

MINUTES
COLONIAL GROUP HOME COMMISSION
9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 3, 2021

MEETING CONVENED

A meeting of the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee was called to order at 9:31 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 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-19 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.

I am Stephen Kopczynski, Chair, and I am in the Public Safety Building located at 301 Goodwin Neck Road. Other Board members participating are Ms. Rebecca Vinroot, Ms. Lisa Kersey, and Ms. Wendy Evans. Other County staff present or participating are Brian Fuller, Community Services Director/Commission Administrator; Sheri Newcomb, Community Services Deputy Director; Amy Crotty, Juvenile Services Manager; Michelle Justiniano, Juvenile Services Management Analyst; and Nancy Bennett, Administrative Assistant.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee were present at roll call: Mr. Stephen Kopczynski, Chair; Ms. Rebecca Vinroot, Vice-Chair; Ms. Lisa Kersey, and Ms. Wendy Evans.

Approval of Minutes. On the motion of Ms. Kersey and seconded by Ms. Vinroot, the minutes of January 6, 2021, Executive Committee meeting were approved. On roll call, the vote was: Yea (4), Ms. Vinroot, Mr. Kopczynski, Ms. Evans, and Ms. Kersey, Nay (0).

OLD BUSINESS

Carryover Reserve Funds.

Mr. Fuller indicated that the Carryover Reserve Funds Resolution would be brought before the full commission for a vote on March 18, 2021, to adopt those procedures and credit the money back to the localities for FY22.

Draft Amended Agreement.

Mr. Fuller noted that the draft amended agreement previously emailed out to the executive committee members contains the new funding formula based on a five-year rolling average of utilization. The agreement also adds back the chief judge from the Ninth District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, or a judge designated by the chief judge as a non-voting liaison. The agreement will need to go before the Board of Supervisors with each locality for approval.

Discussion of Commission Name.

Mr. Fuller noted that he had received many staff suggestions regarding the commission's name, and had narrowed the list down to four. After some discussion, Juvenile Services Commission, Community-Based Commission on Youth, and Colonial Juvenile Services Commission will be submitted to the full commission members for a vote through Survey Monkey with the option to write in a name. The survey will go out to the Commission members one week before the March 18th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

VJCCCA Funding.

Mr. Fuller noted that staff is looking at ways to increase reimbursement from the state for what we are expending. With COVID-19, it has been difficult to provide some of the services; as well as, referrals for services have been reduced due to the pandemic. If we are unable to justify spending the state funds, we will have to return unspent funds to the state.

Ms. Justiniano provided additional information on VJCCCA funding which pertains to the six localities in our plan. Service units will need to increase in the different programs to use those funds.

COVID Operational Changes.

Mr. Fuller discussed the operational changes due to COVID-19. The counselors are still doing their drive-by visits to clients three times a week to include once on weekends. Virtual electronic monitoring check-ins are not permitted unless it is in addition to the three in-person visits. The group counseling sessions have stopped because we could not gather a group of people in one location. Staff is working on developing confidentiality statements to proceed with virtual groups.

Case Manager Position.

Mr. Fuller advises that he is holding off on filling the case manager position until the Restorative Justice and Anger Management Groups sponsored through the Department of Juvenile Justice start in July 2021. Ms. Crotty is trained and can handle any need for these groups on a short-term basis.

COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND REQUESTS

Mr. Fuller recognized Ms. Kersey for reappointment by Gloucester County to continue serving on our commission. The May executive committee meeting will be a Zoom meeting. The plan is to return to in-person meetings on May 20, 2021.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There were none.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Kopczynski, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Stephen Kopczynski, Chair
Colonial Group Home Commission



Wendy Evans, Secretary
Colonial Group Home Commission