

Chatham JCPC Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2013 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

Members Attending: Justin Bartholomew ; Megan Gilliland; George Greger-Holt; Peggy Hamlett; Marie Lamoureux; Cindy Porterfield; , Dakota Stevens; Mike Szpunar; Jennifer Thomas ; Marci Trageser; Kim Tyson; Alison Uhlenberg; Lisa West,

Members Absent: Sally Kost; James Kurz, Rita Marley-McKenzie, Judge Scarlett, Tom Velivil

Guests: Dustin Langley, Court Counselor Intern

Program Members Attending: Chad Green (Wrenn House); Kim Caraganis, Miguel Olvera (Chatham County Together); Sarelli Gulney (El Futuro)

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on August 9 were approved and Lisa will post on the website.

Area consultant update: The state has re-assigned Scott Stoker and Cindy Porterfield will be our area consultant this year. Cindy discussed the reorganization at the state level, which is still not complete. Effective immediately the division of adult probation and the division of juvenile services will be integrated. Each will continue with its own mission and goals but the integration is expected to be a cost savings. Further announcements will be forthcoming. Cindy discussed the SPEP protocol and gave a presentation (posted on the Chatham JCPC website).

Program updates:

- **Wrenn House:** Has served 3 children to date. They are currently short staffed and are trying to hire.
- **Mental Health America:** No referrals yet.
- **School Liaison:** Sarah Patterson, who was formerly a court counselor, will be filling the program management vacancy created when Rebecca Worley returned to graduate school. Sarah will start on Monday (9/9).
- **El Futuro:** They have hired staff to fill vacant positions, and they have been receiving client referrals
- **Chatham County Together:** Gwen is slowly recovering; she is working from home and wearing a neck brace. Maria has started a parenting group called Parenting Matters. This program is a part of the Family Advocacy program. Miguel Olvera has increased his hours and is covering Community Service and is doing hand-on work with families and children. The original director, Susan, is helping with intake for Teen Court. Teen Court was held in August and will continue in September. The annual meeting is scheduled for 6:00 on 9/17 at the Chatham Community Library. George Greger-Holt will be the featured speaker.

New Business:

- A) JCPC Goals: Several goals were discussed and agreed to by the council members:
- a. Try to pull resources together to look at how not to duplicate efforts and function more efficiently with other groups and agencies that address issues with juveniles. For example, Chatham Drug Free works to prevent drug use/abuse by juveniles and that is a topic that is of importance to us too.

- b. Try to consolidate meetings that draw JCPC members. Peggy had a discussion with Fran Harvey, the Systems of Care Coordinator for Alamance County. Alamance County combined the JCPC and Collaborative meetings and this might work for Chatham County especially with. The Collaborative has training to offer, and we can also share communication, identify gaps in service and work jointly to address them. If we do this, then the Board of Commissioners would need to approve the blended board.
 - c. For example, Chatham Drug Free is Marci – try to pull resources together look at how not duplicate efforts, e.g. Chatham drug free is trying to work with prevention for juveniles she has lots of resources,
 - d. Develop resources to support the incentives grid, not just incentives but a database or other resources.
- B) Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions: The council still wants to get the mental health liaison function reinstated. During the August meeting we discussed possible responses to Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions sudden abandonment of the program. Judge Scarlett and Sally Kost were involved with the follow-up, but since neither of them could be at this meeting we will defer the discussion to the next meeting.
- C) New Members:
- a. Dakota Stevens, a student at Chatham Central, has applied to fill our under-18 slot. Dakota expressed his interest in providing the JCPC with a teenager’s point of view on issues. Marci made a motion to accept Dakota as a JCPC member, George seconded the motion and the council approved with a unanimous vote.
 - b. Cedric Blade, a resident, submitted an application to the County Boards and Committees website expressing interest in the JCPC. Jennifer will invite him to the next meeting.
- D) Sub-committees:
- a. Monitoring: Alison, Peggy, George, Justin, and Jennifer volunteered to serve on the monitoring sub-committee.
 - b. Risk/Needs Assessment: Marci, Peggy, Lisa, Alison, Jennifer and Ben volunteered to serve on the Risk/Needs sub-committee.
- E) Peggy presented the Court Services Intake Report for Fiscal 2013 and Fiscal 2012 and the Resident Days so we would have the information for reference. In Fiscal 2013 Chatham Court Services saw 126 youth with a total of 216 complaints. In Fiscal 2012 113 youth came in to the system with a total of 223 complaints. In 2013 2 youth spent a total of 8 days in the detention center. In 2012, 10 juveniles spent a total of 181 days.

Lisa discussed the associated county budget for Resident Services. In FY 2013, the county spent approximately \$808 of a budgeted \$30,000, while in FY 2012 the county spent approximately \$21,960 of a budgeted \$23,000.

The council discussed the possibility of asking the County to decrease the budget for resident services, contract directly with a program like Wrenn House to cover emergency shelter, and then use the JCPC funding that was previously awarded to Wrenn House for other programs.

Lisa suggested that the Fiscal 2013 results were not consistent with the 3 prior years, so we should gather at least one more year of data before suggesting any changes. The risk of the proposal is that the actual spending for resident services might exceed the budget and we would need a plan to cover the potential shortfall.

Admin reminder: Lunch is ordered one week prior to the meetings, so if you cannot attend the meeting please let Lisa know so she can order the correct number of lunches.

Next Meeting: November 1, Dunlap Classroom, noon till 2:00

Lisa made a motion to adjourn, Peggy seconded, meeting adjourned at 1:45