



**MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY BOARD  
QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA  
April 7, 2020, 2:00 p.m.  
Meeting Cancelled**

1. Call to Order                      Stephen King, Chairman
2. Recognitions, Resolutions and Awards
3. Approval of February 4, 2020 Minutes (Provided for review; to be considered at the June 23, 2020 meeting)
4. Public Comments  

Public Comments are intended as an opportunity for the public to give input on relevant issues and not intended as a question and answer period.
5. Comments from Board Members and Legal Counsel
6. Finance Report
  - a. Proposed FY 2021 Operating Budget (Not provided; Finance Committee meeting May 21, 2020. To be considered at the June 23, 2020 meeting)
  - b. Revenue Summary/Balance Sheet - (Attachment)
7. Reports and Briefings
  - a. Population Report - Bed Report – Executive Summary #2020-022
  - b. Community Corrections Report – Executive Summary #2020-018
  - c. Vacancy Report - (Attachment)
  - d. Superintendent's Report – Executive Summary #2020-019
8. Old Business
  - a. Community Based Corrections Plan – None at this time.
  - b. VEPGA resolution (to be considered at the June 23, 2020 meeting)
9. New Business:
  - a. COVID-19 – Executive Summary #2020-016
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Program Report – Executive Summary #2020-021
10. Next meeting is scheduled for **June 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**



# MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL

Serving Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and  
the Counties of Augusta and Rockingham

February 4, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Augusta County Government Center  
18 Government Center Lane  
Verona Virginia 24482

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Upon determination of a quorum, Mr. King, Chairman, called the February 4, 2020 Middle River Regional Jail Authority Board meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### Members Present:

Stephen King, Rockingham County Administrator (Chairman)  
Steven Rosenberg, Staunton City Manager (Vice Chairman)  
Eric Campbell, Harrisonburg City Manager  
Michael G. Hamp, Waynesboro City Manager  
Jennifer Whetzel, Augusta Assistant County Administrator  
Cameron McCormick, Waynesboro City Finance Director  
Phillip Trayer, Staunton City Finance Director  
Patricia Davidson, Rockingham County Finance Director  
Larry Propst, Harrisonburg City Finance Director  
Donald Smith, Augusta County Sheriff  
Bryan Hutcheson, Rockingham County Sheriff  
Joe Harris, Waynesboro City Sheriff

### Members Absent:

Timothy Fitzgerald, Augusta County Administrator  
Eric English, Harrisonburg Police Chief  
Matt Robertson, Staunton City Sheriff

### Facility Staff:

Jeffery Newton, CJM, Superintendent, Middle River Regional Jail  
Eric Young, Director of Operations, Middle River Regional Jail  
Lori Nicholson, Director of Support Services, Middle River Regional Jail  
Jeannie Colvin, Finance Director, Middle River Regional Jail  
Tina Reed, Recorder, Middle River Regional Jail

### Others Present:

Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel, Middle River Regional Jail Authority  
Faye McCauley, Legal Liaison, Middle River Regional Jail  
Captain Jimmy L. Wimer, Rockingham County  
Tyler Farnsworth, PB Mares  
Betsy Hedrick, PB Mares  
Misty Cook, Finance Director, Augusta County  
Tom Sheets, Citizen  
Peter Boatner, Attorney  
Sergio Ossorio, Press Journalist  
Jim Orndorff, Citizen

**2. RECOGNITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, AND RETIREMENTS**

There were no Recognitions, Resolutions, Awards or Retirements

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Hamp made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting. Sheriff Hutcheson seconded the motion. Approval was **unanimous**.

**4. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no public comments.

**5. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR LEGAL COUNSEL**

There were no Board or Legal Counsel comments.

**6. FINANCE REPORT**

Betsy Hedrick and Tyler Farnsworth reviewed the Financial Audit Report for FY'19. Ms. Hedrick presented the report, noting that internal controls were reviewed and related issues have been addressed. The final report has an unmodified opinion. There were no significant deficiencies. At this time Augusta County continues to serve as MRRJ fiscal agent. Ms. Davidson made a motion to accept the audit report. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Approval was **unanimous**.

