**Prince William County Community Criminal Justice Board**

# April 23, 2024

**PARTICIPANTS:** Brad Marshall, Judge Baird, Judge Rogers, George Hurlock, Dr. Yasin, Jacques Poirier, Terry Fearnley, Dan Manza, Tracey Lenox, Major Hurlock, Louis Sager, Yesli Vega, Michael Carlson, Tara Petty, Tracey Lenox, Sonia Vasquez Luna, Tony Kostelecky, Devin Kirk by telephone

**STAFF:** Steve Austin, Tomaudrie Thomas, Amal Hajjami, Ann Trullender, and Wendy Dempsey

**CITIZEN:** none

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS (Item 1)** Brad Marshall welcomed members and thanked those in attendance. He welcomed two new members, Yesli Vega to represent Prince William County and Sonia Vasquez Luna, Council Member for the City of Manassas. Introductions were made:

* Chairperson Brad Marshall, Law Firm of Vanderpool, Frostick & Nishanian
* Chief Judge Lisa Baird, Prince William County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court
* Judge Che Rogers, Prince William County General District Court
* George Hurlock, Acting Superintendent of the Prince William County ADC
* Yesli Vega, Board of County Supervisors, Cole District representative
* Sonia Vasquez Luna, Council Member for the City of Manassas
* Steve Austin, Director of Prince William County Criminal Justice Services
* Tomaudrie Thomas, Deputy Director at Prince William County Criminal Justice Services
* Dr. Tauheeda Yasin, Deputy Director of the Office of Community Safety
* Dan Manza, Behavioral Health Program Manager, Community Services Board
* Amal Hajjami, Senior Public Safety Analyst, Criminal Justice Services
* Tony Kostelecky, Chief of Staff, Commonwealth Attorney’s Office
* Tracey Lenox, Chief Public Defender
* Devin Kirk, Chief Magistrate
* Louis Sagar, Prince William County Citizen Member
* Terry Fearnley, Chief Deputy, Prince William County Sheriff’s Office
* Michael Carlson, Chief, State Probation Chief, District #35
* George Hurlock, Acting Chief of Adult Detention Center
* Lou Sager, Citizen Member
* Jacques Poirier, Prince William County Police Department
* Ann Trullender, Administrative Specialist, Criminal Justice Services
* Wendy Dempsey, Administrate Specialist, Criminal Justice Services

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

Chairperson Marshall asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **The motion was made by Terry Fearnley and seconded by Michael Carlson. The motion was passed unanimously.**

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

Chairperson Marshall requested a motion to approve the January 23, 2024, meeting minutes. **The motion was made by Tracey Lenox and seconded by Michael Carlson. Members voted. The motion was passed unanimously.** Chairperson Marshall was not present at the last meeting and **recused himself**.

**CITIZENS TIME (Item 4)** – *None.*

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANTS (Item 5)** reported by *Steve Austin*

* Criminal Justice Services was recently awarded a one-time supplemental grant in the amount of $27,777 from DCJS for staff training, drug testing supplies, and office supplies

**REVIEW OF CCJB By-Laws (Item 6)** reported by *Steve Austin*

* Criminal Justice Services staff provides oversight to this board
* The by-laws require the board to review them at least every 2 years
* Board review and make edits/comments and give feedback to Steve Austin and Brad Marshall
* Board members need to be adjusted by adding the Office of Community Safety, Youth Services Office, and Department of Social Services
* Brad Marshall added the need to update information on virtual meetings and noting that designees of the member may attend

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Item 7)** reported by *Brad Marshall*

* Appoint a committee of odd numbered members for nominations of Chair and Co-Chair
* The nominating committee is Brad Marshall, Dan Manza, and Dr. Yasin

**DATA DASHBOARD UPDATE (Item 8)** prototype for community safety data dashboard presented by *Amal Hajjami and Dr. Yasin*

# Developing a public safety dashboard with data from various sources.

* + EBDM dashboard to address crime and opioids through intergovernmental coordination and public education
	+ The team defined data indicators for tracking public safety concerns in the community, including trends in violent crime, opioid overdose, and domestic violence
	+ The team developed a data dictionary to standardize data collection and integration from various sources, including health department data, crime stats, socio demographic data, and geographic details
	+ Standardized data sets by location, overlaying points on map for location-specific trends and statistics
	+ Dr. Yasin discussed how EBDM will help propel the Office of Community Safety to use the data as a tool that can direct initiatives in programming
	+ Incorporated socio demographic information onto map to provide geographic context for data, with a focus on clarity and ease of use
	+ Amal Hajjami discussed the internal dashboard for crime data in Prince William County, with focus on geospatial and socio-demographic data
	+ Dr. Yasin illustrated that using data and overlaying it with certain criteria, the team can direct their efforts to an area with more robust programming
	+ The primary goal is to create visualizations that are informative, and intuitive to the users
	+ Judge Rogers added that Virginia does not use the terminology aggravated assault and that jurisdictions may use different terminology
	+ The data presented was pulled from the Beyond 2020 website and a data dictionary will have more details
	+ Power Point to be sent to board members

# EVIDENCE BASED DECISION MAKING (EBDM & PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT

**(PSA) UPDATE (Ite**m 7) reported by *Steve Austin*

Steve Austin discusses EBDM project on data dashboard for criminal justice system.

