

MINUTES  
COLONIAL GROUP HOME COMMISSION  
9<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 1, 2019

**MEETING CONVENED**

A meeting of the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee was called to order at 9:48 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in the Community Services Administration Conference Room, 224 Ballard Street, Yorktown, Virginia, by Chair John Carnifax.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members of the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee were present at roll call: John Carnifax, Chair; Stephanie Tinsley, Secretary and Stephen Kopczynski.

Others attending the meeting were: Brian Fuller, Community Services Director/Commission Administrator; Sheri Newcomb, Community Services Deputy Director; Amy Crotty, Juvenile Services Manager; Michelle Justiniano, Management Analyst; Darren Post, Gloucester County Citizen Representative, Wendy Evans, City of Williamsburg, Human Services, Peter Walentisch, Retired CGHC Chairman, and Stephanie Stoutingberg, Administrative Assistant.

Approval of Minutes. On motion of Ms. Tinsley, and seconded by Mr. Kopczynski, the minutes of the March 6, 2019 Executive Committee meeting were approved. On roll call, the vote was: Yea (3) Carnifax, Tinsley, Kopczynski, Nay (0).

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Brian Fuller introduced Ms. Wendy Evans from the City of Williamsburg – Department of Human Services, who will be acting as the new representative from Williamsburg.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

CGHC By-Laws (Last Updated 1996). Mr. Fuller noted that this project is now complete and approved at last.

Management Services Agreement. Mr. Fuller noted that this project was also complete and will be forwarded to the York County Attorney.

Mr. Kopczynski thanked Mr. Fuller and staff for their efforts to complete these projects.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

As acting Chairman (due to the retirement of Mr. Peter Walentisch), Mr. John Carnifax was assigned the task to select a Nomination Committee for next Fiscal Year (New Officers effective July 1, 2019). This Committee will select the officers which will be voted on in the June meeting.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Fuller noted that the York County FY20 Budget is scheduled to be approved next Tuesday. Gloucester County's Budget has already been approved and James City County's Budget is scheduled to be approved on May 14, 2019. As soon as all budgets have been approved, we will fill a Residential Supervisor's position at Crossroads. This person will work 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm and every other weekend. There are currently five (5) full-time Counselor I's at Crossroads. We have built in the budget the opportunity to make career ladder moves for those who qualify to become Counselor II's.

He also noted that the resident count is stable at Crossroads right now and within the next couple of weeks, we could be down to a count of 5.

Mr. Fuller also discussed the upcoming Virginia State legal changes (July 1, 2019) for possession of tobacco products. The new law prohibits use of tobacco and tobacco products for those under age 21. (Current age is 18).

Amy Crotty noted that Middlesex County has again agreed to purchase another \$25,000 package. They are awaiting their Board of Supervisor's meeting for final approval prior to sending their check.

Sheri Newcomb noted that the Historic Triangle Drug Coalition has asked to bring in some of their professionals. In addition, she noted that the Health and Human Services department from the Governor's office will come to this venue and make a presentation in June of this year.

Mr. Fuller recognized our recently retired Chairman, Peter Walentisch. He was presented with a Proclamation of his services over the years and was also presented a retirement gift. Mr. Walentisch was given the floor and expressed his appreciation to all for helping his work look easy. In addition, he gave a synopsis of where he started, how things progressed and where things are up to now. He noted the "extraordinary service" of all four localities and noted the challenges we still face with today's youth. He gave special appreciation for Mr. Kopczynski for being his mentor and tutor.

Mr. Fuller, Ms. Tinsley, Mr. Kopczynski, and Mr. Carnifax all expressed their individual sincere appreciation and congratulations to Mr. Walentisch.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Darren Post brought up several concerns and questions. They were as follows:

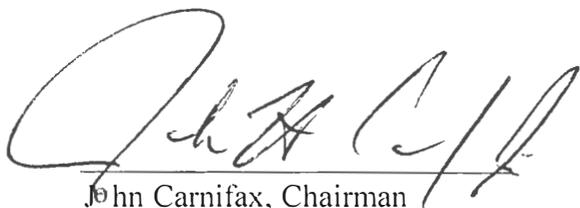
- Going forward, he would like to see this Commission find a tool that would show the recidivism of our programs and services.  
In response, Mr. Fuller noted that due to privacy issues with juveniles, we cannot track the youth once they turn 18.  
Ms. Newcomb suggested that this issue might be brought up with Mr. Joe Jackson.  
Ms. Crotty noted that to identify what he is wanting to see would be very difficult to do.  
Ms. Justiniano noted that, through State funding and certifications, we must make reports which reflect recidivism and other matters.
- Can we put actual per diem rates in the Annual Report  
Per Mr. Fuller, presentations have been made to all localities. Each locality has already affirmed and voted on our Presentations, County Administrators have all supported our Budget. This information was not in these packets.  
This question will be brought forward to the Full Commission Meeting (May 16, 2019), and they can vote on what to include in the 2019 Report.
- Would like to arrange a tour of Crossroads with the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors.  
Ms. Tinsley noted that she had not heard of interest for this tour from the Gloucester Board. Attendance at the last tour was poor. She also noted that the Board would have to agree upon this tour and then make a formal request to do so.

Mr. Fuller recommended that each of these concerns are the type of items that should be brought before a Full Commission meeting.

### **AJDOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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John Carnifax, Chairman  
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Stephanie M. Tinsley, Secretary  
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