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**FAIRFAX COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD
PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE**

**REPORT
ON THE**

CCJB ACTION PLAN

October, 2008

SUMMARY

In September 2001 the Community Criminal Justice Board approved the implementation of the FY'2002 Action Plan with three Goals and related Objectives developed by its Planning Subcommittee.

The Planning Subcommittee is responsible for reporting on Action Plan implementation.

The original Goals were revised in 2003 to both reflect lessons learned and to more effectively address these three continuing needs:

1. Identify improved approaches and efforts to address the mentally ill in contact with the criminal justice system.
2. Identify resources and efforts necessary to improve coordination of community criminal justice services to the public.
3. Update community corrections planning by identifying gaps and solutions for offenders transitioning from incarceration to the community.

This 2007-2008 Report on the Action Plan provides the Community Criminal Justice Board with the Subcommittee's findings and recommendations for future collaborative planning and reporting activities.

FINDINGS

In 2007-2008, the efforts on (1) Mental Illness and Criminal Justice and (3) Community Corrections were fully involved in reviewing mental health proposals from the Virginia Tech Mass Shootings Panel, the State Supreme Court, the General Assembly and the Governor's Consortium Conference as well as improving the Jail Diversion Program and beginning the CAST Partnership for mental health and detoxification service for those in jail who do not qualify for diversion.

In 2007-2008, the efforts on (2) Identify Resources to Improve Criminal Justice, were challenged by a down turn in available new resources and focused on maintaining the use of existing assets and improved coordination.

Use of the 2007-2008 objectives to generate major Action Plan activities as well as the two year reports to the Board has been successful.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Support continued Action Plan activities to address all three of the Board's major criminal justice concerns.

Support continued use of the Board's Action Plan efforts on (1) Mental Illness and Criminal Justice and (3) Community Corrections for the Jail Diversion and CAST Service programs.

Support a permanent two year reporting period and continue the current Action Plan objectives for the 2009-2010 reporting period.

PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

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FAIRFAX COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

2007-2008 ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES

AND

2009-2010 ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

Approved October 23, 2008

In September 2001, the Community Criminal Justice Board approved three goals, with related objectives for implementation as the basis for the 2002 CCJB Action Plan. Activities on the objectives of the Action Plan were undertaken during 2002 as well as 2003.

In 2003, the Action Plan Goals were transformed to reflect the conditions in which the restructured goals and objectives would be achieved. These goals and objectives were applied to Action Plan activities for 2007 and 2008.

The focus for each continuing Goal for 2009 and 2010 will be what is doable as (1) An information item to the CCJB, (2) A task action to the CCJB, or (3) A policy recommendation to CCJB.

Goal 1:

Identify improved approaches and the coordination efforts to address the mentally ill in contact with the criminal justice system

Subcommittee on Mental Illness and Criminal Justice
Chairman: James A. Thur, Executive Director
Community Services Board

2007-2008 Accomplishments

- Reviewed the 2007 mental health and criminal justice trends and conditions for Fairfax and the rest of Northern Virginia.
- Focused on the progress of the Jail Diversion Program organized to move substance abusers and those with mental health issues out of the Fairfax Adult Detention Center to appropriate services.
- Participated in identifying the need for mental health and detoxification services within the Jail for those who could not be diverted.

- Participated in developing and implementing the CAST Partnership on mental health and detoxification services for those in the Fairfax Adult Detention Center who do not qualify for diversion to outside services.
- Reviewed the Report on Mental Health Law Reform for the Virginia State Supreme Court with the Community Criminal Justice Board.
- Reviewed the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Procedures and Processes Recommendations from the Governor’s Review Panel on the Mass Shootings at Virginia Tech with the Community Criminal Justice Board.
- Provided the Community Criminal Justice Board with an annual progress report on the mental health portion of the Jail Diversion program.
- Briefed the Community Criminal Justice Board each month from January through March on the mental health–criminal justice legislative issues before the General Assembly.
- The Community Criminal Justice Board received a report on the Governor’s Commonwealth Consortium for Mental Health/Criminal Justice Transformation Conference at the Board’s May 2008 meeting.

