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| **Chair TAMMY JOHNSON,** Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice Administration, City of Richmond, VA  A native of the Richmond area, Ms. Johnson graduated from Manchester High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. A long time employee of DJJ, Ms. Johnson has served in several positons allowing her to gain a full understanding of the organization. She began her career as a Counselor and then a Counselor Supervisor at Beaumont JCC. She desired exposure to the community aspects of working with juveniles, so she transferred to the 13th CSU Richmond as a Probation Officer. She was promoted to Probation Officer Senior as the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Expeditor. Ms. Johnson worked diligently and passionately to promote the JDAI principles in the City of Richmond; she advocated for the least restrictive alternatives while maintaining best practices in keeping the public safe. While at the 13th CSU, Ms. Johnson served on several leadership teams and assisted management in various capacities involving working with collaborative partners to ensure the most appropriate services were utilized for court involved families. Currently, Ms. Johnson is working in the Human Resources Unit as a Background Investigator. Ms. Johnson resides in the City of Richmond, has three adult sons, two grandsons, and two fur babies.  cid:image003.jpg@01D362D2.AA917530 **Vice Chair** **Leon Benjamin,** Men Reaching Men Youth Mentorship Program  A native of Richmond, Bishop Leon Benjamin graduated from Huguenot High School and attended the University of Virginia and Virginia Union University for math and engineering. He is married to his soul mate and partner in ministry, Pastor Maria Benjamin of twenty-five years, and have three beautiful children. Mr. Benjamin serves as senior pastor of New Life Harvest Church. He is currently Chancellor and Founder of Harvest Bible College and Chief Prelate of Receiving Power for Action Apostolic Network. He has also developed a mentoring program for entrepreneurs entitled "Kingdompreneur Now!" He was ordained as Senior Pastor under the leadership of Bishop T.D. Jakes. A former veteran in the US Armed Forces, Mr. Benjamin served in the Navy and participated in Desert Shield/Desert Storm Gulf War. He is very active in his community and has worked with public officials, civic leaders and community leaders to make a difference in the areas of education, business development, and economic reform. He has worked with organizations such as Virginia Department of Health, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Richmond City Police, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, and the Governor’s Office to help facilitate mentorship programs and various community development initiatives. He currently has a youth mentorship program entitled “Men Reaching Men” which facilitates bringing fathers back into the lives of their families, schools, community and church house. He has attained his Bachelor’s in Religious Studies, Master’s in Christian Education, and a Doctorate in Christian Education. He currently runs a Day Care and Learning Center in the South Side of Richmond.  **Secretary** **MARGO HARDY,** Petersburg Community Programs, City of Petersburg, VA  Margo has over 15 years of experience in the juvenile justice field. Currently, Margo is employed by the City of Petersburg as the Community Programs PJCCCA Manager. Margo graduated from Dinwiddie High School and Southside Virginia Community College in 1992 with an Associate’s degree. After receiving her Bachelors in Human Resources from St. Leo University she continued her education at the University of Phoenix, earning a Master’s Degree in Human Resources. Margo decided to enter the field of juvenile justice in 2003, where she has worked with the City of Petersburg supervising and administering Crime Control Programs. Margo is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority  **Treasurer** **GREG HOPKINS,** Department of Justice Services, City of Richmond, VA  Greg has over 20 years of experience in the juvenile justice field. He has recently served as Chair of VJJA’s Capital District Chapter. He is also currently serving as the Vice President of the Virginia Drug Court Association (VDCA). Previously Greg held the position of State President for the VDCA. Greg is the Juvenile Community Program Manager for the City of Richmond Department of Justice Services. He previously held the positions of Juvenile Drug Court Coordinator and Senior Probation Officer for the 13th CSU. Greg holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a Concentration in Administration of Justice from Virginia State University and a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice from Tiffin University. In his spare time, Greg enjoys volunteering with local non-profits. He is an active Board Member with NIA Inc. of Greater Richmond affiliated with Saint Paul’s Baptist Church. Greg is married with 4 kids, the oldest a sophomore at Norfolk State University. |