Ms. Colvin reviewed the finance report with the Board.

**7. REPORTS AND BRIEFING**

Major Young reviewed the following reports:

- a. **Population Report** – As of February 3, 2020, there is a total of 890 offenders being housed at MRRJ. Mr. King requested further explanation of a courtesy hold which Major Young explained. Agency to agency assisting one another. Ms. Davidson requested further information regarding Highland County. Highland County pays a percentage for any inmates they request housed during a fiscal year.
- b. **Community Corrections Report** – Reviewed and discussed.
- c. **Staff Vacancy Report** – Reviewed. At this time there are six Officer vacancies. Mr. Newton explained to the Board four to eight vacancies are normal. Mr. Newton also advised of pending retirements.
- d. **Inmate Medical** - Major Nicholson provided a medical update:
  - Currently holding thirteen pregnant females
  - Rappahannock Health Care is training staff on High Blood Pressure
  - Ms. Chestnut was able to obtain enrollment in a drug program that will provide life sustaining medication for inmates who meet certain criteria. This will produce a savings of at least \$54,000.00 per month.
- e. **Superintendent's Report** –
  - Reviewed the Annual inmate Program Report that was sent to the courts.
  - Food Service negotiations are complete. Trinity Foods will start on April 1, 2020.

- Reviewed House Bill 1532. This bill will have a tremendous impact on Regional Jails. The bill is going to Appropriations.
- For the month of January, 2020, a total of 45 inmates were sent to the Department of Corrections.
- A discussion was held on the timeliness of information getting to the board. Mr. Newton explained that the jail staff try to give the Board the most accurate information possible. Mr. Rosenberg requested that information be received earlier than 24 hours before the meetings in order to have time to review. Mr. Newton will have staff begin sending all reports the Thursday before meeting dates. He explained to the Board that the Finance report will be a month behind.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Community Based Corrections Plan Update** – Plan has been submitted to Department of Corrections. Tony Bell with Moseley Architects has a meeting scheduled with the Department of Corrections to discuss. The Board does not need to take any further action at this time.
- b. **Secretary** – After the last meeting it was found that Ms. Reed can't serve as Secretary however, she can remain as Recorder. The Secretary position must be a Board member. Ms. Davidson made a motion that Ms. Whetzel serve as Secretary. Mr. Hamp seconded the motion. Approval was **unanimous**.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Resolution to join Virginia Energy Purchasing Agreement** - Ms. Colvin reviewed the resolution with the Board. Mr. Rosenberg would like the resolution to be brought to the Board in April in order to ensure that the most recent agreement is being used.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business before the Authority Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

**The next Authority Board meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: Augusta County Government Center Smith Board Room West.**

