

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2016 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

Members Attending: George Greger-Holt; Peggy Hamlett; Marci Trageser ; Alison Uhlenberg; Megan Gilliland; Justin Bartholomew; Rita Marley McKenzie; Mike Szpunar; Pam Weiden/Judge Scarlett

Members Absent: Layton Long, Tom Velivil, Courtney Goldston, Jennifer Thomas

Programs: Chatham County Together, Wrenn House; School Liaison

Programs absent: El Futuro

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

Psychological Assessments:

Haven House responded to the RFP that was issued to find a fiscal agent for psychological assessments. There were no questions from the council, and the application was approved.

Area consultant:

- Now that all funding decisions are complete George will notify agencies and Denise will open the NCALLIES site for corrections,
- Denise discussed the SPEP overview and process and provided a handout presentation.
- Denise met with all programs earlier in the year to develop Program Enhancement Plans, which will be approved by the JCPC at this meeting. Programs will report progress quarterly and during JCPC monitoring visits

Agency program enhancement plans:

- Agencies presented their SPEP scores and plans for improvement
- There was discussion among the council about the relevance of the SPEP/PEP plans and about the elimination of the School Liaison program from the JCPC apart from an open meeting and discussion of the JCPC.
 - The program is highly valued by the judges and the court system yet the central area office decided that the program did not fulfill the requirements for a skill building program and did not match any program type and had to be eliminated from funding. The judges approached both Orange and Chatham counties to request county funds to continue the program. Thus the counties took on the financial support of a program that is in place to benefit the juvenile justice system when DJJDP refused funding.
 - The area consultant apologized for not bringing the discussion to a meeting of the JCPC.
 - The JCPC would like to see the program come back for consideration of funding.

- The SPEP process was touted as providing a framework to understand the elements of program effectiveness, yet the effectiveness of the programs seems to be addressed by administrative issues and not by real improvements seen in the lives of at-risk or court-involved youth.
- The SPEP scores are not seen by the JCPC as important indicators of the well-being of the youth but instead address the administrative concerns of the DJJDP.
- There is too much focus on administrative scores and not enough focus on the outcomes for the youth.
- The JCPC decided to outline concerns at the next meeting and possibly invite legislators to future meetings to discuss the concerns of the council.

New Business

- The Annual Plan is complete however the Board of Commissioners will not formally adopt a budget ordinance until June 20.
- According to state statute, funds for the coming fiscal year should not be approved apart from approval of the budget ordinance. Therefore the certification and funding plan will not be signed by the BOC chair until the June 20 meeting. Immediately after that meeting the documents will be scanned and sent to Raleigh and the original will be mailed via USPS.
- The area consultant will make every effort to ensure that funds for FY17 are disbursed in July so that there will be no gap in funding for agencies and youth can continue to be served.

JCPC Administration

- Lisa introduced Marie Lamoureux. The county will contract with Marie for administration of the JCPC for FY17.
- Marie will begin officially in July and the Administration budget has been changed to reflect the contract.
- Kim discussed her line item revisions for the Family Advocacy program.

July meeting

- The July meeting was rescheduled for July 15, 2016 at the same time and place.

Meeting adjourned at noon