

## **Charles County CJCC Meeting**

**Date | Time: 11/13/2025 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM**

**Location: (Hybrid) Charles County Government Building – Blue Room & Microsoft Teams Video Conference**

**Meeting Co-Chairs: Hon. H. James West and Commissioner President Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq.**

### **Meeting Attendees:**

- Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq. (Board of County Commissioners)
- Anthony Covington (State's Attorney's Office)
- Deb Hall (Charles County Government)
- Jason DuBard (Parole and Probation)
- Maya Pierra (Parole and Probation)
- Judge Donine Carrington Martin (Circuit Court)
- Julee Snyder (Circuit Court)
- Ryan Ross (Charles County Detention Center)
- Julie Walton (Charles County Community Mediation Center)
- Sara Carruth (Circuit Court)
- Jeannine James (Mayor, Town of La Plata)
- Mckayla Wilkes (Life After Release)
- Trenita McGee Byrd (Parole and Probation)
- Charmaine Young-Waddy (Charles County Public Schools)
- Katy Batey (SoMD Criminal Defense)
- Mike Moses (Veteran Service Officer)
- Dr. Tanisha Sanders (Charles County Department of Social Services)
- Gary Ruble (Department of Juvenile Services)
- Dr. Yolanda Bethea (Parole and Probation)
- Shawn Toler (Department of Juvenile Services)
- Charmaine Young-Waddy (Charles County Public Schools)
- Jeremy Widder (Private Defense Attorney)
- Susie Thompson (Jude House)
- Crystal Summers (Jude House)
- Sapreen Khalaifeh (Local Management Board)
- Bryce Johnson (Local Management Board)

### **Meeting Objectives**

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from September 2025
2. Presentations – Sapreen Khalaifeh and Susie Thompson

3. CJCC Committee Updates
4. Open Discussion

Meeting convened at 8:10 a.m.

Commissioner President Collins opened the meeting. He welcomed attendees, and initiated approval of the September 4, 2025, minutes.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- The September 2025 meeting minutes were emailed to all CJCC members.
- Motion to approve September meeting minutes: Commissioner President Collins
- Seconded by: Deb Hall and Ryan Ross
- Outcome: Approved unanimously.

The Meeting Minutes from the September 4, 2025, CJCC Meeting were approved.

### **Presentation: Local Management Board**

Speaker: Sapreen Khalaifeh and Bryce Johnson, Local Management Board

- Overview: The presenters provided an overview of the LMB's mission, programs, and initiatives that support children, youth, and families in Charles County.
- Key Points:

The LMB partners with public and private agencies to enhance child and family services.

The Governor's Office for Children has identified three key focus areas:

- Cradle-to-career education,
- Healthy and economically secure families,
- Safe and thriving communities.

The Board manages more than 11 programs funded through over \$500,000 in state and local grants. All programs are provided at no cost to participants.

Notable programs include:

Youth Intervention and Engagement Program – supports youth aged 16–24 disconnected from school or employment.

Local Care Team – coordinates support for children facing behavioral or mental health challenges.

In-Home Intervention Program – assists children aged 5–17 with mental health concerns to maintain family placement.

Youth Mentoring and After-School Programs – partnerships with the Sheriff’s Office and CASA de Maryland.

Family Navigation Program – peer-based support for families navigating mental health or substance abuse issues.

The LMB launched the Charles County Resource Website, a comprehensive “one-stop hub” for local services. Agencies are encouraged to submit resources and events for inclusion.

Discussion:

Council members commended the website initiative and emphasized its potential as a vital community tool. No formal questions were raised.

### **Presentation – The Jude House: Re-Entry Simulation**

Speaker: Presenter: Susie Thompson, Executive Director; Crystal Summer, Clinical Director; and Tawana Foster, Compliance & Customer Relations Manager

- Overview:  
The Jude House presented a proposal to conduct a Re-entry Simulation, an interactive educational event designed to increase understanding of the challenges faced by individuals returning from incarceration.
- Key Points:

The two-hour simulation represents four weeks of post-release life through four 15-minute intervals.

Participants experience real-life barriers related to employment, housing, transportation, identification, and social services.

The activity promotes empathy, understanding, and collaboration between justice-involved individuals, law enforcement, and community members.

The Jude House seeks CJCC participation and feedback to determine optimal scheduling in 2026.

- Discussion:

Members praised the program's value in illustrating post-incarceration challenges.

Commissioner President Collins suggested aligning the simulation's timing with the availability of the local and state delegation to encourage policy engagement and potential funding support.

Attendee feedback highlighted the simulation's effectiveness in demonstrating real-world constraints faced by reentering individuals.

## **Updates**

### Pretrial Services Committee – Report by Deb Hall

- Recent meetings with St. Mary's and Carroll County provided insights into successful pretrial programs.
- Carroll County currently manages approximately 195 participants through multiple pretrial and monitoring services.
- Effective programs require strong coordination between the detention center, courts, and Sheriff's Office.
- Initial staffing for a new program in Charles County would require at least five full-time employees, along with robust software, monitoring equipment, and risk assessment tools.
- Members discussed the need for adequate funding and staffing to ensure program success and public safety.

### Juvenile Justice Committee – Report by Julie Walton

- Planning continues for the Critical Intervention Mapping Workshop, scheduled for January 29–30, 2026, at the Department of Social Services.
- The committee is finalizing the participant list and will seek additional representation from CJCC members if needed.

### Mental Health Committee – Report by Katy Batey

- The committee is collaborating with the Local Management Board on promoting and integrating the Charles County Resource Website.
- Plans are underway to meet with judges, the State’s Attorney’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office, and Parole and Probation to discuss how the site can support court-related referrals and resource connections.

### **Open Discussion:**

Jason DuBard introduced Maya Pierre, the newly appointed Tri-County Social Worker. Ms. Pierre will support resource coordination and client interventions across the region.

Council members welcomed Ms. Pierre and expressed appreciation for the new initiative.

### **Adjournment**

- Commissioner President Collins closed the meeting.
- With no further matters to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the CJCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

The mission of the CJCC is to enhance the operation of the Charles County adult and juvenile justice systems through interagency collaboration and the coordination of cohesive policies and programs for the purposes of improving public health and safety and heightening public trust.