

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2016 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

Members Attending: George Greger-Holt; Peggy Hamlett; Marci Trageser ; Alison Uhlenberg; Megan Gilliland; Rita Marley McKenzie; Mike Szpunar; Pam Weiden/Judge Scarlett designee; Sherri Murrell; Paul Atherton; Courtney Goldston

Members Absent: Layton Long, Jennie Kristiansen, Justin Bartholomew

Programs: Chatham County Together, Wrenn House; El Futuro

Programs absent:

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

Area consultant:

- All July disbursements are approved and should be forthcoming
- Billy Lassiter, NCDPS Deputy Commissioner for Juvenile Justice, will host a series of town meetings throughout the state regarding the upcoming NC legislation increasing the juvenile age to 17. There will be a least one town meeting in each region.
- El Futuro was recently monitored and all went well. Teen Court is scheduled for monitoring in August.
- There was hope that Teen Court expansion funds would be included in the budget this year, but were not. Juvenile justice funding remains flat for this fiscal year.

Program Updates:

- All programs gave a report on their 2015/16 Measurable Objectives
 - Haven House: Estimated served-10/actual served-6. Goal percentages were exceeded for all 4 measurable objectives. There are no Chatham youth currently at Haven House.
 - Communities in Schools (CIS)
 - Family Advocacy: Estimated served-32/actual served-31. Goal percentages were exceeded for all 7 measurable objectives.
 - Teen Court: Estimated served-27/actual served-22. Goal percentages were exceeded in 3 of 4 of the measurable objectives. In objective 4 (Clients will successfully or satisfactorily complete services as intended by the program design/service plan.): Goal-70%/actual-66.67%. Giovanni Parroquin is now the Teen Court coordinator.
 - Community Service/Restitution: Estimated served-85/actual served-76. Goal percentages were exceeded for all 5 measurable objectives. The number of worksites for community service continues to be a challenge. There currently are ten worksites. Denise suggested partnering with the schools when school is not in session. Youth would need to be supervised, which also presents a challenge. There are currently 7 volunteer supervisors plus staff.

- El Futuro: Estimated served-15/actual served-10. Goal percentages were exceeded in 4 of 5 of the measurable objectives. In objective 5 (Clients will successfully or satisfactorily complete services as intended by the program design/service plan.): Goal-70%/actual-60%

New Business

- Deadline for 2015/16 Final Accounting forms to Chatham County is Friday, August 12th. An email reminder has been sent to all programs
- Programs may now make their request for matching county funds. An email has been sent to all programs with the attached form.
- Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to all voting members present at the meeting.
- The September meeting was changed to Friday, September 16th. The remainder 2016/17 meeting dates were confirmed.
- FY 2016/17 Membership. The following membership changes were approved by the Council: DSS Director or designee/ Jennie Kristiansen, Substance Abuse Professional /Renita Fox, County Commissioner/Karen Howard, Juvenile Defense Attorney/Sherri Murrell, County Commissioner appointee/Paul Atherton (JCSL position). George agreed to reach out to Debra Farrington with Cardinal Innovations regarding the director of area mental health program vacancy due to Tom Velevil's retirement. Kim agreed to look at prior Teen Court participants as possible youth (< 18) representatives. She also agreed to reach out to the current pastor at the Chatham Community Church as the possible faith community representative.
 - There was discussion as to the need for some clarification in some areas of the current By-Laws. Denise agreed to send some proposed language to George and Marie for consideration.
- George agreed to continue as Chairperson for FY 2016/17 and Marci tentatively agreed to serve as Vice Chairperson. Both were approved by the Council.
- Allison provided juvenile justice statistics for May and June 2016. There were 21 complaints received with 6 approved for court and 12 put on a plan or contract. There were 16 school related offenses. No juveniles were placed in detention or at Haven House.
- There was discussion of the continuing concern of prescription drug use in the high schools in Chatham County. Chatham Drug Free is working toward creating a group of students at Northwood who would like to work on changing the social norms regarding drug use in their school.
- A JCPC subcommittee was created to continue the discussion of the concerns presented at the May 2016 meeting. The subcommittee includes the following members: Peggy and/or Allison, Paul, Judge Scarlet and/or designee-Pam, Kim and George. Marie will also attend as staff support. Tentatively the subcommittee will meet following the September 16th meeting. Pam will check on Judge Scarlett's availability. Cindy Porterfield is tentatively invited to the November 4th meeting for discussion of the Council's concerns.

September meeting

- The September meeting was rescheduled for September 16, 2016 at the same time and place.

