

## Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2014 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

**Members Attending:** George Greger-Holt; Peggy Hamlett; Jennifer Thomas ; Marci Trageser ; Alison Uhlenberg; Rita Marley-McKenzie; Tom Velivil; Layton Long; Courtney Goldston; Megan Gilliland

**Members Absent:** Judge Scarlett, Marie Lamoureaux; Justin Bartholomew; Dakota Stevens

**Programs ;** Chatham County Together, Wrenn House; School Liaison

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

### Election of officers

- George Greger-Holt was nominated as chair. George accepted the nomination and the council voted unanimously to elect George chair.
- Jennifer Thomas was nominated as vice-chair. Jennifer accepted the nomination and the council voted unanimously to elect Jennifer vice-chair.

### Area consultant:

- Cindy introduced Denise Briggs, who will be serving as our area consultant.
- Cindy and Denise reviewed the JCPC Risk assessment process and policy update.
  - The risk assessment has been used in North Carolina since 2001 and the data suggests that it places youth effectively as low/medium/high risk.
  - The tool has been demonstrated to be reliable and cost-effective.
  - The risk-assessment information will be passed to programs with any youth referred by the court counselors. Programs will use the tool to assess new clients that are not court involved.
  - The risk assessment information will be a valuable part of the SPEP process.

### Annual plan and continuum of care:

- Our Fiscal 14 goal was to not duplicate efforts and function more efficiently with other groups and agencies that address issues with juveniles. Peggy had conversations with the Alamance County systems of care coordinator and Chatham drug free. There was interest initially in trying to combine meetings, but the final decision was to remain separate because joint meetings would have been too lengthy and cumbersome to manage.
- Our Fiscal 15 goals will be:
  - To increase communication and cooperation between the court counselors and deputies. Alison will be hosting a meeting later this month to share education about the process/programs.
  - To decrease disproportionate minority contact (DMC).
- The revised continuum of care is complete and will be incorporated into the annual plan.

**Bylaws:**

- Cindy suggested a revision to the bylaws to incorporate the use of electronic signatures. Lisa will make the change and send revised bylaws prior to the next meeting.

**Program updates:**

- School Liaison: School is out so Sarah is catching up on housekeeping items and getting ready for the new term.
- Wrenn House served 116 youth total last year. They currently have 2 from Wake/Orange.
- Teen Court: Teen Court is on vacation in July. Gwen will be trying out a new schedule, with one session per month alternating between Siler City and Pittsboro. They will try this out for four months to see if the arrangement is workable.
- Community Service and Restitution: Last year they served 101 youth. They are trying to resurrect the Pittsboro garden and now have a new volunteer garden manager and garden supervisor.
- Family Advocacy: They are starting the year with 18 cases. Kim pointed out that each of the agency's programs are serving far more than anticipated, and as a result need to undertake additional fundraising efforts to provide local cash to support the programs. Staff has been overburdened.
  - Lisa questioned whether the council wants to develop a contingency plan, in the event that agencies are not able to support more than the number of clients in the program agreement and develop wait lists.
  - Cindy noted that if children are not being served due to the lack of funding, this is information that will go back to the state.

**New business:**

- Peggy introduced Kate O'Brien, a new court counselor who will be providing intensive case management.
- Members:
  - Marci will invite Sherri Murrell to join the council and will talk to the pastor at her church.
  - Lisa will revise the membership so that the police chief may send a designee and we will invite the chiefs in Pittsboro and Siler City to join.