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Stephen King, Chairman

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEG. YR BALANCE	PREVIOUS BALANCE	DEBIT	CREDIT	ENDING BALANCE
	** MIDDLE RIVER REG.JAIL AUTH.**					
	**CASH**					
100-0200	OPERATING CASH	1,718.90-	694.62	1,688,252.14	1,688,946.76-	
100-1204	BANK OF AMERICA-LGIP	105,931.64	107,347.01	122.92		107,469.93
100-1305	FIRST BANK-MRRJA	5,575,323.26	7,024,315.66	623,891.01	2,182,151.60-	5,466,055.07
100-1307	WELLS FARGO BOND ESCROW-MRRJA					
100-1308	US BANK DEBT RES 2014 BONDS-MRRJA	3,039,627.33	2,544,539.33	496,716.58		3,041,255.91
100-1399	AUDIT MARKET VALUE ADJ					
100-1522	UNION FIRST MARKET-MM-MRRJ	1,659,658.76	1,681,137.23	2,491.85		1,683,629.08
	**CASH**	10,378,822.09	11,358,033.85	2,811,474.50	3,871,098.36-	10,298,409.99
	**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**					
130-3100	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	664,819.87	54,409.07			54,409.07
130-3101	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-REIMBURSEMENT	179.81-				
	**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**	664,640.06	54,409.07			54,409.07
	**DUE FROM DOC**					
131-3120	DUE FROM DOC					
	**DUE FROM DOC**					
	**NET PENSION ASSET**					
135-3100	NET PENSION ASSET	2,500,357.00	4,085,554.00			4,085,554.00
	**NET PENSION ASSET**	2,500,357.00	4,085,554.00			4,085,554.00
	**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**					
160-8270	DEFERRED OUTFLOWS-PENSION PLAN	854,262.59	216,337.00-			216,337.00-
160-8280	DEFERRED OUTFLOWS-GLI OPEB	60,057.83	131,350.69			131,350.69
160-8290	DEFERRED OUTFLOWS-HI OPEB	39,130.00	45,568.00			45,568.00
	**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**	953,450.42	39,418.31-			39,418.31-
	**FIXED ASSETS**					
190-2510	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	14,000.00				
190-3550	FIXED ASSETS-LAND	612,500.00	612,500.00			612,500.00
190-3551	FIXED ASSETS-BUILDING	45,279,812.29	45,279,812.29			45,279,812.29
190-3552	FIXED ASSETS-EQUIPMENT	4,001,571.75	4,682,003.91			4,682,003.91
190-3559	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	13,647,182.91-	14,881,000.57-			14,881,000.57-
	**FIXED ASSETS**	36,260,701.13	35,693,315.63			35,693,315.63
	TOTAL ASSETS	50,757,970.70	51,151,894.24	2,811,474.50	3,871,098.36-	50,092,270.38
	**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**					
200-7100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	123,811.78-	115,458.66-	1,320,328.19	1,321,239.80-	116,370.27-
	**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**	123,811.78-	115,458.66-	1,320,328.19	1,321,239.80-	116,370.27-
	**ACCRUED LEAVE**					
201-6535	ACCRUED LEAVE	912,436.48-	891,972.80-			891,972.80-
201-6536	ACCRUED LEAVE-OPEB	1,610,000.00-	1,486,000.00-			1,486,000.00-
201-6537	NET GLI OPEB LIABILITY	525,535.00-	520,535.00-			520,535.00-
	**ACCRUED LEAVE**	3,047,971.48-	2,898,507.80-			2,898,507.80-

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEG. YR BALANCE	PREVIOUS BALANCE	DEBIT	CREDIT	ENDING BALANCE
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	**ACCRUED INTEREST**					
202-7300	ACCRUED INTEREST	245,606.56-	233,256.15-			233,256.15-
	**ACCRUED INTEREST**	245,606.56-	233,256.15-			233,256.15-
	**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**					
210-8270	DEFERRED INFLOWS-PENSION PLAN	862,482.00-	862,482.00-			862,482.00-
210-8280	DEFERRED INFLOWS-GLI OPEB	58,000.00-	109,000.00-			109,000.00-
210-8290	DEFERRED INFLOWS-HI OPEB		34,000.00-			34,000.00-
	**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**	920,482.00-	1,005,482.00-			1,005,482.00-
	**EMPLOYEE FUND**					
230-8200	FUNDS HELD FOR EMPLOYEE FUND	12,526.25-	12,799.23-	22.00	39.00-	12,816.23-
	**EMPLOYEE FUND**	12,526.25-	12,799.23-	22.00	39.00-	12,816.23-
	**BOND PAYABLE**					
250-6530	BOND PAYABLE	20,100,000.00-	19,065,000.00-			19,065,000.00-
250-6531	BOND PREMIUM	3,126,443.25-	2,918,013.70-			2,918,013.70-
	**BOND PAYABLE**	23,226,443.25-	21,983,013.70-			21,983,013.70-
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	27,576,841.32-	26,248,517.54-	1,320,350.19	1,321,278.80-	26,249,446.15-
	**FUND BALANCE**					
300-9900	FUND BALANCE	23,181,129.38-	23,766,417.65-			23,766,417.65-
	**FUND BALANCE**	23,181,129.38-	23,766,417.65-			23,766,417.65-
	TOTAL PRIOR YR FUND BALANCE	23,181,129.38-	23,766,417.65-			23,766,417.65-
	TOTAL REVENUE		13,464,068.41-		620,646.39-	14,084,714.80-
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		12,327,109.36		1,681,198.86	14,008,308.22
	TOTAL CURRENT FUND BALANCE					76,406.58-
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		51,151,894.24-	3,001,549.05	1,941,925.19-	50,092,270.38-

**MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
 April 15, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Inmate Records Jail Board Report

**BACKGROUND:** The Inmate Records information is a summary of the information in our Offender Management System. This information is transmitted to the State of Virginia on a daily basis. It is then reconciled and certified each month through a system known as LIDS.

**DISCUSSION:** The information included in this report is a snapshot of the offender information on the date and time of this report, April 15, 2020 at 11:11 am. Information is continuously changing. The number of people on HEM will differ slightly between Inmate Records and Community Corrections. This difference is due to several people who were bonded on their charges and in-home monitoring as a condition of their bond. Inmate Records is not able to count those who were released on their charges. We can only count the people who are on the HEM program and still being held on their charges.

<i>Inmate Population</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Male Inmates	609	79%
Female Inmates	163	21%
Total	<b>772</b>	

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Awaiting Trial	259	33.6
Totally Sentenced	377	48.8
Partially Sentenced	117	15.2
Awaiting Programs	7	.9
Awaiting Appeal	0	0
Convicted but not Sentenced	12	1.5
Drug Court Sanction – Pre Trial	0	0
In Hospital	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Department of Corrections Responsible Inmates**

Number of days since last Sentenced	SAW	Rockingham Harrisonburg	Others	Total
90+	84	89	1	174
60 – 90	36	21	0	57
30 – 60	20	22	0	42
<30	4	4	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>% of Total Population</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>.1</b>	<b>36.4</b>

**Work Release**

Local Work Release (RC 26)	24
DOC Work Release (RC 28)	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>

\*\*\*These numbers are included in the Jurisdiction Totals

**HEM**

Home Electronic Monitoring (RC 80)	<b>38</b>
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\*\*\*These numbers are included in the Jurisdiction Totals

**LOCAL Inmates by Jurisdiction**

Locality Code	Jurisdiction	Total
015	Augusta	266
091	Highland	1
165	Rockingham	202
660	Harrisonburg	46
790	Staunton	154
820	Waynesboro	96
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>765</b>

**Other Virginia Jurisdictions – Non Contract Holds**

Locality Code	Jurisdiction	Total
003	Albemarle	2
073	Gloucester	1
103	Lancaster	1
163	Rockbridge	2
540	Charlottesville	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7</b>

**CONCLUSION:** We are actively trying to reduce the in-house population because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Our headcount on February 29, 2020 was 903. Our current headcount is 772 (38 HEM inmates are in this total). **That is a reduction of 169 inmates physically housed at MRRJ.**

**ACTION OFFICER:** Tami Bird, LIDS Tech

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY #ES-2020-022**



**MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
April 9, 2020**

**SUBJECT:** Community Corrections Quarterly Review (January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020)

**BACKGROUND:** The Community Corrections inmates are divided among Work Force, Work Release, and Home Electronic Monitoring (HEM).

