

MINUTES

COLONIAL GROUP HOME COMMISSION 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VIRGINIA

REGULAR MEETING November 19, 2020

MEETING CONVENED

A meeting of the Colonial Group Home Commission was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020, by Chair Stephen Kopczynski through the use of electronic means without a quorum being physically assembled in one place, pursuant to an emergency ordinance no. 20-11, adopted by the York County Board of Supervisors April 21, 2020, and readopted on June 16, 2020, pertaining to the continuity of county operations associated with the COVID-9 pandemic disaster.

This meeting is being held remotely under the emergency “continuity of government” ordinance adopted under Code of Virginia section 15.2-1413, allowing public meetings of this Board, and other county boards, commissions, and authorities, to meet remotely. This action was taken because of the health emergency resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, making the assembly of the board and staff and members of the public in one place unsafe because of the highly contagious nature of the coronavirus pandemic.

ROLL CALL

I am Stephen Kopczynski, Chair and I am in the Public Safety Building located at 301 Goodwin Neck Road. Other Board members of the Colonial Group Home Commission were present at roll call: Rebecca Vinroot, Vice-Chair; Wendy Evans, Secretary; Thomas Mainor, Kimberly Taylor, and Christopher McDonald. Kris Kiley was absent. 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; and Nancy Bennett, Juvenile Services Administrative Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No citizens were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Crossroads Update

Mr. Fuller gave updates on the status of the former Crossroads staff currently on administrative leave. Mr. Fuller advised that the City of Williamsburg terminated the Colonial Group Home Commission’s lease on the property of the former Crossroads Community Youth Home located at 5684 Mooretown Road, Williamsburg. Neil Morgan, County Administrator for York County, and Andrew Trivette, City Manager for the City of Williamsburg are discussing York County’s use of the Crossroads building. Mr. Moore, a Work as Required employee, is maintaining the grounds and checking the building regularly. Mr. Fuller recognized Ms. Crotty and her staff for their hard work in cleaning and re-moving items from the building.

Ms. Kersey joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Program Update

Mr. Fuller informed the Commission of the revised program plan that was submitted to VJCCCA eliminating Crossroads and adding Aggression Replacement Therapy/Anger Control Education and Restorative Justice. The staff is working to acquire the necessary training. The Judges, Probation Officers, and Court Service Unit believe these programs will best fit the needs of the youth in our community and the data provided by VJCCCA also supports a need for these programs. Staff is researching other programs to put in place later in the fiscal year. Ms. Crotty noted that Ms. Lofquist will be the facilitator for Restorative Justice and will be managing the referred cases to completion. The second program is Aggression Replacement Therapy/Anger Control Education and will be provided in the York, Williamsburg, and Gloucester Offices. Ms. Evans expressed her appreciation for the research into the different programs. Mr. Fuller noted that he would like to explore the possibility of youth participating in some of our programs before becoming part of the judicial system as a preventive measure. Ms. Crotty advised that staff is also looking into trauma education training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Mainor, which was seconded by Ms. Kersey, the minutes of June 18, 2020, and September 17, 2020, the regular meeting of the Commission were approved.

On Roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEA: (7) Ms. Evans, Mr. Kopczynski, Mr. Mainor, Mr. McDonald, Ms. Kersey, Ms. Taylor and, Ms. Vinroot

NAY: (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed FY2022 Budget

Mr. Fuller informed the Commission that this budget request contains a 45% reduction from last year's budget due to the removal of Crossroads. All localities are receiving reductions ranging from 39% to 66%. This budget is the first to be submitted based on a 100% 5-year utilization average and is broken down by localities. This budget consist of four categories, the Colonial Group Home Commission, Psychological Services, Community Supervision, and Project Insight. Mr. Fuller recognized Ms. Crotty, Ms. Justiniano, and the staff for their hard work on the budget.

COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND REQUESTS

Mr. Fuller advised that a Zoom meeting is scheduled for next Monday with the Judges to discuss the new programs being instituted and any other programs they would like to see added.

COURT SERVICES UNIT UPDATES AND REPORTS

There were none.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE COMMISSION

Mr. Kopczynski expressed his appreciation to staff for all the hard work that went into the Annual Report and was very pleased with the conciseness and streamline approach. Mr. Kopczynski also expressed his appreciation for all the work that went into preparing the FY2022 budget.

CLOSED SESSION

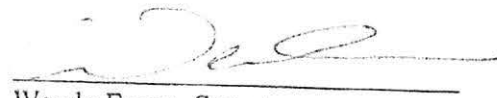
There were no Citizens at this meeting, nor was there a Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.



Stephen Kopczynski, Chair
Colonial Group Home Commission



Wendy Evans, Secretary
Colonial Group Home Commission