

**RAPPAHANNOCK AREA
COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2024
CCJB Meeting
RACSB
600 Jackson st.
Fredericksburg, VA 22401**

PRESENT

Chairperson Mr. Davy Fearon - Executive Director, Rappahannock Area Office on Youth
Vice Chairperson Col. Kevin Hudson - Superintendent, Rappahannock Regional Jail
The Honorable Bruce Strickland - Stafford Circuit Court
The Honorable Michael Levy - Stafford Circuit Court
The Honorable Angela O'Connor - Stafford General District Court
The Honorable Marcel Jones - Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
Mr. Ed Simmons - Fredericksburg Chief Probation and Parole
Mr. Brian Layton - Chief of Police, Fredericksburg Police Department
Mr. Cliff Rose - Chief Magistrate 15th Judicial District
Ms. Lauren Whitley - Senior Public Defender
Mr. Mark Cole - Spotsylvania Deputy County Administrator
Mr. Joe Wickens - Executive Director, RACSB

ABSENT

Mr. Ryan Mehaffey - Spotsylvania County Commonwealth's Attorney
Mr. Kevin Ortegel - Executive Director, RAASAP
Mr. Randy Vosburg - County Administrator, Stafford County
Ms. Jaclyn Fish - County Administration Designee, King George County
Mr. TC Collins - King George County Board of Supervisors Chair
Ms. Nichole Bennett - Program Manager, Regional Adult Education
Ms. Natasha Cheek - Regional Manager, 15th District Court Services Unit
Mr. Tim Baroody - Fredericksburg City Manager
Ms. Carla White - Rappahannock Juvenile Detention Center

OTHERS

Ms. Kelly Hale – Director of Programs and Community Corrections, Rappahannock Regional Jail
Mrs. Jennette Munnely – Secretary, Rappahannock Regional Jail
Mr. Reginald Garnett – Rappahannock Juvenile Detention Center
Mr. Mark Whitley – Fredericksburg City Manager
Ms. Gerald Whetsell - 15th District Court Services
Mr. Ron Hur - Office of the Public Defender

Mr. Davy Fearon called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024. Roll call was conducted:

Mr. Davy Fearon	Present
Mr. Kevin Hudson	Present
The Honorable Bruce Strickland	Present
The Honorable Angela O'Connor	Present
The Honorable Marcel Jones	Present
The Honorable Michael Levy	Present
Mr. Ed Simmons	Present
Mr. Ryan Mehaffey	Absent
Mr. Brian Layton	Present
Ms. Lauren Whitley	Present
Ms. Natasha Cheek	Absent

Mr. Mark Cole	Present
Mr. Cliff Rose	Present
Mr. Joe Wickens	Present
Mr. Tim Baroody	Absent
Ms. Carla White	Absent
Mr. Kevin Ortegel	Absent
Mr. Randy Vosburg	Absent
Ms. Jaclyn Fish	Absent
Mr. TC Collins	Absent
Ms. Nichole Bennett	Absent

The board did reach a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES, March 7, 2024

Mr. Fearon proceeded with the approval of the meeting minutes for December 7, 2023. Judge Strickland made a motion to approve minutes; Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND RRJ STATISTICS

Ms. Hale provided the following statistics for RRJ:

Video Arraignment/Booking/Release statistics for the month of January, 2024: Fredericksburg Circuit Court–**29**, Fredericksburg General District Court–**56**, Fredericksburg Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court–**16**. Spotsylvania Circuit Court–**52**, Spotsylvania GDC–**69**, Spotsylvania Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court–**21**. Stafford Circuit Court–**55**, Stafford General District Court–**142**, Stafford Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court–**36**. King George Circuit Court–**7**, King George General District Court–**22**, King George Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court–**0**, other–**47**. The total numbers for the month of January were as follows: Video Arraignments: **552**, Other Status Hearings: **47**. Bookings: **798**, and Releases: **763**, for a total of: **1,561**. The Average Daily Count: **1181**. The Community Corrections Program totals were as follows: Pretrial Supervision: **919**, Community Based Probation: **688**, Veterans Docket: **10**, Behavioral Health Docket: **8**, Adult Drug Court: **39**, Juvenile Drug Court: **5**, Work Release: **3** and Electronic Monitoring: **2**, for a total of **1,674** individuals in Community Corrections programs.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Ms. Hale presented four letters of support and requested Mr. Fearon sign. The first letter is for the Rappahannock Regional Jail's Pretrial Services and Community-Based Probation: Mr. Hudson made a motion to approve the first letter, Judge O'Connor seconded the motion. The second letter is for the Rappahannock Regional Veterans Docket: Mr. Wickens made a motion to approve the second letter, Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. The third letter is for the Spotsylvania Regional Behavioral Health Docket : Judge O'Connor made a motion to approve the third letter, Judge Strickland seconded the motion. The fourth letter is for the Rappahannock Regional Veterans Docket: Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the fourth letter, Mr. Wickens seconded the motion. All four letters were approved unanimously.