**DISCUSSION:** The Work Force crews do various jobs for the localities of Augusta County, Waynesboro, and Staunton. As of March 20, 2020, Work Force officers reassigned to a custody shift and all outside inmate work programs were suspended due to the COVID-19. The HEM program was reinitiated to facilitate reduction the jail in-house population.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE/WORK FORCE APPROVED INMATES**

LOCALITY	MALE	FEMALE
Augusta County	8	2
Harrisonburg	2	0
Highland County	0	0
Page County	0	0
Rockingham County	17	6
Staunton	6	1
Waynesboro	2	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>TOTAL WORKFORCE: 44</b>		

**LOCALLY SENTENCED INMATES WITH A PAYING JOB BY LOCALITY**

LOCALITY	MALE	FEMALE
Augusta County	5	1
Harrisonburg	0	0
Highland County	0	0
Page County	0	0
Rockingham County	8	2
Staunton	4	0
Waynesboro	0	1
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL W/R INMATES: 21</b>		

**COMMUNITY SERVICE/WORK RELEASE APPROVED**

UNPAID WORK RELEASE	MALE	FEMALE
DOC Inmates	3	1
LOCAL Inmates	2	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL W/R ON FREE HELP: 6</b>		

**DOC SENTENCED INMATES FROM MRRJ WITH A PAYING JOB BY LOCALITY**

LOCALITY	MALE	FEMALE
Augusta County	4	0
Harrisonburg	0	1
Highland County	0	0
Page County	0	0
Rockingham County	4	2
Staunton	2	1
Waynesboro	3	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL W/R INMATES: 17</b>		

**HOME ELECTRONIC MONITORING INMATES**

LOCALITY	MALE	FEMALE
Augusta County	9	4
Rockingham	11	3
Harrisonburg	4	0
Staunton	5	3
Waynesboro	6	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL HEM INMATES: 45</b>		

**CONCLUSION:** Transportation staff are currently augmenting community corrections staff in monitoring and drug testing HEM inmates.

**ACTION OFFICER:** Lisa McCray

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY #ES-2020-018**

MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL  
VACANCY REPORT

MRRJ has the following vacancies as of May 1, 2020:

Officer	2
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**MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
April 9, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Superintendent Report

**BACKGROUND:** Highlight for the Board significant actions at MRRJ

**DISCUSSION:**

Operations

- See COVID-19 Executive Summary.
- Received notice that Mental Health Grant has been funded for FY 2021. Paperwork as already been submitted as required to continue the grant.
- Trinity Food Service began April 1, 2020. Four of the five MRRJ food service employees chose to take employment with Trinity Food Service.
- Kronos is finally operational. First payroll will be submitted electronically April 15, 2020.

Personnel

- Captain Powell Bostic has announced his intention to retire effective April 30, 2020.
- Sergeant Kevin Wimer has announced his intention to retire effective May 31, 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None

**ACTION OFFICER:** Superintendent Newton

**Executive Summary #2020-019**

**MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
May 1, 2020

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19

**BACKGROUND:** MRRJ has taken a number of discrete actions in response to the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency concerning the spread of COVID-19

**DISCUSSION:** MRRJ Command staff began considering the implications of COVID-19 on the operations at MRRJ as early as March 2, 2020. Staff continue to work collaboratively on a number of issues. A summary of key decision points:

- Coordinating with Dr. Laura Kornegay (VDH).
- Educating Staff and Inmates.
- Canceled staff external trading and travel.
- Screening Staff, Volunteers, Contractors etc.. entering the facility.
- Screening Inmates leaving and returning the MRRJ.
- Numerous Press Releases informing the Public.
- Conducted a number of interviews with the news media.
- Coordinating with Court, Commonwealth Attorney and Public Defenders for release of non-violent and medically fragile inmates where appropriate to reduce risk and free needed inmate bed space.
- Suspended visitation – coordinated free phone calls for inmates.
- Suspended work release and workforce.
- Suspended inmate programs – dramatically reducing inmate movement
- Suspended recreation for a period of time; however, inmate recreation has been reinstated by housing (not mixing the population).
- Increased use of video by all courts. MRRJ was able to obtain additional video terminal (now have three) to further increase availability to the court. The terminal was operational as of April 13, 2020.
- Created new policies and practices for management of isolation unit for COVID-19.
- PPE equipment remains critically in short supply. Finally, able to obtain enough re-usable masks so staff and inmates working in the facility required to wear mask starting April 23, 2020.

