

Juvenile Detention Commission for Northern Virginia

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Call to Order: Mr. Conklin called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Members present: Mr. Earl Conklin (Arlington – Chairperson) Mrs. Marguarite Gooden (Arlington) Mrs. Sonnja Brown (Alexandria) Mr. Yon Lambert (Alexandria)

Staff present: Ms. Johnitha McNair, Mr. Ian Rachal, Mr. Jahi Banks, Ms. Emily Anne Reiney, , Carolyn Pucciarelli, Dr. Seazante` W. Oliver (ACPS), Ms. Brianna Cain

Other Attendees: Mr. Neil Title (Attorney), Mr. Charles Smith and Mr. Amir Farshchian of 3-iT Accounting & Financial Services Corporation, Ms. Zakiya Worthey of KLamb, Mike Mackey(CSU-Alexandria),Mr. Luis Pitarque of Dewberry Architects, Mr. Shinar Little and Mr. Charles Finwick of Fog Hill

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR AND COMMISIONERS:

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Jurisdictional Funding for FY25 Budget: Ms. Gooden stated that her belief was discussions were already being had in regard to the budget. Mr. Conklin said there has not been a joined discussion that he has been made aware of between the jurisdictions. A discussion followed. Mr. Lambert provided an overview of the budget that the city of Alexandria approved. Mr. Conklin would like some proposed meeting dates to be provided at the July meeting, the topic would be budget timeline and budget planning. Mr. Lambert made a motion to have the Executive Director work with Arlington county, Falls Church and Alexandria City staff, to schedule budget meetings for June and July for review of the FY25 budget process and to plan for FY26 submittal schedule. Ms. Gooden seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Interjurisdictional Agreement: Mr. Lambert reported that members have been reviewing the agreement as well as the City of Alexandria. Members agreed during a retreat to have a new agreement in place by August or September. Mr. Lambert noted there were four major sections to be revised, the annual budget, payments, acceptance of juveniles and the convenance section. Ms. Gooden confirmed there was a discussion about updating and adopting the agreement. Mr. Lambert noted that Alexandria staff has already provided comments to the agreement. Mr. Conklin requested that it be shared with members and Ms. McNair. A discussion followed. Mr. Conklin asked that members review the document in preparation for the July meeting.

IT System Update: Ms. McNair reported that the contract with the current vendor will be terminated. The vendor forwarded a proposal with final charges, Ms. McNair stated she would be accepting. Ms. McNair said she is open to any support the jurisdictions could provide. Mr. Conklin as well as Mr. Lambert both have made request to their respective jurisdictions for assistance. Mr. Rachal stated he would be providing a scope of services.

Care Center Staffin Analysis: Mr. Reiney and Mr. Lambert confirmed that a meeting had been scheduled for June 21st with staff from the City of Alexandria.

NATCAP/Unit 7: Ms. McNair reported that Unit 7 renovations are near completion, and she is simply awaiting furniture. A discussion followed.

REPORTS

Financial Report: Mr. Smith provided a report for the last ten months leading up to April. Total assets were 10.4 million. Mr. Smith reported current assets were \$6.1 million, up from \$5.5 million. This amount consists of \$1.2 million in the operating account, \$4.7 million in the capital reserve. The center had equity of \$8.4 million and liabilities of \$2.0 million. Mr. Smith stated at the end of April, there was a surplus of \$512 thousand dollars. The center has received 111% of revenues. Mr. Smith noted the audit has been delayed due to a staffing issue, but the auditors will be presenting their findings soon. Ms. McNair requested that the report be updated to say where exactly the per diem is coming from, and also specify the revenues coming from Portsmouth. Mr. Conklin inquired where the center will be at the end of June. Ms. McNair stated the center will be in the black. Mr. Smith also presented the report for Shelter Care. Total assets through April were \$1.9 million, up from \$1.6 million in March. Current assets were \$1.3 million, Sheltercare's liabilities were about \$555.8 thousand. Mr. Smith noted a surplus for the end of April in the amount of \$2000. Expenditures are 100% of budget for April. Mr. Conklin noted the information was alarming. Ms. McNair stated that while the population numbers increased, the budget was not adjusted for the increased population. A discussion followed. Mr. Lambert inquired if projections could be provided. Ms. McNair stated she would meet with the accountants to reconcile cash on hand with the predicted expenses.

Executive Director's Report: As part of Ms. McNair's report, she allowed the representatives from Foghill to provide a presentation on the partnership and opportunities that residents will have with Foghill and the work that they provide. Mr. Little noted that residents could receive training that could put them on a path to ensure employment, which included HVAC mechanics, maintenance mechanics, and plumbers. Little stated their organization has a 0% recidivism rate. Mr. Lambert inquired if a RFP process would be involved. Ms. McNair noted historically, there had not been a competitive process, however there is a current procurement policy that was recently adopted by existing members of the commission.

Care Center Report: Ms. Reiney reported that every day for the month, the center has been at 12 or over 12. Ms. Reiney noted that most of the DSS residents are emergency placements. Currently, the residents are getting ready for the summer program. Outstanding orders can come in at any time. Ms. Reiney noted they are over capacity and running out of money. Ms. McNair

pointed out that rooms were double bunked, but currently there is one resident per room. Ms. Reiney noted the kids are staying busy. They attended a Nationals game and also had a carwash. Two more staff have been hired.

NVJDC Principal: Dr. Oliver reported that the library is coming along, and residents are able to check out books. Last week, an entire class earned Student of the Week. The last day of school is tomorrow. The last week in June will be an enrichment week for staff. There will be a big celebration for one student who earned his GED.

Ms. Worthey's Report: Ms. Worthey stated her comments during a member discussion were restricted before she was able to finish. An all-staff meeting was conducted on Professional Conduct in the Workplace which Ms. Worthey stated she moderated. Ms. Worthey stated she is still awaiting the Alexandria CSU to schedule a meeting date/time.

Neil Title: Mr. Title reported on the claim being pursued against the federal government on the billing issues for the ORR program. There was much resistance, outside counsel was sought and an appeal to an administrative officer resulted in the award around \$895 thousand dollars. Ms. McNair wanted to express her gratitude to Mr. Title for all of his hard work.

CSU (Court Services Unit) Directors Reports:

Alexandria – No report.

Arlington – No report.

The Executive Session was certified by Commissioners Conklin, Gooden, Brown, and Lambert that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified by the motion by which the executive session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting of the executive session which concluded at 6:47p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:26 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.