Welcome New Board Members

The CCJB welcomed The Honorable Marcel Jones and Spotsylvania Commonwealth's Attorney Ryan Mehaffey. The CCJB said goodbye to the Honorable Georgia Sutton and former Spotsylvania Commonwealth's Attorney Travis Bird and thanked them for their service.

RACSB UPDATE

Mr. Joe Wickens presented the RACSB report and the diversion data for March 2024. The crisis stabilization program has nothing to report due to just opening up in December . Rappahannock Regional Jail: **16** Assessments; **7** newly enrolled individuals meeting criteria for diversion program. **10** linked to services in the community. Emergency Services Activity: January 2024: **398** evaluations which resulted in **71** TDO's February 2024: **366** evaluations which resulted in **84** TDO's. Sunshine Lady House opened in December, it was a slow start, but now they're getting busy. They continue to have staffing issues. Judge Levy requested information on the gateway MAT services in the jail. Mr. Hudson stated that RRJ has been doing MAT since 2016. Ms. Kelly Hale stated that RRJ has looked in to using Vivitrol but the cost is significant. They are looking at a grant to assist with the cost of the medication Vivitrol vs Suboxone.

MAGISTRATE UPDATE

Mr. Cliff Rose stated that they lost a few people but have also hired a few people. The 15th district has the highest retention rate. They had two new magistrates sworn in Caroline County; one retirement in Hanover county; one retirement in Spotsylvania County; and have one vacancy in Stafford County office.

DISTRICT 21 OVERVIEW

Mr. Ed Simmons reported that there is a total of **29** PO positions; **4** vacant PO positions. **2150** probationer and parolees on supervision. 300 lower due to the Governor's office is pushing the DOC to find probation absconders. DOC is partnering with local law enforcement to create a fugitive unit to find probation absconders resulting in 300 less cases off their caseload. They are losing 9 people and 1 chief probation officer to staff that office. **370** level high cases; **802** level medium cases; **286** level low cases; **263** cases pending intake; **1200** cases being supervised via ShadowTrack voice-verification. **130** gang/threat group members actively being supervised. **160** registered sex offenders on probation, parole, or conditional release. **12** sex offenders being monitored by GPS. **394** major violation reports submitted. **63** pre-sentence investigation reports submitted. **2434** drug tests completed. Judge Levy requested information on CCAP availability in Stafford. Mr. Simmons stated that nothing has changed for the waiting list/waiting time or availability but there will be changes in referral practices. CCAP's are ready and open for business. The number of beds are limited.

JUVENILE JUSTICE REPORT

Ms. Wetzel reported the stats for 15th District Court Service Unit. Fredericksburg CSU **16** probation cases; **1** committed to DJJ. King George CSU **0** probation cases; **1** committed to DJJ. Spotsylvania CSU **17** probation cases; **5** committed to DJJ, **1** on Parole. Stafford CSU **8** probation cases; **5** committed to DJJ, **1** on Parole. Numbers are going up, especially on probations with a huge increase in sex cases. The G.R.E.A.T. program is scheduled to begin on March 25, 2024 in the Spotsylvania CSU and 5 youths will be participating. Since the last meeting, they have lost a secretary, a fiscal technician, and one probation officer. They have hired four individuals, two for Stafford, two for Spotsylvania.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Judge Strickland stated that Mr. Randy Vosburg has resigned and is available till the end of the month. Mr. Ortegall has resigned and Alicia Kline has temporarily taken his seat. Ms. Lauren Whitley also stated that she has taken another position and her last day will be April 12, 2024. Mr. Jones stated that King George court will be finished with construction soon. Spotsylvania Clerk's Office has changed it's location. It is in the same building and same floor, just in a different location.

ADJOURN

Mr. Hudson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Judge Strickland seconded the motion. The March 7, 2024 CCJB meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

The next meeting for the Rappahannock Area Community Criminal Justice Board will take place on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennette Munnelly
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Community Corrections & RRJ Statistics
3. Letters of Support
4. RACSB Report
5. District 21 Probation and Parole Overview
6. Juvenile Justice Report