2009-2010 Objectives

Objective A: Identify the additional funding needed to implement the Mental Health-Criminal Justice Recommendations from the Governor, the Supreme Court and the General Assembly in Fairfax.

Objective B: Monitor and report on the progress of the mental health Jail Diversion and CAST services programs.

Objective C: Monitor and report on the availability of adult psychiatric hospital beds for Northern Virginia.

Objective D: Review the need for additional policy and legislative recommendations concerning persons with mental illness who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

Goal 2:

Identify resources and efforts necessary to improve coordination of community criminal justice services to the public

Subcommittee on Unmet Criminal Justice Needs and Resources

Co – Chairmen: Lesley A. Bubenhofer, Chief, Probation and Parole
Hon. Claude J. Beheler, Chief Magistrate

2007-2008 Accomplishments

- Worked with local, state, federal and non-profit entities to maintain funding for community corrections, criminal justice and juvenile justice.
- Completed the extension year for the federally funded VASAVOR reentry program and transitioned VASAVOR to state funding as a state model program for replication by other Virginia communities. VASAVOR focuses the resources to address the released serious and violent offender reentry needs/risks for those returning to the Fairfax community.
- With federal start-up funding, O.A.R. of Fairfax has designed a reentry replication program called Beacon for non violent offenders.
- Continued the successful CCJB agency internal contact list to strengthen interagency coordination.
- Began an internal CCJB member contact list.
- Expanded the Community Criminal Justice Board web page to include both the Fairfax City Web Site and the original Fairfax County Web site to improve public communication.
- Continued the coordination work of the Criminal Justice Information Technology Committee in sharing agency information, identifying resources and conducting efforts necessary to improve the application and use of information technology.

- Completed a progress review of the Public Safety Transportation Operations Center (PSTOC) which brings together Fairfax County 9-1-1 call taking, Emergency Management, Northern Virginia VDOT Traffic Operations, Virginia State Police and Fairfax County Police Department Forensics together in one structure to improve the effectiveness of interagency communication, coordinated responses and joint planning and evaluation.
- Completed the Fairfax County and City of Fairfax Implementation Resolution establishing the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act for Local Responsible Offenders, the Pretrial Services Act and the Fairfax Community Criminal Justice Board to assure state funding for community corrections and pretrial services.
- Completed Standard Operating Procedures to assure state funding for community corrections and pretrial services programs.

2009-2010 Objectives

Objective A: Study ways to expand use of local, state, federal or private sector resources and efforts for key community criminal justice initiatives and programs.

Objective B: Identify and evaluate gaps in coordination for community criminal justice programs and define remedies to improve and strengthen coordination.

Objective C: Identify and implement emerging criminal justice coordination improvements and emerging technologies with the potential to significantly improve the delivery of services.

Objective D: Provide Community Criminal Justice Board coordination activity information to the public.

Goal 3:
Update community corrections planning by identifying gaps and solutions for offenders transitioning from incarceration to living in the community.

Subcommittee on Community Corrections
Chairman: Hon. Stan Barry, Sheriff

2007-2008 Accomplishments

- Focused on the progress of the Jail Diversion Program organized to move substance abusers and those with mental health issues out of the Fairfax Adult Detention Center to appropriate services.
- Participated in identifying the need for detoxification and mental health services within the Jail for those who could not be diverted.
- Participated in developing and implementing the CAST Partnership detoxification and mental health services for those in the Fairfax Adult Detention Center who do not qualify for diversion to outside services.
- The Community Criminal Justice Board received annual reports on the Jail Diversion Program.
- Provided continuing support and participation in the VASAVOR program transitioning to a state funded model program.
- Started a new Pre-Release Employment Center in the Fairfax County Pre-Release Center to train, educate and find jobs for prisoners finishing their sentences and reentering the Fairfax Community.

2009-2010 Objectives

Objective A: Identify approaches to evaluate, enhance and sustain the Jail Diversion and CAST Partnership Programs.

Objective B: Monitor and report on the progress of the Jail Diversion, the Jail Cast Partnership and the Pre-Release Employment Center programs.

Objective C: Sustain and enhance reentry from incarceration programs in Fairfax.

Objective D: Review the need for additional community corrections initiatives to address additional populations diverted from incarceration.