

The Virginia Association of Counties' 2016 Annual Conference Update on Jails

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Funding Issues

- **Salaries**

- On-hold: Dec 1, 2016, 2% salary increase for deputies and local corrections officers
- On-hold: Jan 1, 2017, compression pay increase for sheriff offices and regional jails – Sworn officers: \$80 for each full year of service, up to thirty years; Non-sworn staff: \$65 for each full year of service, up to thirty years

- **Per Diem**

- FY 2010: From \$8 to \$4 a day for “local responsible inmates”
- FY 2010: From \$14 to \$12 a day for “state responsible inmates”

Funding Issues (cont'd)

- **Capital Funding**
 - 2015: 50% or 25% reimbursement
- **“VARisk”**
 - FY 2010: Constitutional Officers (i.e. locals) and Jails carry 100% of the annual premium costs
 - Current Study: *The State Compensation Board is hereby directed to convene a group of stakeholders comprised of, and representing the interests of, constitutional offices, regional jail authorities, and local governments to jointly review current and alternative primary liability, medical malpractice, and employee malfeasance policy coverage /s and contracts, and alternatives for liability reinsurance, for such coverage currently paid for by localities under VARisk.*
- **Medicaid**
 - Riverside Regional Jail

Behavioral Health

- **2014**
 - Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century – “Deeds Commission”
- **August 2015**
 - The death of Jamycheal Mitchell in the Hampton Roads Regional Jail
- **2017**
 - Death Investigations – Delegate Robert B. Bell, Chairman, Work Group #2 of the Deeds Commission, Criminal Justice Diversion
 - Jails & Health Services – Medical and Behavioral Health Jail Standards, Board of Corrections

Behavioral Health (cont'd)

- **2017 (cont'd)**
 - Jails & the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services – The Center for Behavioral Health and Justice; the Commissioner's Transformation Teams, Justice Work Group
 - Waiting lists for treatment (beds)
 - Mental Health Screening Instruments
 - Discharge
 - Regional Jail Oversight



Questions?