**CONCLUSION:** Two inmates have been tested for COVID-19 (tested negative for one and pending results on the most recent). A number of new arrestees have been segregated pending review of medical staff. As of the date of this document, no inmate or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None

**ACTION OFFICER:** Superintendent Newton

**Executive Summary #2020-016**

## **MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL**

Executive Summary

Date: April 15, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 Program Report for Authority Board

**BACKGROUND:** Program Department will report each quarter on programs and services provided to the inmates.

**DISCUSSION:**

The quarterly report is more condensed and focused summary of inmate program activity as opposed to the more detailed Annual Program Report that is sent to the courts. Included are short descriptions of the programs along with attendance and completion rates.

We are currently in uncharted territory under these trying and unique circumstances. With an emphasis on everyone's safety, our programming has been suspended until it is safe for our outside volunteers to return to the jail. We are attempting the best we can to provide other ways for the inmates to occupy their time. Additional games and playing cards have been purchased, along with puzzle books which are very popular and the inmates appreciate. Our library continues to deliver books weekly, with new books being received. We are using our pod TV system to show movies daily. All of these efforts are done with the intention of providing as much positive activity as possible for the inmates. As a jail, we continue to monitor the situation and follow CDC guidelines and will provide as much activity as possible with the safety of the public, staff, and inmates in the forefront of our thoughts.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The quarterly Program Report is designed to be sent to the Authority Board so they can quickly get a good idea of what services and programs MRRJ is providing to the inmates.

**ENCLOSURES:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 Program Report

**ACTION OFFICER:** John Lilly, Chief of Programs

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY #** *ES-2020-021*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2020

### Education Programs

- MRRJ one student scheduled to take Official GED Test in Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science, but testing had to be postponed due to COVID-19.
- **Career Readiness Certificate** class and **Logistics** class with an emphasis in manufacturing are offered in cooperation with local **Adult Education** and **Blue Ridge Community College**. Three women completed the Career Readiness Certificate program. Seven men were on track to successfully complete the Logistics program before the program had to be suspended due to COVID-19.

### Addictions Programs

MRRJ currently provides three different approaches to fighting addiction – 12 Step, Faith-based, and Educational based programs. The 12 step and Faith-based programs are led by community volunteers, while the Educational based programs are facilitated by Mental Health Professionals.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** (males)– 12 participants per session. Had a total of 25 different people participate.
  - 3 removed for non-attendance
  - 3 released to another facility
  - 7 released sentence served
  - 1 released to Bond
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** (females) – 15 participants per session. Had a total of 24 different people participate.
  - 3 removed for non-attendance
  - 1 released to Pre-Trial services
  - 2 released sentence served
  - 1 released on Bond
  - 1 removed for behavior
  - 1 released to another facility
- **Narcotics Anonymous** (males) – 12 participants per session. Had a total of 23 different people participate.
  - 9 removed for non-attendance
  - 1 released to another facility
  - 1 released on bond
- **Narcotics Anonymous** (females) – 15 participants per session. Had a total of 25 different people participate.
  - 7 removed for non-attendance
  - 2 released to another facility
  - 1 released sentence served
- **Celebrate Recovery** (males) is a Faith based program that deals with addiction as a whole, not one single type of addiction. There are 12 participants per session. Had a total of 22 different people participate.
  - 5 removed for non-attendance
  - 3 released to another facility
  - 1 released sentence served

Education Based Recovery employs a program called **Breaking the Cycle of Addiction** and is taught by Clinicians from the Valley Community Services Board certified to lead the program. The program addresses thinking, behavior, and substance abuse. Participants will set goals for their future, learn four keys for overcoming substance use and criminal behaviors, and develop a recovery maintenance plan. The program is 24 weeks long. Meetings were suspended before completion due to the COVID-19, but staff continue to work individually with students.

