

# Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board

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January 10, 2024 CCJB Meeting  
4pm to 5:30pm  
Location: Zoom

## Minutes:

Member sign in and verify contact info (email & phone) – verified on Zoom chat

### Present:

**Members:** Marna Bentley, Brandy Bischoff, Ross Carew, Avnel Coates, Dashad Cooper, Kaki Dimock, Amanda Galloway, Steve Hoffman, Edith Napier, Ted Voorhees, David Wells

**Guests/Attendees:** Peter Alonzi, Raven Brooks, Stephanie Macdonald, Susan Morrow  
Matt Vitale (Criminal Justice Planner & CCJB Staff)

A quorum of at least eight voting members was achieved.

### Introductions:

All present: provided brief introductions and background

### Review Board Roster:

New members who attended: Dashad Cooper - Charlottesville citizen representative, Steve Hoffman - Representing Madison County Government, Edith Napier - Citizen representative of Nelson County

New members who did not attend: Edwin Consolvo - Greene County representative / Commonwealth's Attorney, Daniel Rutherford - Representing Nelson County Government / Commonwealth's Attorney

Approval of Minutes from last meeting (October 11, 2023) – Minutes approved and posted to Planner webpage.

The CCJB reviewed the vision statement, mission of CCJB, & strategic plan goals, which remain relevant.

Remaining gaps in membership:

Educational representative – In progress, pending approval from Fluvanna School Superintendent  
Louisa Co. citizen representative – Louisa Co. is working on filling the gap

Nominations for the following gaps in CCJB representation were presented and the board approved moving forward with inviting the following individuals:

General District Court Judge: Hon. Matthew J. Quatrara, Presiding Judge (Albemarle)

Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge: Hon. Deborah S. Tinsley, Presiding & Chief Judge (Louisa)  
Chief of Police (or Sheriff): Sheriff James E. Brown, III (Charlottesville)

The Planner and Chair will extend the invitation to the above individuals to join the CCJB.

### **Updates and Progress Made since the Last CCJB Meeting**

Proposed changes, additions, and objectives to strategic plan

Review Draft 2023/24 Strategic Plan Addendum

New objectives reviewed by the CCJB on October 11, 2023 were arranged into the following initiatives:

Objective A-1: Set proposed expectations for jurisdictions related to best practices

Objective A-2: Locality gap analysis

Objective A-3: Addition of victim centered best practices and resources

Objective A-4: Continued priority on trauma and mental health resources for both victim and defendant

Objective A-5: Develop a research subcommittee

Objective A-6: How this board can champion best practices regionally

Ross Carew recommended inviting an individual with experience in victim centered best practices to assist with objective A-3. Avnel Coates recommended Robin Jackson with the Center for Help in Emergency. Kaki Dimock seconded the recommendation.

The CCJB approved the new objectives and extending the objectives to end of 2027 a quorum of at least eight voting members was achieved.

### **Topical Presentation and Discussion**

HART update – Kaki Dimock: Human Services Alternative Response Team (HARTS) was soft launched July 2023. The team involves 1 police officer, 1 paramedic, and 1 social/human services individual. The team was formed to respond to behavioral health calls that come through 911, or as a follow up response via working with Partner for Mental Health to connect individuals to appropriate community based mental health services. HART also works with pier support opioid specialist that can work with opioid overdose calls. The team is working through the initial stages of the program. Review of year end data demonstrates 146 individuals have been served July 1, 2023 – to end of 2023. Hart can respond to calls directly from 911, can be referred from other officers in route / on the scene. Kaki mentioned that R10 is starting up their own mobile response team, as is UVA, and other localities such as Charlottesville and she brought up that there is likely plenty of need in the community but there may need to be some organizational strategy brought into play.

HART response is currently funneled through 911, but the question was raised could other agencies such as Probation and Parole initiate a Hart response. Kaki to follow up.

UVA Systems Engineering study update - Matt Vitale: the UVA team is working on a follow up study from the 2022-23 study that looked closely into the home electronic incarceration program (HEI) at ACRJ. The team is investigating the additional data from the past year and will look at barriers to entry, benefits of the program, mental health interplay with participants such as access to services on HEI, selection process, and recidivism / success rates.

