

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

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 13, 2020**

**MEETING CONVENED**

A special meeting of the Colonial Group Home Commission was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2020, by Board 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**

The following members of the Colonial Group Home Commission were present at roll call: Stephen Kopczynski, Chair; Rebecca Vinroot, Vice-Chair; Wendy Evans, Secretary; Tom Mainor, Kimberly Taylor, and Kris Kiley. Lisa Kersey and Christopher McDonald were absent. Others attending the meeting were Joe Jackson, DJJ Court Service Unit Director for the 9<sup>th</sup> District; 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No citizens were present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Crossroads Update. This special meeting was called to order on request of Mr. Fuller to update the members of the Commission on the current status of the Crossroads Community Youth Home. Mr. Fuller informed the Commission Members that the Program Manager at Crossroads resigned as of

August 7, 2020, and that position is vacant as well as the Resident Operations Supervisor position which has been vacant since April. At the request of the County's Senior Leadership, a study was commissioned to evaluate the Crossroads Community Youth Home usage and operations. Additionally, as of January 1, 2021, upon the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act, Crossroads will no longer be able to serve children placed by the Department of Social Services due to new requirements placed on facilities. The original intention was for the study to be completed on or before January 2021 to aid in the preparation of the FY22 budget.

On June 30, 2020, Crossroads closed due to staff members testing positive for COVID-19, and at that point, work on the study was accelerated. The study looked at revenues, expenditures, child care days, cost per child, and the number of children served for the 4 member localities from FY2011 to FY2020. County Administrator, Neil Morgan provided the memorandum and results of the study to the City and County Administrators of the member localities who were advised to contact himself or Mr. Fuller if they were willing to take over the operation of Crossroads. As of today, there has been no contact from the other localities. Based on the results of the study, the decline of utilization over the last 10 years, the operational changes of group homes, and the increase in expenditures, our County Administrator, with concurrence with the York County Board of Supervisors, finds that the program is not a defensible expenditure. Based on the study staff is recommending to not re-open Crossroads Community Youth Home. Mr. Fuller updated the Commission regarding the severance packages available for the effected personnel.

Closure of Crossroads Community Youth Home. Consider a Resolution to authorize closure of Crossroads Community Youth Home effect August 13, 2020. Mr. Kopczynski reported that the Executive Committee met to discuss the closure of Crossroads Community Youth Home and 3 of the 4 Executive Committee members were present and the consensus of Executive Committee is to move forward with the recommendation of staff to close Crossroads. After some discussion, Chair Mr. Kopczynski called for consideration of proposed Resolution R21-1 to authorize closure of Crossroads Community Youth Home effective August 13, 2020.

On motion of Mr. Mainor and seconded by Ms. Taylor and carried 6:0 the following resolution was adopted:

On Roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEA: (6) Ms. Evans, Ms. Kiley, Mr. Kopczynski, Mr. Mainor, Ms. Taylor and, Ms. Vinroot

NAY: (0)

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF THE  
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY YOUTH HOME

WHEREAS, the Colonial Group Home Commission is a public body corporate established pursuant to Section 16.1 - 315 of the Code of Virginia 1950 as amended and was organized and exists pursuant to the contractual agreement dated 12/31/18; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Management Services Agreement among participating localities made on April 16, 2019, the Commission has the exclusive authority for the cancellation or material modification of existing programs; and

WHEREAS, utilization of the Crossroads Community Youth Home has remained extremely low for several years despite efforts to effect a greater usage of Program services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has a need to close the Crossroads Community Youth Home due to low program utilization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Colonial Group Home Commission this 13th day of August 2020, that the Commission Administrator be, and hereby is, authorized to take all steps necessary to effect the closure of the Crossroads Community Youth Home effective August 13, 2020.

**COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND REQUESTS.** Mr. Fuller thanked the Commission for their support in this tough decision. Mr. Fuller noted that he looks forward to working with the Court Service Unit to come up with new, innovative, and cutting edge programs that will best serve the children. Mr. Kopczynski expressed his gratitude to Mr. Fuller and staff for their tremendous amount of work.

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE COMMISSION.** Mr. Kopczynski expressed his appreciation to Joe Jackson and his staff with all the programs and look forward to the continued positive relationship. Mr. Mainor stated how impressed he is with the administrative services of York County and with Chair Mr. Kopczynski's solid leadership and support.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was none.

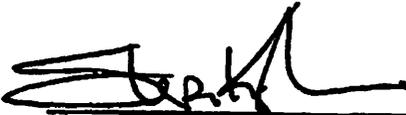
**ADJOURNMENT.**

On motion of Ms. Vinroot and seconded by Ms. Kiley, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

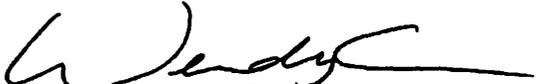
On Roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEA: (6) Ms. Evans, Ms. Kiley, Mr. Kopczynski, Mr. Mainor, Ms. Taylor and,  
Ms. Vinroot

NAY: (0)



Stephen Kopczynski, Chair  
Colonial Group Home Commission



Wendy Evans, Secretary  
Colonial Group Home Commission