

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2013 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

Members Attending: Justin Bartholomew ; George Greger-Holt; Peggy Hamlett; Marie Lamoureaux; Cindy Porterfield; , Dakota Stevens; Mike Szpunar; Jennifer Thomas ; Alison Uhlenberg; Lisa West; Rachael Stevens for James Kurz; Sally Kost; Rita Marley-McKenzie; Tom Velivil

Members Absent: James Kurz, Judge Scarlett, Marci Trageser, Kim Tyson, Megan Gilliland

Program Members Attending: Danielle Butler (Wrenn House); Kim Caraganis, Gwen Overturf (Chatham County Together); Sarelli Gulney (El Futuro)

Program Members Absent: Ben

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

Area consultant update: Cindy spoke about the reorganization at the state level. Community programs are now in the same division as court services. The divisions of adult corrections and juvenile justice have been combined within the department of public safety. Missions have not changed, this move was to streamline upper level functions and increase efficiency in upper management and administrative support. The new commissioner, David Guice, has assured the division of juvenile justice that he is supportive and that there is a straight chain of command to the people under him. He also supports raising the age of juveniles from 16 to 18.

There will be changes to how the territorial regional program (Eckerd) will be advertized in the rfp. The department may combine territorial funds with level 2 funding and there's a push to figure out each district level 2. Level 2 children are those with greater risk for recidivism (frequency and severity). Programs are being guided to focus on evidence based programming.

Cindy wants to meet with programs about SPEG again, to help them understand what programs will be embraced with tool. One piece of the tool that is different from past is they are looking at quality of service – contact time on an hourly basis. Programs will need to have written protocols about how they address slippage, staff retention, and staff training. This will count for 20% of the score.

Baseline scores will be obtained by the end of the fiscal year. There will be room for improvement. They will implement the NC risk instrument, which has been validated by 4 studies, across programs. Key is evidence supported. If 'homegrown' programs can demonstrate that they are effective then the evidence supports keeping them.

Program admissions to date (since July) from NCALLIES:

- Teen court: 5
- Restitution: 19
- El Futuro: 1
- Family Advocacy: 8
- School Liaison: 8

- Mental health: 2
- Wrenn House: 3

Program updates

Community Service and Restitution: The Siler City garden looks terrific. They inherited 4 pallets of bricks and some of the kids helped build a brick planter wall. They've applied to Chatham Arts Council for a grant for a sculptural bench. The garden site in Pittsboro is being reduced by half because there is a new owner and 5 of the 10 boxes are on his land.

Teen court: They are now meeting in the historic courthouse in Pittsboro. They met with the town manager in Siler City and he will be working to move them back into the Siler City town hall courtroom.

School Liaison: 6 referrals in last week from Chatham things are going well

Wrenn House: 3 referrals, all in July. They have had some big staffing changes, and have some new staff in place. Cindy did the area consultant monitoring and that went well.

El Futuro: 1 admission from July but a couple from Alison and new clinician starting in November

New business

Next meeting will be January 24.

Judge Scarlett is in communication with Cardinal Innovations; Lisa will email her to ask for an update at the next meeting.