Amanda Galloway brought up the question regarding CVRJ and a potential HEI program at that facility. Ted Voorhees advised he is on the Jail Board for CVRJ and will invite CVRJ Superintendent Dyer to the next CCJB meeting which will have the UVA HEI presentation. Ted Voorhees also updated that there is a new deputy administrator at CVRJ, previous administrator retired.

Drug Treatment Courts: region-wide update and introduction for new members - Susan Morrow: History of drug treatment courts (DTC) in the region; 1997 Charlottesville/Albemarle DTC began in the Circuit Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> DTC in the state of VA and has a max capacity of 50-55 participants (currently 24), and a program length of 12 months.

2017 was the next specialty docket, the therapeutic docket (TD) also in Charlottesville/Albemarle in the General District Court (GDC), serving misdemeanants. Program length minimum is 9 months, but depends on participant's progress. Currently 27 participants, with preliminary conversation of expanding into the JDR and Circuit courts in Charlottesville/Albemarle.

2020 Fluvanna Circuit Court started a DTC, currently 14 months minimum for participants to complete the program. Between current and new referrals the program currently has 9 participants.

2022 Orange / Madison DTC began in the Circuit Court. Currently has 15 participants.

2023 Nelson DTC began in the Circuit Court. Currently 4 participants with 1 pending referral.

Future Plans: look into specialty docket creation in Louisa, Greene, and Goochland. Also, therapeutic docket expansion, as the region has demonstrated a need for programs that target defendants who have been diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illness.

Amanda Galloway noted that Fluvanna was in early stages of discussing mental health diversion in that locality.

Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) discussion: Funds will be available for the next 30 years, good time for localities to think of how to put it to use. Kaki indicated funds general funds from the county were utilized to start the HART program, opioid specific funding has been used for personnel (police, rescue, etc.) Narcan training. Direct OAA funds have been applied for R10 Crises Receiving Center (alternative diversion rather than hospital).

Ted Voorhees OAA update: Response team formed, led by peers with lived experience, will follow up after law enforcement or EMS responds. Currently hiring for this group now. Includes Fauquier, Culpepper, Orange, and Rappahannock.

Marny Bentley update: Noted that counties have to apply for the funds, it cannot be CSB or other organizations. R10 goal of expansion staff for crises receiving center and CTAC crises intervention and assessment center, move towards 24/7 services. Also, R10 hopes to expand these programs throughout service area, based on need.

Reentry: region-wide update - Ross Carew – Tabled until next meeting.

## **Next Steps**

CCJB summit scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It will combine regular CCJB meeting and the summit to kick off the new initiatives. Ross Carew offered the use of the OAR conference room with parking at District 9

Probation and Parole offered by Brandy Bischoff. The group agreed upon meeting in the morning from 9am until 1pm. \*Please see addendum below as this has changed.

Ross proposed Kaki would be great for facilitating the summit.

The summit was proposed for several reasons: kickoff the new objectives, determine proposed expectations, communicate priorities moving forward, and determine strategic planning goals, i.e. assemble smaller workgroups to take lead on the new action objectives.

### **Upcoming Agenda Items & Topics of Interest – open to group suggestions (email Matt Vitale)**

UVA Systems Engineering Capstone Study: presentation 4/29/24 9am  
PSA - New pretrial assessment tool  
Jail programming (ACRJ & CVRJ)  
Learn about Therapeutic Docket

### **Meeting Schedule**

~~January 10, 2024 – 4-530 Zoom~~  
~~April 29, 2024 – 9am-1pm in person at OAR (1218 Harris St. Charlottesville)\*~~ Changed to Zoom  
April 29, 2024 – 9am-10:30am Zoom  
June 14, 2024 – 9am – 12pm Strategic Planning Summit\*  
July 10, 2024 – 4-530 Zoom  
October 9, 2024 – 4-530 in person (Location)

Thanks to everyone for participating and volunteering!

**\*Addendum – The CCJB planning summit to organize and launch the new initiatives has been rescheduled to June 14, 2024 9am-12 noon. The April 29<sup>th</sup> date has been transitioned to a Zoom meeting and will feature a presentation from the UVA Systems Engineering Capstone Team on Home Electronic Incarceration at Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail (ACRJ).**

**April 29, 2024 Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83684386487?pwd=YTAwRzZlVmk1MIN3V3Vyc1RBb0gvUT09>