

Chatham JCPC Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2013 Noon - 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

Attending: Justin Bartholomew, George Greger-Holt, Peggy Hamlett, Sally Kost, Judge Beverly Scarlett, Scott Stoker, Mike Szpunar, Jennifer Thomas, Marci Trageser, Alison Uhlenberg, Tom Velivil, Lisa West

Absent: James Kurz, Megan Gilliland, Marie Lamoureaux, Kim Tyson

Attending Programs: Kim Caraganis, Sarelli Rossi

Absent: Danielle Butler, Gwen Overturf, Benjamin Staples, Rebecca Worley

Acceptance of previous minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Area Consultant update

- Results from FY 2013: The Chatham JCPC served 283 children compared to an expected 210; 267 were referred by DJJ (court counselors); 229 were admitted after July 1 of 2012; Wrenn House was the only program that did not meet their projected goal, but this is not a reflection on the program and they have already had 2 referrals this month.
- For FY 2014, Cardinal Solutions is the only program that did not request funding. All other programs that were funded in FY 2013 were funded in FY 2014. The JCPC expects to serve 171 children in FY 2014.
 - Discussion about Cardinal Solutions: When they notified us that they would not be applying for funding they indicated that they would continue to fund the liaison position but a recent email says that the position was discontinued.
 - Judge Scarlett noted that this is devastating for judges in juvenile court. They rely on the mental health liaison to provide immediate feedback, readily available, to support the judge in making a confident decision regarding placement for the child that is in the child's best interest.
 - Court counselors will try to gather additional information during the referral process but they depended on the liaison to meet with the family, get the services scheduled, follow up with the provider, and so on.
 - Marci noted that this need also exists for adults.
 - Sally noted that the county provides a large amount of funding to Cardinal and should have a voice in whether this service is provided.
 - Sally will be attending a meeting of the local board, will raise this issue, and update us.
- If programs or court counselors experience any issues, please be sure to express opinions so problems can be addressed in a timely fashion.
- Final accounting forms due to Scott by August 30, due to Lisa West by August 26 so that they can be signed and mailed.

- All programs attended the standardized program evaluation program (SPEP) orientation in June. The legislature wants to know how JCPCs know that their programs are effective and the SPEP protocol is a research-based evaluation tool. SPEP was developed by Dr. Mark Lipsey at Vanderbilt University and it is based on program types. There will be two additional days of training in August. Scott will work with the JCPC and he will work with the programs one-on-one. Use of the SPEP protocol will probably start in FY 2015.
- New commissioner for the division, James Gorham. He may attend some of the SPEP meetings. Teresa Price retired and Robin Jenkins is now overseeing Courts and Community Programs.
- Scott noted that it would be useful for our JCPC to develop short and long term goals for our council. The council agreed and decided to begin this discussion at the next meeting.
- Scott also asked the JCPC to consider whether we wanted to do JCPC monitoring twice a year instead of once. This is not a requirement, but JCPC are being asked to consider this in order to obtain more information. Council decided to think on this and delay a decision at this time.
- Reminder to sign conflict of interest forms.

Election of Officers

- **Chair:** Judge Scarlett nominated Jennifer Thomas as Chair, Peggy seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.
- **Vice-chair:** Peggy nominated Marci Trageser as Vice-chair, Judge Scarlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Administrator: The county elected not to contract out the administration. Lisa West will serve as administrator.

Program Updates:

- **Chatham County Together:** Gwen is recovering from a car accident. While she is out, Miguel will work both programs, and Rita Marley-McKenzie and the original director (Susan) will be volunteering to help out.

Admin Reminder:

- Submit request for matching funds any time prior to June 14, 2014 with the form that Lisa sent out.
- Next meeting will be September 6, noon till 2:00, in the Dunlap classroom.

Meeting adjourned 1:30