

## Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2015 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

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

**Members Absent:** Judge Scarlett, Layton Long, Rita Marley-McKenzie; Justin Bartholomew; Mike Szpunar

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

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

### **Area consultant:**

- Denise reminded programs that final accounting is due at the end of August
- July disbursements are expected to be on time
- Denise was in SPEP-related training recently. In September the state expects to roll out the use of SPEP scores. Denise will be meeting with programs one-on-one to discuss SPEP and how to enhance the scores. She reminded us that SPEP is a tool that is not meant to eliminate programs but rather to improve programs.
- Regional small trainings are planned for the latter part of the year.
- There was discussion about the referral forms for juvenile court and what has to be submitted when a referral is done. All of the information from NC ALLIES does not appear to be on the form, and there was confusion concerning the form that Durham uses. Denise will get clarification.
- Denise reminded programs that she's asked that they present their measurable objectives reports to the council at the next meeting

### **Annual plan and action plan :**

- The council discussed the action plan that needs to be adopted as part of the annual plan.
- George noted the importance of improved mental health, since mental health needs outweigh services available. The council adopted an objective to increase the skills of youth-serving professionals in addressing adolescent mental health problem. Mental Health First Aid training will be provided in the first half of FY 2016 to youth serving personnel.
- The council also adopted an objective to keep aware of things happening at the state level – especially in the legislature - that would impact juvenile justice. Representative Reives and the School of Government will be contacted for updates.
- Lisa will submit the Annual Plan to Denise following the meeting

### **Program updates:**

- School Liaison: School is out so Paul is catching up on housekeeping item, small changes to the program, preparation for monitoring and getting ready for the new term.

- Wrenn House served 5 Chatham youth last year and 14 total from Orange and Chatham combined. The state monitoring was completed successfully. They now have a student from Brown University working for the summer and they are recruiting a family counselor position.
- Teen Court: Teen Court served 21 youth in the past fiscal year. There will be 3 carry overs into the coming year.
- Community Service and Restitution: Last year they served 96 youth and will carry over 13 youth. They have welcomed 3 new supervisors and are discussing partnering with Penny Lane and with Evergreen Methodist Church
- Family Advocacy: They are starting the year with 14 cases. They are continuing to focus on the Strengthening Families training in partnership with El Futuro, DSS, and FVRC. The plan is to implement the program in Nature Trail and Chatham Middle School if all goes well.
- El Futuro: 3 current clients will be carried over to the coming year. New staff at Siler City includes a new Psychiatrist and therapist.

**New business:**

- Alison provided juvenile justice statistics for FY 2015. There were 103 complaints and, of those, 72 dismissals. No felonies were adjudicated. Referrals were down from the prior year as were felonies.