

## Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2014 Noon – 2:00 DSS Classroom

**Members Attending:** Janice Giles (designated by Justin Bartholomew) ; George Greger-Holt; Peggy Hamlett; Dakota Stevens; Jennifer Thomas ; Marci Trageser ; Alison Uhlenberg; Lisa West; Rita Marley-McKenzie; Tom Velivil

**Members Absent:** Judge Scarlett, Megan Gilliland, Kim Tyson, Jim Kurz

**Programs (funding request presentation);** Chatham County Together, El Futuro, Mental Health America, School Liaison, Wrenn House

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

### Funding discussion

- Programs that responded to the RFP for funding in Fiscal 2015 spoke individually about their request.
- Lisa represented Chatham County's request for administrative funding. Chatham County is not mandated to provide a 30% match to the programs but instead chooses to provide the match. In return, the County requests the administrative funding provided by the state.
  - The JCPC voted to provide \$14,500 for program administration. This amount will be used to compute the matching funds that will be included in the Chatham County FY 2014-2015 Recommended Budget.
- Mental Health America noted that they spent too much time administering the program with no return. They felt that having psychological assessments available is important but they feel there might be a better local provider.
- The JCPC discussed whether other agencies might be willing to act as the fiscal agent for psychological assessments. Jennifer will follow-up and report back to the council in May.
  - Note: Following the meeting, the JCPC was informed that Mental Health America was officially withdrawing their request for funding because the work brought no return (in the form of referrals) on their investment of administrative effort.
- The JCPC did not complete the funding decisions for FY 2015 and will do so at the meeting in May.
- Alison had a question about how many of the children served by El Futuro were uninsured, because her documentation differed from the agency's documentation. Since the agency can serve youth identified by parties other than the court counselor, this may account for the discrepancy. Jennifer, Marci, and Alison will follow up.
- Cindy noted that when the funding decisions are complete Jennifer, as chair, will need to communicate the decision to the programs. Cindy can offer help to Jennifer, but Cindy will not be taking the lead to communicate the funding decision.

### New business

Next meeting will be May 2, from noon till 2 in the Dunlap Classroom. At this time the JCPC must complete their funding decision, in order to provide all county signatures to the state by June 30.