



Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board

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MEMO

TO: CCCJB members

FROM: Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner

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RE: Update to CCCJB in place of 5/4/20 quarterly meeting

Juvenile Justice Committee-met in February—prior to the CoVid-19 shutdown. No Synthetic Drugs presentations were able to be scheduled prior to the lockdown as the “Drugs and Alcohol” section of the curriculum is near the end of each semester and schools have been closed.

The Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition is in the early planning stages of a town hall-type event to discuss the local impact of addiction and overdoses.

The “Hidden In Plain Sight” program was offered in James City and at Yorktown Middle School in February and March (respectively). The program features a staged teen bedroom with common-looking items that can be used to hide drugs and drug paraphernalia and is aimed at educating parents to current trends in abuse/addictive behaviors. Spiritworks Foundation is planning to retrofit a bus so that the program can be offered more easily and in places that are more convenient to parents.

Since February is “Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month”, the Justice Planner sent the link to the CCCJB public safety video “Love You To Death” to all of our law enforcement entities and Avalon Shelter with the request that each share the link on their social media platforms. Poquoson Police Department’s post garnered several views of the video.

The Bacon Street youth substance abuse treatment center received “Revive” Training (safely administering anti-opioid drug Narcan/Naloxone) for their personnel. They were providing (prior to the pandemic shutdown) the “Bridges” mentorship program in Warhill High School as well as hosting the “Strengthening Families” program at the JCC Recreation Center which provided dinner and classes for attendees two times per week and an outing once a month.

Concerns about “vaping” in local schools were raised and it was noted that the Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition would love to assist in any education and prevention efforts. It was noted that the York County Youth Coalition sponsored a public discussion with parents about a year ago which centered on “vaping”. The group partnered with York Schools and Sheriff’s Office for the meeting. The Justice Planner noted that abuse of inhalants used to be part of the synthetic drugs presentation but was largely removed due to the focus on opioids. Several slides will be added to the presentation to bring that concern back into focus as well.

CIT & Opioids Abuse Committee-the CIT 40-hour basic certification course was held March 9-13 and we were just able to complete it as the City of Williamsburg was ordered to shut down at noon on Friday, the 13th. Twenty-four law enforcement personnel were certified as CIT providers.

The CITAC (Critical Incident Therapeutic Assessment Center) at Williamsburg Doctor’s Hospital on Pocahontas Trail has handled 50-60 more patients in the first half of 2020 as compared to 2019.

Prior to the CoVid-19 pandemic, it was anticipated that our region might see the beginnings of alternative transportation from the CITAC to receiving hospitals via a private contractor by this summer. Pandemic delays aside, this will be very helpful when it is up and running as it is expected to allow street patrol personnel to return to regular duties following patient dropoff without the concern that they will be called back to transport when hospital arrangements have been made.

Prior to the pandemic, the plan was for James City P.D. to host the September CIT certification class at the Law Enforcement Center from the 21-25th and York County to host the spring 2021 class at their newly constructed building.

Re-Entry Committee-It is believed that the DMV Connect program served the VPR Jail in early March but the number served has not been provided.

The 8th season of the Community of Faith Mission (COFM) Winter Shelter ran through March 22. The final week required significant change on-the-fly due to the pandemic shutdown order. 125 guests were served during this shelter season (which broke the record of 115 from last year). The demographic breakdown was as follows:

- 61% male
- 39% female
- Oldest-78
- Youngest-2
- Two families with three children (combined) were served
- A free pair of shoes was given to 47 guests through a new partnership
- 2,687 shelter night stays were provided
- Volunteers provided 11,313 hours of service to this effort

In mid-March **all** volunteers and activities were halted by VPR Jail due to the pandemic shutdown orders. Male prisoners were served in the One-Stop Resume Center up until that time by our two volunteers and female inmates were served by CCC Re-Entry

Coordinator Ma'rea Proctor. We will continue to search for a female volunteer when things normalize.

The VPR Jail **therapeutic substance abuse recovery pod** called "We Are In This Together" (WAITT) was finished its fourth session in April. No details on the number who completed the program were provided nor specifics about whether or when the program will begin its next session. As a reminder, the program is all-inclusive, 3-months in length, serves up to 20 women at a time, provides trauma-informed counseling, AA/NA support, job prep, family reunification, and religious programming. Prospective inmates have to apply and be interviewed for admission to the pod.

The planned VPR Jail spring Re-Entry Fair has been cancelled. A fall fair is in the planning stages.