

**MINUTES**  
**COLONIAL GROUP HOME COMMISSION**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 4, 2020**

**MEETING CONVENED**

A meeting of the Colonial Group Home Commission Executive Committee was called to order at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 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.

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 motion of Ms. Vinroot and seconded by Ms. Kersey, the minutes of the September 2, 2020, Executive Committee meeting were approved. On roll call, the vote was: Yea (4), Vinroot, Kopczynski, Evans, and Ms. Kersey, Nay (0).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Program Update**

Mr. Fuller advised that staff is working diligently to evaluate our current existing programs. With the closing of Crossroads the staff has been working on rewording the Compliance Plan to include Aggression Replacement Therapy/Anger Control Education and Restorative Justice and staff is working on 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. Ms. Crotty advised that Ms. Lofquist has registered for Aggression Replacement Training/Anger Control Education Training set for December and is currently on a waiting list for the Restorative Justice Training. The goal is to begin these programs the first of 2021.

### **Crossroads Update**

Neil Morgan, County Administrator for York County and Andrew Trivette, City Manager for the City of Williamsburg are discussing the use of the Crossroads building for use by the County of York. Mr. Fuller advised that almost everything is out of the building and we have continued to maintain the integrity of the building to keep it from falling into disrepair. Mr. Moore, a Work as Required employee, is maintaining the grounds and checking the building regularly. Ms. Crotty inquired if anyone is interested in the infant simulator dolls or any new games that are at Crossroads.

### **Budget**

Mr. Fuller recognized Ms. Crotty, Ms. Justiniano, and the staff on their hard work on the budget. Mr. Fuller advised that the proposed FY22 budget is a 45% reduction from the FY21 budget due to the removal of Crossroads. The FY22 budget is the first budget based on a 100% 5-year utilization average and is broken down by localities and the percentage is based on utilization. The budget consist of four categories - the Colonial Group Home Commission, Psychological Services, Community Supervision, and Project Insight.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There were none.

## **COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND REQUESTS**

Mr. Fuller gave updates on the status of the former Crossroads staff who are currently on administrative leave.

## **MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Evans inquired of Ms. Crotty about the process in deciding on the two programs, what other programs were considered, and how the programs were selected. Ms. Crotty advised that after consulting with Joe Jackson, DJJ Court Service Unit Director for the 9th District, reviewing the

local statistics provided by the Department Juvenile Justice and speaking with representative from other localities there appears to be a need for Anger Management and Restorative Justice. Many localities currently offer Restorative Justice as a contractual services due to a conflict of interest with the Court Service Unit. Ms. Crotty welcomed any program suggestions from the Executive Commission.

**CLOSED SESSION**

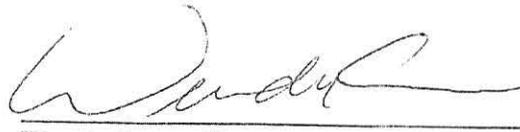
There were no Citizens at this meeting, nor was there a Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Kopczynski, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Stephen Kopczynski, Chair  
Colonial Group Home Commission



Wendy Evans, Secretary  
Colonial Group Home Commission