

### Incarceration Rates per 1,000 – June 2022 - Partner Localities

Locality	Census Population	Avg. Daily Population (ADP)			Incarceration Rate per 1,000
Augusta County	77,563	282			3.63
Harrisonburg	51,430	MRRJ	RHRJ	Total	3.48
		130	343	473	
Rockingham County	84,394	Total 135,824			
Staunton	25,661	171			6.66
Waynesboro	22,550	90			4.00

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### Incarceration Rates per 1,000 – September 2022 – Partner Localities

Locality	Census Population	Avg. Daily Population (ADP)	Incarceration Rate per 1,000
Augusta County	77,563	233 ↓ 49	3.00 ↓ 0.63
Harrisonburg	51,430	MRRJ 141 ↑ 11	Total 464 ↓ 9
Rockingham County	84,394	RHRJ 323 ↓ 20	3.41 ↓ 0.07
Staunton	25,661	161 ↓ 10	6.27 ↓ 0.39
Waynesboro	22,550	87 ↓ 3	3.85 ↓ 0.15

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