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DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
Central Office
700 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia
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Present: Kim Downing Aida Pacheco James Turpin
Patricia Puritz Julia Winslett

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am by the Vice-Chair, Kim Downing.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Winslett, the agenda was approved. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Ms. Winslett to modify the agenda item concerning the Virginia Wilderness Institute under non-secure committee. Motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no special guests at this board meeting. Everyone present, excluding the board members and attendees, introduced themselves as they went around the room. Ms. Downing officially welcomed Director Barry R. Green, who is the Department of Juvenile Justice's new interim Director replacing Mr. Jerrauld C. Jones.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Pacheco, the minutes were approved for the April 8, 2005, board meeting. Motion Carried.

V. COMMENTS OF PUBLIC

None.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Secure Services Committee

1. Certifications

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Winslett to certify Newport News Detention Home for one year, with a six month status report and establish the new capacity at 110. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Winslett to certify Norfolk Detention Home for one year with a status report on population management, medical documentation and training in six months. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Puritz to increase the capacity of Highlands Juvenile Detention Center from 31 to 35. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Puritz to table the Crater Detention Home report on their population management plan to the September meeting. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Winslett to increase the capacity from 31 to 35 at Highlands Juvenile Detention Center. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Pacheco pursuant to section 16.1-309.5 of the Code of Virginia in accordance with the methodology approved by the board on the April 13, 2005, the board approves additional reimbursement for state share for construction for the following projects in the following manner.

Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center	\$ 245,765
Prince William Juvenile Detention Home Project Phase II	\$ 244,691
Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center	\$ 401,693
Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention Center	\$ 206,184
Newport News Juvenile Detention Center	\$ 645,628
Chesterfield Juvenile Detention Center	\$1,164,619
Highlands Juvenile Detention Center	\$ 213,770
WW Moore, Jr. Home for Juveniles	\$ 296,425

The availability of funds is approved above as contingent on the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly.

Dr. Ito, Acting Superintendent with Beaumont gave a current report on Beaumont relative to the concerns voiced in the February 9, 2005 board meeting. The board is pleased with the overall direction and the change of tone at the facility. The behavior management program has been implemented. Training has been completed and specialized

programs for specialized units will be implemented within the next ninety days. There will be more training with officers to insure their interaction with wards be professional, as well as their supervisory responsibilities. The documentation issues will continue to be monitored, as well as the sanitation. Mr. Lloyd Jackson, an auditor, will be going out to Beaumont within the next week or so to check improvements.

Barry Green reported that he visited the facility the evening of June 7, 2005. The atmosphere displayed was good communication between the staff members themselves, as well as with the wards.

Additional comments were made on Shenandoah Valley where a stock market program for the kids was introduced, which they performed quite well in handling the imaginary \$100,000 they invested over a ten week period. Fees were paid for doing transfers and the kids bought and sold stock. They won first place for the high schools of Virginia and received an award from the Washington Post Newspaper.

The board recommended that a letter of congratulations be sent to the school acknowledging this achievement.

B. Non-Secure Services Committee

1. Certifications

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to certify the 2nd -A District Court Service Unit and the 12th District Court Service Unit for three years with letters of congratulations for 100% compliance. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to certify the 20th -W District Court Service Unit, 29th District Court Service Unit and Fairfax Boy's Probation House for three years. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Ms. Winslett, To modify the Certification Certificate for Virginia Wilderness Institute by changing the age range from 14-18 to 14 - 20. Motion carried

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to decrease the capacity of Hampton Place Halfway House from 13 to 12. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Ms. Puritz to rescind the FY06 VJCCA Plan for Washington County combined plan and Russell County combined plan and approve the newly submitted FY06 combined plan for counties of Washington, Smyth, Russell, Dickenson, Wise, Tazewell, Buchanan Counties; Cities of Bristol and Norton. The fiscal agents of the newly combined plan will be

Washington County, and the plan administrator will be the newly established Appalachian Juvenile Commission. Motion carried.

