

## Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2016 Noon – 2:00 Dunlap Classroom

**Members Attending:** George Greger-Holt; Peggy Hamlett; ; Alison Uhlenberg; Mike Szpunar; Judge Scarlett; Sherri Murrell; Paul Atherton; Courtney Goldston; Jennie Kristiansen; Justin Bartholomew; Stephanie Jones; Renita Foxx, Steve Tamayo

**Members Absent:** Layton Long; Marci Trageser; Megan Gilliland; Rita Marley McKenzie; Karen Howard

**Programs:** Communities in Schools (CIS); El Futuro

**Programs absent:** Wrenn House

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

### Area consultant:

- Teen Court monitoring took place this past month. Everything is in good shape.
- Final Accounting is under review. There was a small refund of administrative funds and a minor correction for El Futuro.
- Risk and Needs data will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

### Program Updates:

- **El Futuro:** Five youth have been enrolled so far this fiscal year, 1 discharged and 4 currently active. The Siler City clinic is open only 2 days a week, Wednesday and Thursday. This presents a barrier to many residents and staff continues to strategize for solutions. Services are expanding in northern Chatham and the main office in Durham has a walk-in clinic.
- **Communities in Schools (CIS):** Numbers continue to be down for Teen Court. There were two mock trials over the past two months. CIS will be participating in Hispanic Heritage Night in Siler City, which takes place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. Gwen continues to coordinate the Community Service and Restitution program, Geovanni now coordinates Teen Court, and Maria continues with the Family Advocacy program. A new program assistant has been recently hired.

### Membership Update:

- George welcomed new board members: Renita Foxx, Substance Abuse Professional representative; Stephanie Jones, Area Mental Health Program representative; and Steve Tamayo, Faith Community representative. Council approved Paul Atherton as Vice President. Kim has not been able to tap a Youth representative at this time. Pam Weiden, who has served as Judge Scarlett's designee, was approved to also be an official JCPC member in an "at large" status.

### Collect remaining Conflict of Interest Forms:

- All remaining Conflict of Interest Forms were collected except for two members absent from the meeting today.

## **New Business**

- Peggy gave an update about the new Misdemeanor Diversion Program in Orange County. There is an upcoming conference highlighting similar programs in the area. It is being held at the Durham Human Services Complex, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 3:30. There is no charge. Paul also gave more information about the program in Orange County. He will send out more information via email. It is a 90-day program requiring a monthly court appearance. Renita reports that Chatham is also taking some steps to develop a similar program. Judge Scarlett expressed concerns about screening for domestic violence. If cases are accepted that have domestic violence issues, there should be an appropriate therapeutic intervention as part of the program's requirement. Renita reported on the current First Offender program in Chatham that provides individualized requirements.
- Alison provided DJJ statistics for the past two months. There were three juveniles presented for intake that involved a total of 56 complaints. Three juvenile were approved for court. There were no juveniles in detention or at Wrenn House for this period.
- The Risk/Needs Committee was established. The following members agreed to serve on the Committee: George, Peggy, Alison, Stephanie, Justin, Renita and Jennie. Denise reminded the Council while is good to have data, it is also very important for input from community leaders. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2016, 12:30 PM at Northwood High School, Pittsboro, NC.
- Bylaw revisions were discussed. The Council was pleased with updated version. There were several changes regarding term limits, officer succession and proxy rules. Some of the language regarding these issues will be changed and the bylaws will be presented for a vote at the November meeting.

## **November meeting**

- The November meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2016 at the same time and place.