

APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMMISSION

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The Regular Meeting of the Appalachian Juvenile Commission was held on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 12:00 Noon, at The Holiday Inn on Linden Drive, Bristol, Virginia.

Commission members present included Wayne McClelland, Chairman – Scott County; Eric Clark and Harold Leonard – Bristol; Kevin Downs – Washington County; Michael Roberts and Mike Carter – Smyth County; Alice Meade – Russell County; Lanny Large – Dickenson County; C. M. Callahan – Lee County; Dawn Gilbert – Wise County; Donna Hutchinson – Norton; and Patricia Green – Tazewell County.

Commission members absent were Doug Meade – Washington County; and James Horn Buchanan County. Also absent was Diane Wright – Director of Southwest Branch.

Staff present included Tim Dotson, Executive Director; John Ross, Director of Highlands Branch; Danny Johnson, Finance Director; Trey Murray; Faye Johnson; Mary Cross; David Hicks; Susan Smith; and Carolyn Brown.

Mr. McClelland called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Alice Meade moved that the Minutes of the Called Meeting held on December 4, 2007, be approved as submitted. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Financial Report

Danny Johnson presented the Financial Report as of December 31, 2007, which included funds presently in the bank to cover operations, funds in accounts receivable, and funds that are reimbursed from Frontier Health for psychotropic drugs.

Kevin Downs moved that the Financial Statement be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded. All members voted in favor.

General Report – Southwest Branch

Susan Smith reported that the Outreach Program had six from Tazewell County, seven from Russell County, three from Buchanan County; three from Dickenson County, and four on Electronic Monitoring.

“SERVING SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA”

Bristol, Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Norton, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise

General Report – Highlands Branch

John Ross reported that there were 732 admissions in 2007, 632 in 2006, and 588 in 2005. 265 youth reached age eighteen this past year, 148 were admitted only one time, and 119 were admitted multiple times. The Center is holding one Federal youth and they will pay the regular per diem. He may remain at the Center for at least two months.

The carpet in the main office areas is in need of replacement, and will be replaced with a floor covering called “marmoleum”.

Post-Dispositional Program

Tim Dotson reported that there had been a Post-D Program in the past , but the program had been discontinued due to several issues. Presently, with an average of twenty-two or twenty-three youth, he would like to gradually ease into a Post-D Program. A youth can be sentenced to Detention for up to six months. The Program would start with four youth and the Code of Virginia must be followed. Also, approval must be given from the Department of Juvenile Justice before starting the program. There would be no additional charge to the localities and no additional billing other than the allocation.

Eric Clark moved that Mr. Dotson obtain the Post-D Program with the understanding that all guidelines set by the State be followed. Mr. Downs seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mike Roberts suggested that the Program be reviewed annually and update reports be given to the Commission.

Recognitions

Wayne McClelland recognized Eric Clark and Kevin Downs for their services as Commission members since their terms will be expiring. He also recognized and thanked Carolyn Brown for her twenty-three and a half years of service at the Girls Group Home and wished her well in her upcoming retirement.

Construction Reimbursement

Tim Dotson reported that another letter had been sent to remind Southwest Virginia of the letter sent last summer. Dave Marsden has offered his help in getting this funding. He met with the Budget and Planning Committee and they acknowledged that they owed the money.

Staff Meeting

Wayne McClelland stated that he would be attending the Staff Meeting at the Center today on behalf of the Commission to recognize three staff members who had broken up fights, and to thank the staff for their efforts in dealing with one youth who has a staph infection, and one who has Hepatitis.

Commission Representation


Mike Carter asked whether or not the size of the Commission would be reduced to one representative from each locality.

Tim Dotson stated that when the Commission voted to allow other localities to join, that the size of the Commission would be equal for each locality when the debt was paid. This matter can be discussed at the April meeting. The Minutes should reflect this and he stated that he would send copies with the notice and agenda for the next meeting..

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2008.

There being no further business, Donna Hutchinson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 P. M.


Tim Dotson, Executive Director


Wayne McClelland, Chairman