



# CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE

**Center Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting**  
**January 10, 2017 (1:00-3:00)**  
**Richmond, Virginia**  
**[Draft Minutes]**

<b>Executive Leadership</b>	Deputy Secretary Victoria Cochran (PSHS), Deputy Secretary Joe Flores (HHS), Fran Ecker(DCJS), Dr. Michael Schaefer (DBHDS)
<b>Note Taker</b>	Jana Braswell (CBHJ Coordinator)
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mason Byrd, Bruce Cruiser, Tom Fitzpatrick, Lynda Hyatt, LaBrevia Jenkins, Gabe Morgan, Kathy Robertson, Bobby Russell, Kevin Birdsell, Dee Kirk, Ann Benner, Keith Shuster, Donna Harrison <b>Observer/Guests:</b> Holly Mortlock, Will Frank, Jennifer Faison, David Cotter (Presenter), Sarah Stanton (Presenter), Dr. Jack Barber (Presenter)
<b>Absent:</b>	Varun Choudhary, Sherry Conifer, Kit Cummings, Brian Dawson, James Cervera, Brian Moran, Dan Murrie, John Newby, Aileen Smith, Allyson Tysinger, Michael Wade, LaBarbara Williams

## Welcome/Introductions (Executive Leadership)

Legislative Presentations (Attached)	Presenters:
I. Joint Subcommittee To Study Mental Health Services In The 21st Century (SJ47): Update	David Cotter & Sarah Stanton Virginia Division of Legislative Services  Dr. Jack Barber, M.D., Interim Commissioner, DBHDS
II. DBHDS Budget Overview	

Action Committee Reports	
CJ & BH facilities (co-chairs: Dr. Mike Schaefer, Col. Bobby Russell)	Overview of Action Plan Items (see Handout – Attached)
Diversion and Re-entry (co-chairs: Dep. Sec. Joe Flores, Fran Ecker)	Overview of Action Plan Items (see Handout – Attached)
Technology, data and information sharing (co-chairs: Dep. Sec. Victoria Cochran, Dr. Varun Chaudhary)	Overview of Action Plan Items (see Handout – Attached)

## Center Advisory Group Discussion

*As an advisory entity, the CAG's role is to identify, study, and make recommendations for action on issues and concerns to the Executive Leadership Team.*

### Open Discussion:

- Much of what is recommended in proposed legislation is in the proposed budget.
- If proposed legislation moves forward we may need to shift the work of several of the CBHJ sub committees

and determine next steps.

- Sharing information between jails and providers and between jails and other jails is critical.
- Focus must remain on outcomes, data integration, and strategies to understand how people move between multiple systems.
- A discussion of the Diversion and Re-Entry Action Committee's proposed survey to CSB's occurred and the group agreed that 'diversion activities' must be clearly defined. The VACSB has a survey committee which would be willing to look over the CBHJ proposed survey and assist.
- The VACSB is working on a data/information exchange with the Association of Free Clinics and are willing to share their progress with the CBHJ – Data, Technology and Information Sharing subcommittee.
- There is concern regarding Senate Bill 975, specifically for Regional Jails in rural areas where member CSB's can be over an hour away.
- There is concern that the proposed budget does not have a stronger focus on diversion from jail, including pretrial services.
- A discussion occurred regarding strategies taking place to address trauma issues incarcerated women face.
- The group discussed some of the challenge State Hospitals face since SB260 passed.
- Concern was expressed regarding judicial attitudes towards the use of MAT in drug courts.
- A discussion occurred regarding the use of block grants, and the challenge of this kind of funding stream.

#### **Wrap Up**

*The Center may be reaching out to various members or member agencies to comment on proposed legislation. Members agreed that they would be willing to offer comment and feedback as requested. A scheduler will be sent to identify the best date/time for the next quarterly meeting.*