

**RAPPAHANNOCK AREA  
COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2022  
CCJB Meeting  
RACSB  
10825 Tidewater Trail  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408**

**PRESENT**

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Chairperson Ms. Jane Yaun– Executive Director, RACSB  
Vice Chairperson Mr. Ed Simmons – Fredericksburg Chief Probation and Parole Officer  
Mr. Travis Bird – Spotsylvania Commonwealth’s Attorney  
The Honorable Michael E. Levy – Stafford Circuit Court  
Mr. Vincent Butaitis – 15<sup>th</sup> District Court Services Unit  
The Honorable J. Bruce Strickland – Stafford Circuit Court  
Mr. Mark Cole – Spotsylvania Deputy County Administrator  
Mr. Cliff Rose – Chief Magistrate 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Col. Kevin Hudson – Superintendent, Rappahannock Regional Jail  
The Honorable Georgia K. Sutton – Spotsylvania Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court  
Mr. Brian Layton – Chief of Police, Fredericksburg Police Department

**ABSENT**

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Ms. Carla White – Rappahannock Juvenile Detention Center  
Ms. Lauren Whitley – Fredericksburg Public Defender  
Mr. Davy Fearon – Executive Director, Rappahannock Area Office on Youth  
The Honorable Angela M. O’Connor – Stafford General District Court  
Mr. Kevin Ortegel – Executive Director, RAASAP  
Mr. Fred Presley – Stafford County Administrator  
Mr. Tim Baroody – Fredericksburg City Manager  
Ms. Nicole Bennett – Program Manager, Regional Adult Education  
Mr. Christopher Miller – King George County Administrator

**OTHERS**

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Mrs. Kelly Hale – Director of Community Corrections & Programs, Rappahannock Regional Jail  
Mrs. Jonida Stephenson – Secretary, Rappahannock Regional Jail  
Mr. Reginald Garnett – Rappahannock Juvenile Detention Center  
Mr. Joseph Wickens – Community Support Services Director, RACSB  
Patricia Bolen – Public Defender  
Ronald Hur – Public Defender

Ms. Jane Yaun called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022. Roll call was conducted:

Ms. Jane Yaun	Present
Ms. Lauren Whitley	Absent
Mr. Mark Cole	Present
Mr. Tim Baroody	Absent
Mr. Ed Simmons	Present
Mr. Vince Butaitis	Present

Mr. Travis Bird	Present
Ms. Nicole Bennett	Absent
Mr. Kevin Ortegell	Absent
Mr. Christopher Miller	Absent
The Honorable Bruce Strickland	Present
Mr. Fred Presley	Absent
Mr. Cliff Rose	Present
Mr. Davy Fearon	Absent (arrived at 4:05)
The Honorable Michael Levy	Present
Ms. Carla White	Absent
The Honorable Angela O'Connor	Absent
The Honorable Georgia Sutton	Present
Col. Kevin Hudson	Present
Mr. Brian Layton	Present

Mr. Reginald Garnett stated that he was present as an alternate for Ms. Carla White; Ms. Patricia Bolen and Mr. Ronald Hur stated that they were present as alternate for Ms. Lauren Whitley. Mr. Davy Fearon arrived at 4:05 p.m.

The board had a quorum.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 2, 2021**

Ms. Yaun proceeded with the approval of the meeting minutes for December 2, 2021. Judge Sutton made a motion to approve the minutes; Judge Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments submitted.

#### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND RRJ STATISTICS**

Mrs. Hale provided the following statistics for RRJ:

Video Arraignment/Booking/Release statistics for the month of January, 2022: Fredericksburg Circuit Court-**15**, Fredericksburg General District Court-**31**, Fredericksburg Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court-**7**. Spotsylvania Circuit Court-**27**, Spotsylvania GDC-**42**, Spotsylvania Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court-**10**. Stafford Circuit Court-**52**, Stafford General District Court-**84**, Stafford Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court-**30**. King George Circuit Court-**10**, King George General District Court-**7**, King George Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court-**0**, other-**27**.

The total numbers for the month of October were as follows: Video Arraignments: **342**, Other Status Hearings: **27**. Bookings: **541**, and Releases: **521**, for a total of: **1,062**. The Average Daily Count: **977**. The Community Corrections Program totals were as follows: Pretrial Supervision: **637**, Community Based Probation: **734**, Veterans Docket: **9**, Adult Drug Court: **54**, Juvenile Drug Court: **2**, Work Release: **0**, and Electronic Monitoring: **3**, for a total of **1,439** individuals in Community Corrections programs.

