

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2014 Noon – 2:00 DSS Classroom

Members Attending: George Greger-Holt; Marci Trageser; Alison Uhlenberg; Tom Velivil; Layton Long; Courtney Goldston; Megan Gilliland; Justin Bartholomew; Marie Lamoureaux; Mike Szpunar

Members Absent: Judge Scarlett, Dakota Stevens; Jennifer Thomas; Peggy Hamlett

Programs ; Community Service & Restitution, Family Advocacy; Teen Court; Wrenn House; El Futuro

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

Area consultant:

- The State policy has been revised (effective July 1). Denise passed out copies of policy revisions that pertain to JCPC operations, for informational purposes only. She included a cheat sheet that shows at a glance what has changed.
- Denise is interested in participating in the JCPC monitoring as a way to become better acquainted with the programs in Chatham.

Annual plan and continuum of care:

- Our Fiscal 15 goals and objectives needed to be refined to better state the measures. The outcome measures for the goal to improve communication between court counselors were discussed. The court counselor perspective was that Chatham has a large percentage of school related offenses and that law enforcement officials can and should refer students directly to Teen Court. The SRO and school perspective was that it's better to issue a complaint so that the problem is documented and the court counselor is aware of the problems. Danielle noted that in Wake County Haven House offers Juvenile Diversion Team services to respond to undisciplined and status offense complaints from law enforcement, parents, and schools. The program works with youth and their families and it helps to alleviate the workload of court system personnel. She suggested that the JCPC consider this program when reviewing needs for the coming fiscal year. .
- The JCPC agreed that the activities for this goal will be as follows: 1) To host a semi-annual meeting to share information about the programs and process; 2) To encourage attendance at the biannual meeting by law enforcement representatives from all municipalities within the county and 3) To extend invitations to all municipality police departments to join the JCPC.
- The goal to decrease disproportionate minority contact (DMC) was too broad to be associated with outcomes that would be achievable by the JCPC. The goal was restated as "to increase understanding of DMC and develop and action plan to help decrease DMC in Chatham County. The activities associated with this goal include inviting the state DMC coordinator to present information to the JCPC and to develop an action plan after the JCPC understands the extent of the problem in Chatham County.

- The revised action plan is attached. It will be included in the Annual Plan that will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners consent agenda for the September 15, 2014 meeting. It will be posted on the website and sent to Raleigh.

Bylaws:

- By-laws: Denise suggested modification of the bylaws to address steps an agency may take if they are not happy with a funding decision. She will send verbiage from other jurisdictions as examples. Lisa will modify the bylaws and present revisions at the next meeting.

Review of juvenile justice statistics:

- Alison shared Chatham County Juvenile Justice Monthly Statistics and a comparison of Fiscal Years 13 and 14.

Program updates:

- 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: Gwen didn't have a report but feels that there are approximately 30 youth in community service. Several youth had completed their community service and then returned to volunteer at the place they had done their service. This happens most frequently with food pantries and is an unexpected measure of success. The Pittsboro garden is in development, the deer fence is up and they have planted 5 out of 10 boxes. They are partnering with the Chatham County Fair Association and with the Workforce Investment Act.
- Teen Court has approximately 4 youth.
- Family Advocacy: The program has had 3 new admissions since July and 22 children are being served. Maria is organizing another parenting class and will work with Alison to determine when there are enough people eligible to enroll.
- Chatham County Together is now officially Community In Schools. Kim passed out their new brochure. The annual meeting will be Tuesday September 16
 - 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 over-burdened.
- Wrenn House: Chad is no longer with the agency, so Danielle will be coming to meetings for the time being.
- El Futuro: El Futuro is at capacity with the Chatham JCPC program and is not accepting new referrals. They have 11 active cases compared to 10 projected in the program contract.

New business:

- Subcommittees: George called for the formation of two subcommittees: JCPC Monitoring and Risk/Needs Assessment. The committees will be as follows:
 - JCPC Monitoring: George, Justin, Alison, Tom, and Denise.
 - Risk/Needs Assessment: George, Justin, Alison and Marci (if her court schedule permits).
- Members: Marci talked to members at Pittsboro Presbyterian Church and will send us the email contact information for two people who may have interest in joining the JCPC as faith-based members. She also asked that we contact Sherri T. Murrell (defense attorney) to serve on the council. George will contact law enforcement agencies.

- Next meeting Friday November 7, Dunlap Classroom.