

**Prince William County
Community Criminal Justice Board
October 22, 2024**

PARTICIPANTS: Brad Marshall, Judge Rogers, Capt. West, Tony Kostelecky, Dan Manza, Sonia Vasquez Luna, Michael Carlson, Tara Petty, Brandon Dudley, Kristin Marbury, Louis Sager, Chris Sanders, Terry Fearnley, Levi Bass, Phyllis Jennings, Tracey Lenox, Ellen Patterson

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

CITIZEN: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS (Item 1) Chairperson Brad Marshall declared the meeting underway and that a count of 2/3 of the board was present, and a quorum was established. He welcomed members and thanked those in attendance. He welcomed a new appointee, Dr. Kristen Marbury, who represents the interests of Manassas Park City Schools. She replaced Jennifer Braswell-Geller.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

Chairperson Marshall requested a motion to approve the July 23, 2024, meeting minutes. **The motion was made by Terry Fearnley and was seconded by Louis Sager. Members voted, and the motion was passed unanimously.** Chairperson Marshall noted that Tony Kostelecky abstained from voting because of his absence from the July meeting.

CITIZENS TIME (Item 4) – *None.*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANTS (Item 5) reported by *Brandon Dudley, Prince William County Police*

The Prince William County Police Department has requested funding through the JAG Grant, which is awarded annually. This year's request is for just over \$124,000.00. The funds will be used to upgrade two of the four newly acquired scenario-based training centers built in 2013 and 2014. The upgrades will include enhancements to the targeting systems, technology, software, hardware, and overall facilities.

APPROVAL OF CCJB By-Laws (Item 6) Chairperson Marshall requested a motion to approve voting as a block: Individual Member Remote Attendance, Quorum Remote Attendance-Meetings During State of Emergency, Article V adding Director of the Office of Community Safety to the Board, Adding Director of the Office of Youth Services to the Board, Adding Director of Social Services to the Board. **The motion was made by Terry Fearnley**

and seconded by Michael Carlson to vote on the changes to the by-laws as one block. No discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chair Brad Mashall moved to approve the permanent incorporation of all five bylaw amendments into the CCJB By-Laws. **Sonia Vasquez Luna made the motion, which was seconded by Brandon Dudley. The motion was passed unanimously.**

Steve Austin added that he appreciated the changes, that the amendments align with the code, and that remote participation is allowed.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Item 7) *no report*

ADULT DETENTION CENTER REENTRY SERVICE & REENTRY CENTER (Item 8)

Presented by Captain West

- Captain West introduces the reentry program, mentioning its inception in 2009 and the evolution of resource fairs
- The first resource fair was held in 2011, inviting local government, state government, faith-based organizations, and more
- The program has grown to include 40 to 50 organizations, making it one of the best in the region
- The reentry dorm focuses on holistic approaches, including social services, child support, health, mental health, probation, and more
- Captain West discusses the importance of vital records, job readiness, and health insurance for reentry program participants
- The program includes partnerships with community colleges, veteran services, and job readiness programs like Labor Founders
- The reentry case plan involves assessing needs, creating case plans, and ensuring participants have the necessary documents and skills
- The program includes mentoring, substance abuse treatment, life skills, and preparation for job interviews

Reentry Center and Peer Support

- Captain West introduced the new reentry center, which started in February 2024 and is staffed by peers at George Mason University and Community Services
- The center provides emergency services, including food, clothing, and Narcan
- The center also offers a small food pantry and clothing for those in need
- The peers at the center help connect individuals to resources and services, ensuring a smooth transition from incarceration to the community
- This program is vital to public safety because these are members of our community, and providing them with resources will help deter recidivism
- The Board thanked Captain West for his detailed presentation and his work and dedication to the community and the ADC

DATA DASHBOARD UPDATE (Item 9) reported by *Amal Hajjami*

The recovery housing map and neighborhood safety index updates are born out of EBDM:

Recovery Housing Map EBDM Mental Health Subcommittee:

- The goal was to create an interactive platform to visualize recovery-oriented housing locally, but with all the data collected, it will be statewide
- The recovery housing map visualizes recovery-oriented housing using NARS classification. Recovery residents are classified as Level One-Four.

Level One Houses -Minimal Observation and are peer-run with very minimal support

Level Two Houses – Monitored

- Also offer involvement in self-help services and peer-run groups
- Could possibly be apartments or other dwelling types
- Have at least one compensated person

Level Three Houses – Supervised

- Also offer in-house service hours and life skills development emphasis
- Vary in housing type and residential setting
- Have a facility manager and certified staff or case managers

Level Four Houses – Service Provider

- Also offer in-house clinical services and programming
- Are various in type and maybe a more institutional environment
- Have credentialed staff

Neighborhood Safety Index:

- The neighborhood safety index assesses community safety by incorporating protective factors like grocery stores and green spaces
- The goal of the data is to see how well a community is doing and how we can incorporate what a good community has into a community that may need a bit more support
- The index is expected to be completed by the end of October 2024, in collaboration with the Office of Community Safety, Criminal Justice Services, and with a part-time data analyst from Prince William County IT assisting in its development
- The updates aim to provide comprehensive insights into community health and safety

EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING (EBDM & PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT (PSA) UPDATE (Item 10) reported by *Steve Austin*

- Steve Austin provides an overview of EBDM and its impact on various Criminal Justice initiatives. The EBDM committee has been meeting since 2015 and meets regularly to review data and make informed decisions
- Many initiatives were born out of EBDM, the Data Dashboard, the Neighborhood Index, and the peer recovery mapping, which has been a robust project that involves all these different entities and GIS
- EBDM has focused on building a peer network, reducing barriers to treatment and recovery services, and improving data and information sharing
- Subcommittees include a Mental Health SUD Subcommittee, and this subcommittee includes several workgroups focused on: Prevention/Education/Communication, Peer Support, Data Collection/Evaluation, Community Resources/Reducing Barriers, and Advocacy/ Legislation. EBDM is helping us accomplish our goals.

Public Safety Assessment (PSA) Implementation reported by *Tomaudrie Thomas and Steve Austin*

- Tomaudrie Thomas reported on the PSA implementation, noting that 100% of screened individuals received an assessment
- A non-compliance letter was implemented and is being submitted to the Courts for Pretrial cases when individuals on supervision commit minor violations in lieu of sending requests for violations
- ODARA has been implemented on the probation side as an informational assessment for domestic violence
- The domestic violence workgroup assessed gaps in the system and is implementing a fatality review team
- In October 2024, Tomaudrie Thomas and four others from Prince William County attended a conference on Domestic Violence Fatality in Arizona. The information provided was excellent, and the conference presenters may provide technical support to Prince William County
- Steve Austin added that the Policy Team is meeting for PSA in December 2024 and will discuss court appearance notifications. The goal is to expand beyond supervision cases; if it is more systemic, it might help ease concerns about Level I pretrial supervision cases, who technically should not need supervision. The research shows that reminders do help people return to court. The committee will look at an opt-out system
- The implementation of the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) is highlighted as a significant achievement, focusing on improving the accuracy of risk assessments

DCJS QUARTERLY REPORT (ITEM 11) reported by *Tomaudrie Thomas*; see attached draft DCJS packet, which is the 1st Quarter report dated July through September 2025.

As a pilot site, the report is in the old format from the VPRAI, not formatted for the PSA yet

- Total case count numbers 1850: LOP cases 724; Pretrial cases: 1124

- PSA: 1081, which is 100% of those who were appropriately deemed to be assessed
- Pretrial investigations rate: 58% (interviews conducted)
- Cases released on unsecured bond or recognizance: 95%
- Pretrial Appearance Rates: 81%
- Public Safety Rate for Pretrial is 91%
- Compliance Rate is 82%
- 55% percent of individuals in Level I Pretrial supervision do not meet the recommended criteria for this level of oversight

Probation data: 724 cases

- Tomaudrie Thomas: Probation data shows 90% of placements are misdemeanors
- She provided an update on the success rate of the probation program, with a 65% success rate for misdemeanors and 52% for felony cases, and a combined 89% public safety rate without new arrests
- Compliance rate is 79% for probation cases that are closed

ROUND TABLE TOPICS MEMBERS (Item 12)

Tomaudrie Thomas stated that the PSA Implementation Webinar for stakeholders will be on October 29, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. A flyer will be sent after the meeting, and Ms. Thomas encouraged participation.

Judge Rogers stated that he and his colleagues are going to Richmond in front of the Office of the Executive Secretary Committee for District Courts to petition for a sixth position for their busy court. General District Court is number three in filings across the state, and Prince William County represents the second most populous County in the Commonwealth of Virginia study. A new study may prevent the courts from getting additional resources.

The Chair discusses efforts to secure an additional Judge’s position for the General District Court due to high caseloads. He added that the Bar Association and agencies are involved in maintaining the number of Circuit Court Judges and adding additional resources for the General District Court.

Tracey Lenox highlighted that the study is not valid or reasonable because it recommends reducing the number of Circuit Court Judges in the jurisdiction. The result would be devastating for the county. The focus is now on maintaining current court positions and the challenges of inadequate court time allotted for cases.

Michael Carlson reported on a recent successful collaboration with the Prince William County Sheriff’s Office for an event that provided valuable information on individuals. Major Fearnley added that he appreciated the cooperation and hopes to do another soon.

Levi Bass thanked the Board for accepting them as an official member. The Office of Youth Services is almost four months old and came out of social services. They were the Juvenile Services Division. There are a couple of vacancies, but the focus is our Right Step to Opportunities Initiative, our diversion program for first-time misdemeanors. The agency aims to focus on diversion programs for first-time misdemeanors and preventing youth from entering the criminal justice system. They will have approximately 50 volunteers to help facilitate the hearings. After deliberation, they will also determine the appropriate sanctions and opportunities

to help the kids and the families. They are heavy on the criminal justice side and need to move toward the other side of the spectrum to help all kids and families.
Chair Brad Marshall mentioned that the dates for 2025 meetings were in the packet.

ADJOURNED (Item 13) Chairperson Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was made by Tracey Lenox and seconded by Tony Kostecky. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for:
January 28, 2025