ON MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to amend the FY06 plans for York County combined plan, the Mathews County, and the City of Poquoson by combining them into a single plan administered by the Colonial Group Home Commission, as York County the fiscal agent. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to amend the FY06 plan for Surry County in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to amend the FY06 plan for Orange County in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to amend the FY06 plan for Waynesboro, Staunton and Augusta County Combined Plan in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to amend the FY06 plan for Newport News in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to amend the FY06 plan for Norfolk in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to amend the FY06 plan for Hampton in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to amend the FY06 plan for Franklin County in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to amend the FY06 plan for Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Franklin City, Isle of Wight and Southampton (combined plan – Tidewater Regional Group Home Commission) in accordance with the Request to Amend. Motion carried.

Whereas the Code of Virginia (16.1 – 309.5) empowers the Board of Juvenile Justice to approve construction reimbursement for group homes, but the 2005 Acts of Assembly Chapter 5, Item 443A.1 which supercedes the Code, prohibits the Board from approving or committing additional funds for construction of Item 443A 442, exempts the Crossroads Community Youth Home from the provisions of paragraph 8.1. Therefore;

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to approve the planning study for the Crossroads Community Youth Home and recommends reimbursement by the state in the amount of 50% of the total project cost not to exceed \$528,743 representing the statewide average cost of reimbursement per bed of \$37,222 for 18 beds less the state's share of prior investments made. The availability of funds for reimbursement approved above is contingent upon the appropriations of funds by the General Assembly Motion carried.

Whereas the Code of Virginia (16.1 – 309.5) empowers the Board of Juvenile Justice to approve construction reimbursement for group homes, but the 2005 Acts of Assembly Chapter 4, Item 443A which supercedes the Code, prohibits the Board from approving or committing additional funds for construction; and

Whereas Fairfax Count's Girl's Probation House, a 12 bed residential facility for females ages 13-18, is in such great need of repair, that a replacement facility is necessary; and

Whereas the County of Fairfax has determined that a replacement facility could be constructed on the existing site;

Therefore be it resolved that when funding again may be available to reimburse group home construction costs up to a per bed cap, and the Board is again empowered to commit and approve additional funds for construction, the Board of Juvenile Justice approves, in concept the replacement of the Girl's Probation House facility.

On MOTION duly made by Ms. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Turpin, to approve in concept the planning study. Motion carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Proposal to Rescind Policies That Are More Adequately Addressed in Regulation.

The Department recommends that policy 20-309 be rescinded.
Policy Number: 08-001. Confidentiality of Youth records
Policy Number: 08-002. Release of Information
Policy Number: 08-004. Management of Juvenile Records.

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Winslett, to rescind the above stated policies. Motion carried.

B. Virginia's Long-Range Youth Services Policy

The final draft of the proposed "Long-Term Youth Services Policy" authorized by Virginia Code § 66-10 (2) is submitted for approval.

Ms. Pacheco requested that under the section of "Correctional Mental Health Care" in the sentence Mental health screening and assessment instruments should be race- and ethnic-sensitive. Would it be possible to add the word "gender"?

On MOTION duly made by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Ms. Winslett, to approve the "Long-Term Youth Services Policy", with the addition of the word "gender". Motion carried.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Green spoke concerning his goals for the next seven months with the agency. He is not trying to make any major shifts during his tenure with the agency. Mr. Green would like to work on the recidivism study, since we are seeing a decline for the first time. Prisoner re-entry has been a focus before coming to DJJ and he will continue to work on this issue.

The greatest thing we can do for kids leaving our facility would be to get them some type of support structure in place so there is not a large time gap between the availability of much needed services.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Welcome comments and congratulations were made to Director Green. Mr. Turpin commented on attending Director Jones Investiture, which was extremely nice.

Mr. Turpin commented on the passing of Jay Melvin recently and wanted the board to send something to his wife noting his passing. Mr. Melvin had contributed greatly to the shaping of our juvenile system. Mr. Green noted that there is no provision for state monies to be used for this purpose, but we can draft a resolution.

Mr. Turpin wanted it to be noted that the private sector should have no role in running correctional facilities.

Ms. Downing noted that she would like to continue the Disproportionate Minority Confinement issue. She noted that the issue was close to Mr. Jones heart and would like to see it continued. Also she has requested that recidivism be taken to the next level, possibly by Lynette Greenfield's area.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Northern Virginia Detention Home located at 200 South Whiting Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22304.

XI. ADJOURN

On **MOTION** duly made by Mr. Turpin and seconded by Ms. Pacheco, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Jones`