

**MEETING OF THE
JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD OF MANAGERS
APRIL 19, 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. Board Chair Councilman Kevin Madden moved to table the minutes of the April 19th, 2021, in order for them to be amended and approved in May's Board meeting, The Motion carried unanimously.

Juvenile Court and Probation Services Report. Kirsten Keenan, Resource Supervisor, Delaware County Court & Probation Services reported there were six (7) youth detained at partnering Juvenile Facilities. Mrs. Keenan Also reported that 7 interested of justice hearings are scheduled for youth detained at George Hill's Correctional Facility which may impact detention beds in the hear future.

Councilman Madden stated that there was an executive session hosted by the JDBOM's on April 18th 2022, to discuss public safety and contractual matters.

Superintendent for Juvenile Justice Services Report.

Status Report- Secure detention Space: Superintendent Irizarry reported that the county is involved in on-going discussions with its neighboring counties with regard to finding immediate assistance to finding space for secure detention.

2022 Juvenile Justice Service Strategy update(s)

1. Design Sub-committee: Superintendent Irizarry request that the board vote on a sub-committee aimed on focusing on the design of a local detention center in Delaware County which includes physical attributes as well as program design. The Motion was Moved by member Candice Linehan, and carried unanimously. The assigned Board Committee members are as followed:
 - a. Co-Chair Marie Williams
 - b. Council President Dr. Monica Taylor
 - c. Member Rev James Turner
 - d. Member Judge Nathaniel Nichols

2. Onboarding Staff: superintendent David Irizarry reported that he is reviewing/interviewing candidates for the 3 board approved positions
3. Youth Advocate Programs (YAP) Detention Alternative Pilot: superintendent David Irizarry reported that himself, 4 board members, Juvenile probation, and other county criminal justice stakeholders met with YAP leadership and discuss a program design for Delaware County on April 11th 2022.

Old Business. There were no old business items to report at this time

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

Public Comments. (All relevant items.)

Reverend Jay Harrison of Chester PA expressed his concerns on the progress being made since the closing of the detention center. He also gave testimony that his own children are in need of detention services

Pat McCaffery of Morton PA gave testimony of his personal experience of his son's gun point auto theft in March of 2022 and expressed his concerns with the alleged juvenile perpetrator being place on in-home detention with GPS monitoring.

Ingrid Bird of Havertown PA gave information of National Victims' rights week in Delaware County, and asked the board to recognize the victims and their families of juvenile crimes

Ron Fratantoni of Broomall expressed his concerns with the lack of media coverage that the current state of detention beds in Delaware County is receiving in comparison to the amount of coverage the closing of the detention center received.

Board Member Comments –

Board Chair Councilman Madden addressed his views on the obligations of the board. He stated that although it's primary focus is detention, he openly welcomes ideas and strategies that are diversionary in nature from members of the board to support his role and broader view as a County Council member.

Adjourn. Board Chair Kevin Madden moved to adjourn, seconded by member Chris Eiserman. Motion carried unanimously.