

Chatham JCPC Minutes

November 2, 2012 Noon – 2:00 DSS Classroom

Members not in attendance: George Gregor-Holt, James Kurz, Jennifer Thomas

Attending members: Lisa West, Sally Kost, Marci Trageser, Kim Tyson, Tom Velivil, Lisa Lackmann, Mike Szpunar, Alison Uhlenberg, Justin Bartholomew, Judge Scarlett, Rita Marley McKenzie, Rebecca Worley, Marie Lamoureaux, Peggy Hamlett, Courtney Goldston, Becky Norman, Scott Stoker

Program members attending: Kim Caraganis (Family Advocacy); Gwen Overturf (Community Service and Restitution); Rebecca Worley (School Liaison); Tom Velivil (Mental Health Liaison); Sarelli Rossi (El Futuro); Danielle Butler (Wrenn House)

Absent programs: Mental Health America

1. Lisa West introduced Becky Norman, the new JCPC Administrator.
2. Peggy Hamlett made a motion to accept the previous minutes as presented. _____ seconded. Motion passed.

3. Area Consultant update:

Scott Stoker reviewed summary risk/needs data and will send Lisa West detailed reports early next week which she will send to the JCPC. Risk/needs assessment subcommittee will be Marci Trageser (If possible) Alison Uhlenberg, Justin Bartholomew, Peggy Hamlett, Lisa West, Lisa Lackmann. Meeting will be scheduled by mid-December

3. Program Updates:

Family Advocacy: Kim Caraganis reported that Maria and Elizabeth are working with 15 Spanish speaking children and that they are having a fundraiser Friday December 14, 2012 at 4:30 in the Jordan Matthews cafeteria, eat in or take out, tickets \$6.00.

Teen Court: Gwen Overturf reported that they need judges for November 13, 2012 for Siler City and December 18, 2012 for Pittsboro. She reports they are very grateful for the excellent support they have been given by the attorneys and bailiffs. In addition a 2nd year law student, Joseph Strader, has trained a group of children with regards to serving on the jury. Community Service now has 2 plots of land from Piedmont Biofuels and they will be doing additional gardens.

El Futuro: Sarelli Rossi reports that they are eager to get more referrals.

School Liaison: Rebecca Worley reports that they have been having numerous meetings with the Chatham County Schools. Rebecca is continuing to see more grade school children, as reflected in the summary data Scott provided. She feels they are having a good experience with the elementary schools.

Mental Health Liaison: Tom Velivil reports that they have already served almost 75% of their targeted numbers.

Wrenn House: Danielle Butler reports that it has been quiet as far as Chatham youth. However they have very good communication with Peggy Hamlett and Ann.

New Business

1. JCPC monitoring visits:

Alison Uhlenbert, Rita Marley McKenzie, Marie Lamoureux, Becky Norman, Lisa West, Peggy Hamlett, and Sally Kost volunteered to be on the committee. Everyone agreed that it will work to complete this by mid-December and the agencies can follow up with their six month measurable objectives in January. Becky Norman will begin scheduling these visits.

2. State initiative on incentives:

Peggy Hamlett reported that the State is still working on graduated sanctions. They hope to have a state level grid by the end of December, and then the local JCPCs will develop their local grids. Peggy will keep us apprised of any due dates. Peggy also reported that the State is also working to revise the current method of collecting risk/needs data to conform to a more case management approach. District B was chosen for the pilot site for this new revised plan.

Scott Stoker also mentioned PREA, the Prison Rape Elimination Act. This is a federal act that will go into effect in August, 2013. This act will impact JCPC programs in the area of residential placements and the court counselors' office. These programs will need to be aware of this Act and be able to explain the law.

3. January meeting date will be January 11, 2012.

4. Marci Trageser suggested having a community forum event for parents and children to attend. They would be given information about drug abuse, particularly the dangers of prescription drugs.

Lisa Lackmann mentioned a program, 7 Challenges, that might be of interest to our programs and that we could bring someone in to give a presentation in 2013. Lisa also suggested the Chatham Coalition Against Drugs as another avenue to provide additional information about drug abuse.

Alison Uhlenberg and Sarah are still collecting food for their families, donations of goods or gift cards are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Norman