#### **SPOTSYLVANIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DOCKET**

Mrs. Hale informed the board that an application has been submitted to the Supreme Court to implement a Behavioral Health Docket in Spotsylvania. The team has met several times to work on the program's manual and to compile the needed documentation for the application.

Mr. Hur asked if the eligibility criteria have been established and what would those be. Mrs. Hale explained that the team is looking at various mental health diagnoses as long as the perspective participant has the ability to comply with the program's rules and regulations.

Judge Strickland inquired if there is a date that the team expects to receive approval of the application. Ms. Hale explained that there is not an assigned date.

### **LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

Mrs. Hale presented four letters of support to be approved by the board:

In support of the Veterans Docket letter: Col. Hudson made a motion to approve; Mr. Bird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In support of the Rappahannock Adult and Juvenile Drug Court Docket letter: Mr. Butaitis made a motion to approve; Col. Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In support of the Pretrial and Probation Program letter: Judge Levy made a motion to approve; Mr. Bird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In support of the Behavioral Health Docket letter: Col. Hudson made a motion to approve; Judge Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **RACSB UPDATE**

Ms. Jane Yaun presented the RACSB report and the diversion data for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022. There have been a total of thirty assessments in the aforementioned period. Of those, thirteen individuals met the criteria based on the assessment and agreed to services. Six individuals were linked to housing services; six individuals were linked to treatment programs; there were no individuals linked to benefits during this period.

Ms. Yaun announced that she will be retiring on April 1, 2022. Mr. Joe Wickens, who was present at the meeting, will be the next executive director for the RACSB.

Ms. Yaun also conveyed that the number of individuals transported to state psychiatric facilities has dropped, but this does not indicate a decrease in need. Rather, it reflects a drop in the availability of state psychiatric beds. A lawsuit has been filed in Giles county from the Department of Social Services against the new commissioner of the Behavioral Health Department for not receiving the needed treatment of a teenager who was in the custody of the Social Services Department.

### **MAGISTRATE UPDATE**

Chief Rose reported that the Magistrate's office continues to struggle with staff changes.

The Virginia Employment Commission is actively recruiting magistrates as Hearing Officers with a greater starting pay.

There are currently two new candidates in the process of acquiring the certification and five candidates are expected to be sworn-in this month.

### **DISTRICT 21 OVERVIEW**

Mr. Simmons presented the attached report and stated that District 21 has seven vacant probation officer positions and one vacant administrative position.

During this time, the office is supervising 248 high level cases; 1,444 medium level cases; 159 low level cases; 268 cases pending intake, and 750 cases are being supervised via voice-verification. There are 168 registered sex offenders on some form of supervision, ten of which are being monitored by GPS. In the last three months, there have been 242 major violation reports and 109 Presentence Investigation Reports have been submitted to local courts.

Decision Points, Sex Offender Awareness Program (SOAP), sex offender treatment, sex offender treatment aftercare, and substance abuse treatment groups are offered in-house, though they are still temporarily suspended/modified because of COVID-19. Teletherapy is being conducted whenever possible, but in-person substance abuse treatment has resumed.

Overall, there are 2,605 individuals under probation or parole with the district, which makes the office one of the largest in the central region.

### **JUVENILE JUSTICE REPORT**

Based on the yearly report, the district had the largest number of intakes in the region, with 1,680 complaints filed in the past year, of which 39.5% having been diverted at the intake level. The data shows that 86% of the juveniles complied with the terms of the contract imposed to them and 90% of those cases did not return to the court system.

For the population placed under supervision, the office employs eight evidence-based principles.

This year, the focus has been on the probation appointments' structure, as well as the incentivized probation model. The assessment process is also tailored around understanding the criminogenic factors of the juvenile involved in order for the appropriate intervention to be crafted. The number of probationers being re-arrested while on supervision has dropped by roughly 6% from the previous year.

Ms. Amy Floriano is the new director of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Col. Hudson presented Ms. Jane Yaun with a plaque of appreciation for her many years of service to the Community Criminal Justice Board.

Judge Strickland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting for the Rappahannock Area Community Criminal Justice Board will take place on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jonida Stephenson

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Community Corrections & RRJ Statistics
3. RACSB Report
4. District 21 Overview
5. DJJ Report