



MEETING MINUTES

**ABSENT FROM MEETING*

July 21, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Jean McCoy Conference Room, Sudley North Government Center

Chair Barg opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June 16, 2020 were approved [SC, JM; unanimous].

Public Comment

None.

Action Items

None.

Chairman's Time

Director's Time – Presented by Ian Sansoni, DSS Deputy Director

- JDC CIP Update
Courtney Tierney is presenting the plan to the BOCS this evening and will not be attending this Advisory Board meeting. The plan is to have a new building constructed on the same land where the JDC is now located and co-locate the Molinari Shelter and the DSS Pretrial Unit with the JDC. As it now stands, JDC will contain 48 beds (down from 72) and Molinari will contain 20 (up from 15). Once approval to construct a new JDC complex is given by the BOCS, approval to co-locate the three units together will be needed from the Department of Juvenile Justice.
Additionally, PWC was just awarded a \$40k grant from the State Office of Criminal Justice Services for transformation of our Juvenile Services. Money will be used to study the racial disparities in the system, and how to improve behavioral health of juveniles. Study will be ongoing for the next year beginning this month.
- Homeless Navigation Centers
Cares Act money was awarded to PWC for construction of 2 Homeless Navigation Centers with the stipulation (among many others) that the buildings must be in place by December 31. DSS has been working with other County agencies to try and find suitable sites for both an east and west county location. So far, nothing suitable has been found. It is very doubtful that 2 buildings can be constructed by the December 31 deadline. We are hoping that this stipulation gets extended in the next federal stimulus package. In the meantime, the work to find suitable locations continues.

- Update on Covid-19 Operations
Most staff are still teleworking and operations are running smoothly. Staff has been encouraged to telework for the foreseeable future.
- Judges Dinner – The September Judges Dinner has been canceled for this year.

Board Members' Time

- Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Update – Presented by Clarice Torian
Members of the CAC Committee have been making progress and working on developing the CAC's mission and vision. They are focused on the Neabsco Commons site. On Friday, they will be taking a virtual tour of the Arlington, Virginia CAC which is funded through a county structure, as will be PWC's. The Committee has named the CAC the *Prince William County Child Advocacy Center*.
- Laurie Wilson asked that DSS provide quarterly reports to the Board. She is especially interested in CPS call data during the COVID crisis compared to last year's data. Ms. Wilson also asked if CPS and DSS were reminding the public to not leave kids alone in cars, especially during the summer.
- Chair Barg would also like to get census data for HBHPC, the overnight shelter and the EconoLodge.
- Scott Connelly suggested we should remind the Police and Fire Departments that they are mandated reporters.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM. [SC, IO; unanimous].

APPROVED: _____

Clerk to Board