WORK GROUP 2 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVERSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Criminal Justice Diversion Expansion for Rural Communities

Provide funding to support the development, implementation, and sustainment of CIT in up to six rural communities, including:

- A CIT coordinator in each community
- Funding for training, including law enforcement training
- CIT assessment sites in each community

Provide funding to support creation of diversion programs at Intercept 2 (initial detention/initial court appearance) in up to six rural communities, including:

- Staffing (clinical team lead, case manager, criminal justice liaison)
- Access to treatment

Introduce a **budget amendment** to provide DBHDS with funds to make awards to rural communities to establish CIT

- \$109,608 for CIT training program in one community (\$657,648 in all six)
- \$320,900 for CIT assessment center in one community (\$1,925,400 in all six)

Introduce a **budget amendment** to provide DBHDS with funds to make awards to rural communities to establish Intercept 2 diversion programs

• \$236,221 for one community (\$1,417,326 in all six)

Forensic Discharge Planning

Provide funding to make available forensic discharge planning for persons with serious mental illness upon their release from jails to allow for better coordination of care and to enhance public safety by linking individuals to needed care possibly mitigating future criminal justice involvement.

Introduce a **budget amendment** to fund creation of staff positions in the CSBs to provide forensic discharge planning at jails in accordance with the DBHDS report.

• \$4,109,900 to implement at the five jails with the highest percentage of serious mental illness

Mental Health Dockets

Monitor implementation of new Supreme Court rule authorizing specialty dockets, including mental health dockets The Governor's budget includes \$1.0 million to expand mental health dockets

Mental Health Screening in Jails

The 2017 Budget, Item 70(J), required that all inmates be screened for mental illness upon entering jail.

The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services designated the use of the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen or the Correctional Mental Health Screen The Compensation Board is reviewing its staffing standards to evaluate the costs and benefits of requiring the performance of a mental health assessment within 72 hours of screening if the screening indicates an inmate has a mental illness.

Due to the screening requirement only taking effect in July 2017, the Compensation Board anticipates improved data for determining these costs and benefits in 2018.

DCJS Mental Health Jail Pilot Programs Monitor the six jails selected as part of the pilot program: Chesterfield Hampton Roads Regional Middle River Regional Prince William Richmond City Western Virginia Regional	The 2016 Budget, Item 398(J) appropriated \$1 million in FY17 and \$2.5 million in FY18 for pilots
DBHDS Jail Diversion Programs Monitor the sites receiving funding from DBHDS to support jail diversion programs	