

Chatham JCPC Minutes 7/27/12

Attending:

Area Consultant: Scott Stoker

Council Members: Marie Lamoureux, Tom Velivil, Peggy Hamlett, Lindsay Ray, Sally Kost, Courtney Goldston, Kim Tyson, Alison Uhlenberg, Mike Szpunar, Marci Trageser, Scott Stoker, Lisa West

Council Members Absent: Lisa Lackmann, Jennifer Thomas, George Greger-Holt

Agencies: Luke Smith (El Futuro); Rebecca Worley (School Liaison); Steve Bailey (Mental Health America); Danielle Butler (Wrenn House); Kim Caraganis, Gwen Overturf, Miguel Olvera, Maria Soto (Chatham County Together) Tom Velivil spoke for OPC/PBH

Council Business

- Brief introductions. Lisa let the council know that the county's intent is to hire a contractor to serve as administrator of the council with the DJJD funding. Members were asked for their conflict of interest forms.
- Election of officers: By unanimous vote Lindsay Ray was elected Chair and Jennifer Thomas Vice-Chair. Since Jennifer was not present, the council agreed that if she declines to serve the council will elect an alternate.
- Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June 4 meeting were approved.
- Orientation:
 - Scott provided brief orientation of JCPC, covering the history of the council rules of operation, important dates and milestones such as council monitoring of programs and the and risk/needs assessment. Lisa reminded the council that 2 subcommittees will be formed for the monitoring and the risk/needs assessment.
 - Chatham has awarded all of our \$143,544 this year, so there will be no additional funding decisions or RFPs.
 - Scott offered to bring statistics (Number served to-date versus target) for programs to each meeting so the updates at the meetings can be less formal and the agencies don't have to prepare their remarks based on the form used in FY 2012.
 - Lisa introduced the new website (<http://www.chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=1586>). Kim asked if we can provide links to agencies on the website. Lisa will do this.
- By-laws: The council agreed unanimously to add verbiage that will allow voting by email if an important vote is needed and there is not a quorum at the meeting. This will only occur if there has been a public meeting and notification of the meeting as well as discussion of the issue and the resulting need for email voting has been posted on the website. The council also agreed unanimously to allow members to designate a proxy to attend a meeting and vote on their behalf. Members can use email to notify the administrator and Chair of a proxy. Lisa will update the by-laws accordingly, send to the county attorney, and then distribute to the board and post on the website.

Program updates.

No data to report yet, but each program representative shared news:

- El Futuro: A problem they experience is clients who miss picking up/taking their prescribed medication because they have no license. The lack of public transportation is an issue that impacts El Futuro's clients.

- Chatham County Together!: They have a new program (though not JCPC) Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Services, which connects young people ages 14-21 with employment and education opportunities. See website for more. CCT agreed with El Futuro about the problems their clients experience because of the lack of public transportation.
 - The Community Service and Family Advocacy programs are continuing to operate effectively. The kids are keeping busy at the community garden.
 - The town of Siler City notified them that the courthouse will not be available for Teen Court due to the presence of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the basement of the courthouse. CCCC has offered the use of a classroom in the new Siler City campus, so that's where Siler City Teen Court will be held. She passed out the Teen Court schedule. So far there have been no referrals but she will be conducting a jury training this month with the assistance of Rita Marley McKenzie, council member who ran the Teen Court program when it was administered by JOCCA several years ago. She and Miguel attended Teen Court in Orange County to get a feel for the program. The agency published a news release about the program and they've posted notification on their website.
- Mental Health America: Their merger is complete so they are now officially Mental Health America.
- Wrenn House: Summer is a slow time, they are focused on keeping the kids cool and engaged.
- School Liaison: Rebecca is using the summer for planning the upcoming school year.
- OPC/PBH: Their name will be changing to Cardinal Innovation Healthcare Solutions

New Business

- Peggy gave an update concerning the state's intention to formalize an incentive program. She will be attending a train-the-trainer session in September and will update us following that meeting. Orange/Chatham are Reclaiming Futures sites, and Jessica Jones, the Director for the division, will be working with them on their grid.
- PBH has volunteered to provide unused gas and gift cards (already purchased with JSAM funding) for use by the court counselors to provide incentives for youth and, in the case of gas cards, their parents.
- Sarah Patterson will now be working out of Alamance County, although she will continue to serve Spanish-speaking clients in Chatham. Peggy is interviewing to fill the position in Chatham. As of October 1, the state will no longer allow juveniles to be given detention as a punishment for non-compliance.
- Alison provided an art class and a cooking class for diverted youth, as a beginning to help provide a non-punitive and fun activity. Both were well-received. The cooking class was a non-cooking cooking class, since Chatham County Together has no kitchen facility, but they made salsa.
- Alison provided some statistics for 2012 compared with 2011: 204 complaints were received 7/1/11-6/30/12, compared with 195 in the same period last year. 101 complaints were approved, compared to 88 in the same period last year. There were 13 non-divertible offenses, compared with 4 in 2011. Juveniles under the age of 10 received 10 complaints in 2012 compared with 9 the previous year. Seventy-six complaints were received against 10-13 year-old juveniles in 2012, compared with 101 in 2011. There were 118 complaints associated with juveniles over the age of 13 in 2012, compared with 85 the prior year. Peggy

Meeting adjourned at 1:50

Next Meeting: September 7, noon-2:00, DSS classroom