

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2014 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

Members Attending: George Greger-Holt; Peggy Hamlett; Marci Trageser; Alison Uhlenberg; Layton Long; Megan Gilliland; Justin Bartholomew; Marie Lamoureux; Mike Szpunar (Herbie Stubbs)

Members Absent: Judge Scarlett, Courtney Goldston; Tom Velivil

Programs: Community Service & Restitution, Family Advocacy; Teen Court; School Liaison

Acceptance of minutes – Minutes from the September meeting were approved and Lisa will post on the web site.

Area consultant:

- Invited Marty Brown to give us an overview of disproportionate minority contact. He will attend our meeting in 2015.
- Working with Lisa to get all JCPC members' conflict of interest forms.
- Reminder that the risk/needs subcommittee will meet December 1.
- Reminder that there are new forms for JCPC monitoring, Denise will email us the new forms
- Communities in Schools had a concern about SPEP and whether JCPC monitoring will refer to SPEP. Denise answered that it will. CIS has a concern that they have not received sufficient training in SPEP.

By-laws:

- Revisions to by-laws were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Bylaws:

- By-laws: Denise suggested modification of the bylaws to address steps an agency may take if they are not happy with a funding decision. She will send verbiage from other jurisdictions as examples. Lisa will modify the bylaws and present revisions at the next meeting.

Psychological Assessments:

- JCPC voted unanimously to approve the application by Chatham County Public Health Department to act as the fiscal agent for psychological assessments.
- Denise will start the approval process with docuSign
- Lisa to finalize the contract and send to Layton
- Denise suggests sign contracts after final agreement is signed.
- Lisa volunteered to reach out to other JCPCs to ask for support in going to the state with a request that the guidelines for psychological assessments be reviewed and changed to be less burdensome to the agency that acts as a fiscal agent. The court psychologist used to be funded by the state. Since the psychologist is not a nonprofit agency or government agency they cannot be funded with JCPC money directly. It's very difficult to find an agency willing to act as a fiscal agent because of the administrative burden. If other counties have the same problems, we could join together to give feedback to the state and ask that they find a central

clearinghouse for program administration. The JCPC approved the suggestion and Lisa will draft an email. Alison shared Chatham County Juvenile Justice Monthly Statistics and a comparison of Fiscal Years 13 and 14.

Program updates:

- **Wrenn House:** Danielle could not be present but sent this update. “In order to provide more direct services and supportive counseling to youth in care, we have eliminated the Program Coordinator and Lead Residential Counselor positions. We have created a House Manager and Family Counselor positions. We are currently fully staffed (knock on wood) minus a part time maintenance position. We have served no Chatham County youth to date this fiscal year. Wrenn House staff is willing to come out to speak with community partners about our services as our services are not limited to DJJ youth. We are also a resource for homeless families, DSS, trafficking victims and more.
 - **Communities in Schools:** Teen Court has served 14 and will be held this week. Family Advocacy has served 26 youth and families since July 1. Community Service has served 49.
 - **El Futuro:** Jennifer was unable to attend but sent this update: “El Futuro is currently serving 9 JCPC clients, therefore we have space for 1 more client according to our contract (10 clients per contract). From July 1st to October 31st, El Futuro has served a total of 12 JCPC clients with an average number of 5 visits per client.
 - **School Liaison:** Sarah Patterson has accepted a position with Orange County Schools and a new program director will be announced next week. There are quite a few referrals from Chatham but right now numbers are down from last year.

New business:

- The mental health provider (CBH) is pulling out of Chatham and Cardinal is looking to replace them.
- The council discussed whether to officially express concern to Cardinal and see which services can be aligned with county funding. Dissatisfaction goes back to the sudden abandonment of the Mental Health Liaison position. Without that position a lot of time is wasted choosing a referral, deciding who is best, who has space, following up about intake. Decision to hold off until we can get more information.
- Cardinal has a pilot program for case management and Chatham can refer 5 to youth villages.
- Reminder that JCPC monitoring will be December 9th and 10th. Six-month measurable objectives will be due at the end of January.
- The January meeting will be on the 9th. The risk/needs subcommittee will have met and will have an RFP to propose.
- Subcommittees: George called for the formation of two subcommittees: JCPC Monitoring and Risk/Needs Assessment. The committees will be as follows:
 - JCPC Monitoring: George, Justin, Alison, Tom, and Denise.
 - Risk/Needs Assessment: George, Justin, Alison and Marci (if her court schedule permits).
- Members: Marci talked to members at Pittsboro Presbyterian Church and will send us the email contact information for two people who may have interest in joining the JCPC as faith-based members. She also asked that we contact Sherri T. Murrell (defense attorney) to serve on the council. George will contact law enforcement agencies.
- Next meeting Friday November 7, Dunlap Classroom.