* Subcommittee working on user GIS mapping for recovery residences in Prince William set to release at the end of this month
* Steve Austin mentions various workgroups in Prince William County, including those focused on mental health, substance abuse, and veterans' issues
* Workgroups are focusing on projects such as surveys, resource guides, and legislation, with upcoming graduations for both drug court and veteran's docket
* Steve welcomed everyone to attend the drug court and veteran’s docket graduations
* Public safety assessment tool launched in Prince William County after 2 years of planning.
* Court is now using the new PSA tool to inform release conditions for defendants. The new tool was launched on March 27, 2024.

**DV assessments and Compliance Workgroup** reported by *Tomaudrie Thomas*

* Tomaudrie Thomas discusses that the Pretrial Compliance workgroup has developed and will be implementing sanctions and incentives grids, and non-compliance letter for technical violation. The purpose is to assist Pretrial Officers in handling violations more consistently based on level and severity of violation and only providing a summary of technical violations to the court when the defendant appears in court for court hearings.
* Domestic violence and intimate partner violence workgroup adopts Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment, known as ODARA
* Tomaudrie Thomas explains the risk assessment tool may eventually be used in Juvenile and Domestic Relations court at the pretrial stage to assist judges in determining release

conditions when they make a decision to release defendants charged with domestic violence or intimate violence cases. Initially, the tool will be used in probation cases

* Training for staff to utilize the tool will take 4 hours, and certification is required prior to PO’s completing the assessment

**DCJS QUARTERLY REPORT (ITEM 10**) reported by *Tomaudrie Thomas*; see attached draft DCJS packet, which is the 3rd Quarter report dated

* **Pretrial:** Tomaudrie Thomas highlights data for January through March 2024.
	+ Judicial concurrence rate of 62%
	+ Total Pretrial Investigations March YTD 2237; Not Investigated 760. Completed 75% of interviews
	+ Outcome rates for pretrial supervision include 94% release on recognizance or unsecured bond, 81% appearance rate, 90% public safety rate, and 77% compliance rate
	+ Discussion regarding agency's recommendation rates, which are trending down because CJS staff will not be making release recommendations with the PSA
	+ Tracey Lenox raised the question of reporting a data point on how judges are making decisions-concurrence
	+ Steve Austin: Judges consider PSA to assist with release decision/release conditions, but not initial release level

# Probation data:

* + Tomaudrie Thomas: Probation data shows 89% of placements are misdemeanors, 72% are low risk, 11% are felonies
	+ Tomaudrie Thomas provides an update on the success rate of the probation program, with a 65% success rate for combined misdemeanors and felonies, and a 91% public safety rate without new arrests
	+ Compliance rate is 75% for cases that are closed

# ROUND TABLE TOPICS MEMBERS (Item 11)

* Steve Austin reported on the resignation of the drug court coordinator and the appointment of Chris Mayer as the acting Drug Court Coordinator
* Dr. Yasin reported that her office will be hosting an open house on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at the Ferlazzo Building. The goal is to introduce the agencies to the public and she invited the board to attend
* Michael Carlson reported that his office hosted a reentry connections event. Many community partners participated along with community members looking for programs and services
* Judge Baird thanked Steve Austin and Tomaudrie Thomas for working with Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court on Domestic Violence and working on DV assessment challenges. A 6th Judge will be added soon and will have docket shift from July 2024- January 2025. She and Judge LaBoy have been visiting other court houses to draft a docket that works better for PW. An official announcement will come out as soon as the Judicial position is created. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia has asked every jurisdiction in Virginia to form an Access to Justice Committee. A meeting has already been held by Chief Judge Irving, Chief Judge Rollins, and Chief Judge Baird and

feel it's appropriate to start the program in June 2024. The committee is formed to serve the public and Judge Baird to report out information after meeting

* Terry Fearnley reported that they have completed a warrant sweep that was successful. Another sweep will take place on the other side of the county. The sweeps aid community safety
* Chairperson Marshall thanked the staff for their presentations and hard work

Action: REVIEW by-laws and send comments/notes to Brad Marshall and Steve Austin.

**ADJOURNED (Item 12)** Chairperson Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was made by Yesli Vega and seconded by Sonia Vasquez Luna. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.**

**Next meeting: July 23, 2024**