

1 Sec. #. 24 V.S.A. § 1964 is amended to read:

2 § 1964. STRUCTURE OF THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE BOARDS; CONFIDENTIALITY
3 OF CERTAIN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MEETINGS

4 (a) Each community justice center:

5 (1) Shall have an advisory board comprised of at least 51 percent citizen volunteers.

6 (2) May use a variety of community-based restorative justice approaches, including
7 community restorative justice panels or boards, group conferencing, or mediation.

8 (3) Shall include programs to resolve disputes, address the needs of victims, address the
9 wrongdoing of the offender, and promote the rehabilitation of youthful and adult offenders.

10 (b) Meetings of restorative justice panels and meetings to conduct restorative justice group
11 conferencing or mediation shall not be subject to the Vermont Open Meeting Law, 1 V.S.A.
12 chapter 5, subchapter 2.