

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 2017**

The mission of the VCCJA Legislative Committee is to foster a greater understanding of local probation and pretrial services in the Virginia General Assembly. The legislative committee promotes learning opportunities for legislators, citizens and our local and state stakeholders with the goal to promote the continued development and expansion of local probation and pretrial services in Virginia. The legislative committee produces informational literature concerning local probation and pretrial services, tracks legislation of significance to local community corrections and encourages legislation which makes effective use of alternatives to incarceration.

The legislative committee meets almost monthly throughout the year with a primary focus during the December through April period, during the height of the Legislative Session. During 2017, the legislative committee:

- ◆ Tracked legislative trends in both Virginia and the United States of significance to local probation and pretrial.
- ◆ Formulated and distributed informational literature to promote local probation and pretrial services.
- ◆ Members met with representatives of the State Crime Commission on Pretrial Services.
- ◆ Met separately with Secretary of Public Safety and Deputies and the Department of Planning & Budget staff to request Pretrial expansion and discuss new "Smart on Crime" education initiatives.
- ◆ Met with House Appropriations and Senate Finance staff to discuss local probation and pretrial.
- ◆ Met with Gubernatorial candidates Policy Directors to educate on local probation and pretrial.
- ◆ Committee will continue to support the expansion of Pretrial Services through restoring funds originally allocated for this purpose.

Many committee and non-committee members contribute to the success of this active working committee. In closing, we would like to thank committee members, VCCJA members and stakeholders for their support and participation throughout the year.

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