

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2015 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

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

Members Absent: Judge Scarlett, Dakota Stevens, Megan Gilliland

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

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

Area consultant:

- Denise had a schedule conflict with another JCPC and was unable to attend

New Mental Health Provider:

- Dr. Ahulwalia and Christine Ashmore from Trinity spoke with the council about their operations and their plans for the future.
- Trinity operates as a comprehensive community clinic and offers a full range of services to clients. They have clinics in both Siler City and Pittsboro.
- Clinics currently are not opened 5 days a week in both locations, but as they become fully booked they will increase hours of operation

Risk/Needs Subcommittee:

- The risk/needs subcommittee reported very few differences from the prior year.
 - Needs:
 - Low level needs increased from 59% to 67%
 - Serious school behaviors are down from 46% to 40% while moderate behavior problems have increased slightly from 35% to 39%.
 - Additional needs for mental health assessment is down from the previous year
 - Risks:
 - Age at first offense – under 12 is up 18% to 27%
 - Involvement in affrays has doubled
 - Prior class 3 misdemeanor is up from 6 to 18%
- The proposed RFP was unanimously approved. The RFP will be posted on the website until February 19. Hard copies will not be required. Lisa will print applications and distribute the council prior to the March funding meeting.

Program updates:

- **Wrenn House:** One Chatham youth has been served. They have hired a full-time family counselor and a new clinical coordinator.

- **Communities in Schools:** Teen Court is doing well with good volunteer judges and many youth volunteers. The Community Service and Restitution bank is down to \$100 and they will need additional funds. If discretionary funding is available they will apply. Family Advocacy has served 27 youth and families since July 1. The first session of Parenting Matters has been completed, with 7 graduates.
- **El Futuro:** Jennifer shared that the monitoring resulted in good feedback that was passed on to staff. They have 10 clients.
- **School Liaison:** Paul is getting his feet on the ground as the new program director.

New business:

- Alison presented the Chatham County Juvenile Justice Monthly statistics. She will review this at every meeting going forward. December stats are as follows:
 - Juveniles at intake: 10
 - Complaints received: 12
 - Juveniles approved for Court: 5
 - Juveniles put on a plan or contract: 4
 - Juveniles placed in detention: 0
 - Juveniles placed in Wrenn House: 0
 - School related offenses: 3
- The Health Department will not act as the fiscal agent for psychological assessments in FY 2016 because of the administrative burden.
- The council approved an email to reach out to other JCPCs to determine whether they want to join us in raising concerns about psychological assessments to the state.
- Next meeting is the funding decision meeting on March 6. We must have a quorum at that meeting. The meeting will take place in the DSS classroom.