

**FY 11 ABRT Agency Questions and Responses
OAR/Jefferson Area Community Corrections
Patricia Smith, Executive Director**

Overall:

1. How secure is your state funding for each program?

There is concern about our state funding for each program. In the current fiscal year we received a reduction of 4.12% in our local probation funding and we received a reduction of 6.5% in our state reentry funding. We also lost \$15,000 in our reentry funds from our loss of a contract with DOC. At a meeting last week, I learned that the budget picture for the state is very vulnerable and they said that no program was safe from funds. Drug Court faces funding concerns each year. We are preparing for potential cuts.

2. Throughout the application, there are typos on the budget forms. See pages 5, 7, 13, 22, 30, 38, 48, 53. Please correct these.

I apologize for this mistake. I just did not catch that when I reviewed. I have sent the entire budget pages to Linda with the changes.

3. For most programs, the jail cost was cited at \$71/day. However, Restorative Practice states the cost is \$66.16/day. Which is correct?

The \$71 is a state rate that we took from the Virginia Compensation Board for 2007 which was the latest they had when we submitted the grant. The \$66.16 is the rate that was also taken from the Virginia Compensation Board but for 2008 but specific to our local jail.

Pretrial Services:

1. On your logic model, is the "4.3 fail to appear" rate local or state data?

This is a local number for our local program. The state rate in 2008 was 6.2%

Local Probation:

1. On page 10, you indicate a 79.3% successful completion rate and a 1% re-offense rate. What about the other 20%

The successful completion rate is 79.3% and the unsuccessful completion rate of conditions of the court is 20%. The 1% is part of the 20% and refers to the number that re-offend, the other 19% are technical violations which result in unsuccessful closure such as positive drug screens, not completing treatment, not doing community service, etc.

2. Where are your other offices?

Our other office is in Orange. However we use office space in the court houses in Goochland, Louisa, Fluvanna and use Commonwealth Attorney's space in Madison.

3. Why don't you request funding from Greene?

We request funds each year but it was not included in this budget because we never receive funds from them. We have met with the County Administrator and have yet to receive funding. I did not want to include in the budget because it appears as though we will receive the funds but we never do.

Reentry Services:

1. In securing services for emergency food, clothing or shelter, do you use OAR funds? Or do you partner with other agencies? If so, which agencies?

We do both. We do have some line items in our budget for purchasing ID's, bus passes, birth certificates and tools or uniforms. We rely on other agencies for emergency food such as the Food Bank, shelter such as the Salvation Army, PACEM, etc. We work with the clothes closets for funding vouchers and get donations from a number of churches for clothes, hygiene kits etc.

2. Where is the loss of the in-jail funding?

\$15,000 from DOC indicated in the reduction in state funds.

3. Why did you revise outcome measures?

We changed them as we stated in our narrative because we no longer are providing the bulk of the classroom instruction for the 8 week reentry group. We are working with the jail to address the remaining population who will reenter without having the opportunity to be in the classroom setting. We will be focusing on individual work rather than the classroom group setting.

4. Why was Outcome 3 dropped?

When we were revising our outcomes based on new information from our UVA Study, we attempted to break down and combine our outcomes. The new form includes the crime free outcomes in both the revised outcome 1 and 2. We felt it made more sense and flowed better. We still stress remaining crime free as an outcome but in the two outlined outcomes

Drug Court:

None

Thomas Jefferson CCJB:

1. How will the CIT program continue without funding?

The CIT and CCJB have met to explore options for funding. They are expecting state (DBHASA) funding of \$23,333.33 again in 2011. They have received that for 2010 as

well for continuation of the support of our CIT for trainings. In addition, the CCJB will be submitting a grant funding request to DCJS under the category of new funding that will allow for expansion of mental health and criminal justice (4 year Byrne Grant for \$75,000/yr)

2. What will the function of the planner be?

The function of the Planner continues to be coordinating the work of the CCJB (research, policy, grants, programs, Evidence Based Practices within the criminal justice system). However the funding is for part-time only. If there is no additional funding for the CIT Coordinator, then the planner position will remain part-time. The focus then will be on the above mentioned activities for the jurisdictions that fund the planner.

3. On outcomes, what were the 5 grants and how much funding was raised?

DCJS Byrne CIT Grant = \$165,755.00 (\$124,317 federal funds, plus \$41,438 in local matching funds/grants)

CAFA Foundation = \$2,000.00

Blue Ridge NAMI = \$500.00

UVA Hospital, Department of Psychiatry \$3,000.00

National Institute of Corrections (NIC) = Technical Assistance Grant to provide support for a Jail & Justice Assistance project for the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail

4. What are the long and short term solutions?

LONG TERM:

Developing a 24/7 Non-refusal Mental Health Crisis Assessment Diversion Site at University of Virginia Hospital.

Developing the Sequential Intercept Mapping Process on how the criminal justice and mental health systems work and support each other in our Charlottesville/Albemarle Community.

Support the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Jail and Justice Assistance Project for the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail.

SHORT TERM:

65% of patrol officers trained in CIT from Charlottesville, Albemarle, and UVA police Departments (40-Hour Trainings)

100% of all 911 Emergency Dispatchers trained in CIT (4-Hour Trainings)

Apply for appropriate/available criminal justice grant funding

Restorative Practices:

1. Can you describe your relationship with Victim-Witness Offices?

We have a close relationship with Victim Witness (VW) and have the Directors of each program, Charlottesville and Albemarle, serving on our Task Force. There is no duplication of services since they are in large part prohibited from working with offenders. (This prohibition comes from their state funding source) The VW programs also work most closely with victims in crimes that involve serious crimes against persons. Such cases emerge from the Circuit Court and at the moment we only get a few of these cases. In those situations, we collaborate with VW as we each provide a different component of services to those victims.

2. Where do you expect to get the additional grant funding?

At this point we are working on several options including additional foundations. We are also looking at state and federal grants and have met with the state funders to explore options. We believe this program should be funded by the state and localities and are working to see that happen.

3. Where does the miscellaneous income come from?

Because we are always applying to various sources of funding and we are not sure when we will receive within the fiscal year we often have a carryover or fund balance. That is where the miscellaneous funds are placed.