

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2016 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

Members Attending: George Greger-Holt; Peggy Hamlett; Marci Trageser ; Alison Uhlenberg; Courtney Goldston; Megan Gilliland; Layton Long; Justin Bartholomew; Rita Marley McKenzie; Mike Szpunar; Jennifer Thomas; Tom Velivil; Pam Weiden/Judge Scarlett

Programs: Chatham County Together, Wrenn House; School Liaison; El Futuro

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

Area consultant:

- Denise met with programs to issue program improvement plans and they will present at the May meeting
- 3rd quarter accounting is in progress
- New RFPS were issued last week (Alternatives to Commitment and Level II Dispositional Alternative programs.)

Program funding request presentations:

- Haven House/Wrenn House:
 - The application is for one bed shared with Orange County
 - They have served 6 youth so far this year
 - The budget includes a portion of the direct care staff
 - The total funding includes a match from Cardinal Innovations
 - The cost of the bed is \$75,000
- El Futuro:
 - They are open in Siler City 2 days/week
 - Substance abuse is the highest need
 - They have the capacity to serve 15 youth and now understand that they can work with SROs for referrals
 - They can serve youth with Spanish-speaking parents/family even if the youth speaks English
- Communities in Schools Community Service & Restitution
 - They have 8 work sites and 2 new supervisors
 - They are communicating more closely with the court counselors regarding the work schedules for the youth and they are providing weekly updates
 - The restitution bank has a total of \$1,330 and of that \$580 is spoken for
 - They are requesting an increase to provide staff with a small increase and because travel has increased with sites across a large rural county
 - A lot of administrative work is required to support this program

- Communities in Schools Teen Court
 - They have trained one new volunteer and have a new program assistant who is a Siler City native and will be developing into a leadership role
 - They are requesting an increase because the JCPC funding and the County match are not sufficient to fund the program with the salary increase they want to provide and the administrative burden
- Communities in Schools Family Advocacy
 - The Parenting Matters program works with the parents of the youth to provide improvements in communication skills and how to hold youth accountable for unacceptable behavior
 - Research shows that better parenting has a positive effect on the youth
- JCPC Administration
 - Chatham County will administer the JCPC program – including receiving, disbursing, and returning funds according to Government Finance Officers standards as well as administrative support of the council meetings – for the full \$15,500 offered by the State.

Funding Decision:

- The court counselor made a motion to reserve \$3,645 of the total funds to issue a second RFP for Psychological Assessment
 - Discussion included the fact that this continues to be a problem for the JCPC because of the administrative burden required to serve as a fiscal agent for the psychologist
 - It was recommended that Denise follow up on this problem at the state level and look for alternatives to using program funds to pay for psychological assessments
 - Despite misgivings about funding psychological assessments with JCPC funds the council voted to reserve the funds and issue a second RFP
- Funding awards were held constant from FY16 to FY17
- The chair will follow up with agencies concerning the recommendations

May Meeting

- The May meeting was confirmed for May 6

Meeting adjourned at noon