

# Juvenile Detention Commission for Northern Virginia

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2024

**Call to Order:** Mr. Conklin called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

### ATTENDEES

**Members present:** Mrs. Marguarite Gooden (Arlington) Mrs. Sonnja Brown (Alexandria) Mr. Earl Conklin (Arlington-Chair)

**Staff present:** Ms. Johnitha McNair, Mr. Ian Rachal, Mr. Jahi Banks, Ms. Emily Anne Reiney, Mr. Michael Thigpen, Selita Taylor, Carolyn Pucciarelli, Dr. Mannie (School Principal), Anita Robinson, Kennetra Wood

**Other Attendees:** Mr. Neil Title (Attorney), Mr. Amir Farshchian of 3-iT Accounting & Financial Services Corporation, Zakiya Worthey of KLamb, Mike Makey(CSU-Alexandria), Morgan Routt(City of Alexandria), Joanna Lee (City of Alexandria), Yon Lambert(City of Alexandria),

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Gooden made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS:** Mr. Conklin noted that approving the budgets would pose as a daunting task and wanted to express thanks to commission members and staff for putting a budget together. Ms. Gooden stated her number one goal is to approve a budget that will support the needs of children and combat the current drug epidemic. Ms. Brown also noted that she is looking forward to the budget discussion.

### COMMISSION BUSINESS

**Approval of FY25 Proposed Detention Budget:** Ms. McNair stated she would go over the recommended adjustments and how that would affect the proposed budget. A discussion followed. Mr. Conklin made a motion to approve the FY25 operating budget for \$5,776,509 to fund the necessary operations of the center for FY25. Transfer from the commission reserve account up to \$279,874 to fund the one-time request of a new vehicle and the increase in facility repairs. Also, the funding for treatment services in the amount of \$246,143 be reduced from the budget since these services have already been funded by the commission for a one-year pilot program through reserve accounts. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The budget was approved unanimously.

**FY25 Proposed Care Center Budget Discussion:** Ms. McNair discussed increased utilization for the program. Ms. Reiney echoed Ms. McNair's comments about utilization and its increase, but also noted service provision has also increased, the level of need and care looks a lot different than it was two years ago. A very lengthy discussion followed. Ms. Gooden made a

motion to accept the proposed budget. Ms. Brown second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

**Financial Report:** Ms. McNair provided the financial reports, through November 2023. Total assets were 9.5 million. Total revenue for the first five months of the fiscal year was two million. There was an operating surplus for the first five months. Ms. Gooden inquired why the funds were being withheld by the city of Alexandria. Ms. McNair provided an overview of the Care Center financial report. Ms. Reiney noted the Care Center is still awaiting payment on two different residents from Arlington. Mr. Conklin offered to investigate the matter. The fiscal audit has been schedule for both detention and care center.

**Utilization Report:** Mr. Rachal provided the report. Alexandria currently has 2507 bed days. Arlington has 1915 bed days and Falls Church has nine. Mr. Rachal provided a utilization report as part of Ms. McNair's report. Ms. McNair noted that signed agreements for CAP were completed in November. The CPP agreement was signed in December which creates the potential for more revenue.

**Ms. Worthey's Report:** Ms. Worthey provided a report noting meetings with Shinar Hill and Arlington County members. Ms. Worthey reported work continues with the executive leadership. Hosted a Chopped competition for the residents.

**Executive Director's Report:** Ms. McNair stated there are three residents eligible for graduation work. Ms. McNair stated that the center is working with Jim Dillon to establish a work force option for residents, that would provide trade skills.

**NVJDC Principal:** Dr. Mannie noted she wanted to reiterate the vision statement of the learning program. Dr. Mannie is looking to have a free-standing library and has already invested in the scanner system that needs to be set up.

**Care Center Report:** Ms. Reiney reported that the utilization was down, because the was an uptick in female referrals and a decrease in male referrals. The waitlist will probably last eighty-nine days. There are four new staff who have been trained and just started. Two residents have started new jobs.

**Neil Title:** No report.

### **CSU (Court Services Unit) Directors Reports:**

Alexandria – Mr. Mackey wanted to thank Mr. Rachal for meeting with the Alexandria Gang Task Force and also noted January is National Mentor month.

Arlington – No report.

The next Commission meeting was rescheduled to February 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.