

**MEETING OF THE  
JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD OF MANAGERS  
MARCH 15, 2022 4:30 PM**

**Present:** Chris Eiserman County Controller Joanne Phillips  
James E Turner Councilwoman Elaine Schaefer  
Candice L. Linehan Council Woman Dr. Monica Taylor  
Councilman Kevin Madden Chekemma Fulmore Townsend  
Nathaniel Nichols Marie N. Williams

**Call to Order.** Councilman Madden called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Public Comments on Agenda Items.** There were no public comments on agenda items.

**Approval of Minutes.** Member Judge Nathaniel Nichols moved to approve the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting of the Juvenile Detention Board of Managers, seconded by member Chris Eiserman. Motion carried unanimously.

**Juvenile Court and Probation Services Report.** Kirsten Keenan, Resource Supervisor, Delaware County Court & Probation Services reported there were six (3) youth and four (4) direct file youth detained at partnering Juvenile Facilities. Councilman Madden stated that there was an executive session hosted by the JDBOM's on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022, to discuss public safety and contractual matters.

**Superintendent for Juvenile Justice Services Report.**

**Status Report- Delaware County's License for secure detention:** The Board's Solicitor Mr. Carlton Johnson reported that Lima Facility closed in March 2021, and the County License for a secure residential license for detention expired in August 2021, and therefor the county has to go through a licensing process which can take anywhere from 6-9 months in ordinary circumstances.

**2022 Juvenile Justice Service Strategy update(s)**

Onboarding Staff: superintendent David Irizarry requested the board's approval to hire 3 administrative support positions.

Record as:

Chris Eiserman-Aye

James E Turner-Aye

Candice L. Linehan--Aye

Kevin Madden--Aye

Nathaniel Nichols--Aye

Elaine Schaefer--Aye

Dr. Monica Taylor-Aye

Chekemma Fulmore Townsend-Aye

Marie N. Williams-Aye  
Joanne Phillips- No

The Motion passed. Member Candice Linehan moved the motion, and it was seconded by member Nathaniel Nichols.

Youth Advocate Programs (YAP) Detention Alternative Pilot: superintendent David Irizarry requested the boards approval to move forward with YAP proposal to provide the county with an alternative to detention program. The Board recommended that the Courts, Juvenile Probation, The Department of Human Services, and The Department of Juvenile Probation and Rehabilitation moved forward with bring this proposal before council.

Record as:

Chris Eiserman-Aye  
James E Turner-Aye  
Candice L. Linehan--Aye  
Kevin Madden--Aye  
Nathaniel Nichols--Aye  
Elaine Schaefer--Aye  
Dr. Monica Taylor-Aye  
Chekemma Fulmore Townsend-Aye  
Marie N. Williams-Aye  
Joanne Phillips- No

The Motion passed. Councilman Madden moved the motion, and it was seconded by member Nathaniel Nichols.

RFP for National Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Provider for Strategy: superintendent David Irizarry requested the board's approval to move forward with drafting and posting an RFP for TTA providers to assist with the implementation of the department's long-term strategy. The board approved drafting the RFP to be reviewed, member Judge Nathaniel Nichols moved the motion, and it was seconded by council woman Dr. Monica Taylor.

**Old Business.**

Secure Detention Space: Board Chair Councilman Madden reported that the county is involved in on-going discussions with a few of it's neighboring counties with regard to finding immediate assistance to finding space for secure detention.

**New Business.** There were no new business items to report at the time

**Public Comments. (All relevant items.)**

Alyssa Poole from Delaware County's Public Defender's office expressed her support for alternative programs like YAP, and she talked about the need for community supports for youth.

Community member Coleen Kennedy of Upper Darby expressed her concerns with the ongoing investigation of Lima Detention Center, as well as inquired about how the county plans to incorporate survivors of abuse, the day-to-day oversight of detained youth as it relates to preventing abuse.

**Board Member Comments** –

Board member Judge Nichols expressed his gratitude for the Board members for volunteering their time, as well as thanked Juvenile Probation’s Director for her efforts.

Board member/Controller Joann Phillips reminded members that the Attorney General’s investigations are ongoing, and we as a county cannot assume those being investigated will be charged with any crimes.

Board member Chekemma Fulmore Townsend expressed feeling encouraged by the County’s decision to support data collection and elements of the strategy to move forward

Board Chair Councilman Madden expressed how challenging the inherited are, but encouraged the members to continue to move forward with finding short term solutions for detention along with the longer term strategy that support the values of the board.

**Adjourn.** Board member Chekemma Fulmore Townsend moved to adjourn, seconded by member Chris Eiserman. Motion carried unanimously.