### [Thought Process and Behavior Programs](#)

**Women's Empowerment Group** is an 8-week program designed to assist women to feel empowered in dealing with trauma they have experienced in their lives. The program begins with 15 seats, but does not add new participants due to the design of the program. Twelve completed the program, with two released to time served and one person released to Bond. The second group was not able to begin due to the COVID-19 issues.

**Dialectical Behavior Therapy** is a nine-week cognitive behavior therapy class taught by Mental Health Professionals from Valley Community Services Board. Its main goals are to teach people how to live in the moment, cope healthily with stress, regulate emotions, and improve relationships with others. Meetings had to be suspended before completion of the current class, but the staff continue to work individually with the students.

**Facing Life's Issues** class assists men in dealing with everyday issues that they face. Each class is a standalone class and new participants are added each week as space becomes available. There 12 seats available in each class session and a total of 25 different people participated.

- 6 removed for non-attendance
- 4 released to another facility
- 2 released sentence served
- 1 released to Bond

Total of three Men's Faith classes - 36 total participant seats weekly for the three classes. Had a total of 54 different people participate.

- 5 removed for non-attendance
- 2 released sentence served
- 9 released to another facility
- 2 released on Bond

Total of two Women's Faith classes – 27 total participant seats weekly for the two classes. Had a total of 47 different people participate.

- 8 removed for non-attendance
- 3 released to another facility
- 1 released to Bond
- 2 released sentence served
- 1 released pre-trial services

### [Re-Entry Program](#)

MRRJ partners with numerous government and community agencies in the jurisdictions of Augusta and Rockingham Counties and the Cities of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Harrisonburg. Several of our



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partners assist with Re-Entry workshops held at the jail. There are two separate workshops with focus on the particular area participants will be returning. There were 14 participants in the SWA workshops and 10 participants in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham workshops.

In addition, MRRJ works to assist offenders with legal state photo ID through a partnership with DMVConnect, birth certificates, and social security cards. The only charge for offenders is the fee charged by the agency.

- DMV Connect 4
- Birth Certificates 2
- Social Security Cards 22

With health insurance being such a need for many people being released, MRRJ works closely with Medicaid getting 39 people signed up on Medicaid so it will be effective once they are released.

### Community Volunteers

For the abbreviated 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2020, our **70** volunteers who lead classes and programs donated a total of **380 man-hours**. This is in addition to spiritual advisors and other community partners who visit inmates individually. Many of these volunteers are meeting with individuals to help them set up post-release programs and treatment.

### Non-Traditional Jail Programs

**Living Well** is a program presented by the Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS) to assist those with chronic medical issues, regardless of age. The participants are suggested by the Medical Department. The program alternates between men and women, with the program being presented to the women during this quarter. Due to the design of the program, new people are not able to be added each week. The program began with 15 participants and 11 completed the program. One person was released with time served, one by court order, and two to Bond.

The **Parenting** program is taught by the **Office on Youth**, and is alternated between men and women quarterly. The class is designed with the unique circumstances of incarcerated parents in mind. The most recent class was held for men. Ten people began the class, with five completing the course. One person was removed for non-attendance, 2 were sent to other facilities, one completed sentence, and one went to our Work Program.

**Hope Restored** is a visitation program for women that meets twice monthly. There are 15 seats available in each session, with new participants added each session if space permits. During this quarter there were 20 different participants. Three people were removed for non-attendance, one was released to sentence served, and one was released to another facility.

MRRJ has two **Special Needs** housing units that serve those who may have physical, intellectual, mental health, or emotional struggles. Our pilot partnership with **Positive Paws K9** bringing in **Therapy Dogs** is going well. Each week until visitation had to be suspended due to the COVID-19 situation, handlers brought in the dogs to both the male and female Special Needs pods.

Under our Mental Health grant, MRRJ was able to give emergency housing assistance to those who were on the Mental Health caseload while incarcerated.

- 4 people were assisted with emergency housing
- \$8,748.53 was spent for emergency housing