

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2017  
Noon – 2:00  
Dunlap Classroom

**Members Attending:** Renita Foxx; Courtney Goldston; Peggy Hamlett; Raquelle Hawkins; Kelsey Hoglund; George Greger-Holt; Stephanie Jones; Layton Long; Jessica Mashburn; Mike Szpunar; Steve Tamayo; Marci Trageser; Alison Uhlenberg; Pam Weiden

**Members Absent:** Justin Bartholomew; Karen Howard; Jennie Kristiansen; Rita Marley McKenzie; Judge Scarlett

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

**Programs absent:**

**Acceptance of minutes** – Minutes from the May 5, 2017 meeting were approved and Lisa will post on the web site.

**Area Consultant**

Denise reminded programs that the upcoming FY 16/17 Final Accounting will be due at the end of August. The NCJSA will have its Spring/Fall Conference October 25-27. There will also be 2-day training on October 22-24 open to all JCPC program staff with two scholarships available for each JCPC agency. These workshops will be offered later in the year on a regional basis. On September 18-20 DPS will hold a Raise the Age Retreat. There is not much information yet as to the impact of the raise in the juvenile age in North Carolina. The official roll out will be in 2019. Currently funds are being made available to the YDCs for the planning of new facilities. She will keep the JCPCs informed as the transition unfolds.

**Program Updates:**

- **Communities in Schools (CIS):** Jerimiah McCaffity is the new Teen Court and Community Service/Restitution Coordinator. He is focusing on building relationships with current worksites and looking for new ones. Community Service/Restitution has 15 youth carrying over into the new fiscal year. There were 18 Teen Court participants for FY 16/17. Family Advocacy currently has 15 participants. Maria and Allison are working on seminars for the upcoming year. The next one will be a Decision Making Seminar.
- **El Futuro:** Nine youth were served this past fiscal year. There is a trend in serving more adults in Chatham. They will now be open 3 days per week in Siler City starting in the fall and are in the process of hiring new staff. The Durham office has moved to the Lakewood District. There was an article about El Futuro recently published in the NY Times and they were also featured on a local radio program, The State of Things.
- **Wrenn House:** There was a 168% increase in bed use this past fiscal year. There were 10 psychological assessments completed in FY 16/17. There have been no new referrals yet for the current fiscal year.

Renita reported that Chatham 360 will begin the roll out in August of the Misdemeanor Diversion Program for 16/17 year olds.

## **New Business**

- **FY 16/17 Final Accounting**

The local deadline to have Final Accounting forms into the County Manger's Office will be in mid-August. Marie will let the programs know as soon as possible the exact date.

- **Request for Matching Funds**

Marie reminded the programs that they may now request their matching funds for FY 17/18.

- **Conflict of Interest Forms**

JCPC Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to the membership

- **FY 17/18 Membership**

George welcomed new member, Jessica Mashburn, Executive Director of the YMCA, as the non-profit representative. There are still vacancies for the Chief of Police and < 18 Youth representatives. Jessica agreed to help with the < 18 youth slot. There is also a need to replace the defense attorney representative. Marie will reach out to the new Public Defender, Susan Seahorn. The Chatham JCPC FY 17/18 membership slate was voted on and approved.

- **Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

George opened the floor for nominations for both positons. Renita Foxx was approved by the membership as the FY17/18 Chairperson and Pam Weiden as the Vice Chairperson.

- **Alison-Juvenile Justice Monthly Stats**

Allison provided DJJ statistics for the past two months. There were 20 juveniles presented for intake that involved 26 complaints. Three juveniles were approved for court and no juvenile was placed in detention. One juvenile was placed at Wrenn House for 15 days.

## **Confirm September Meeting**

The dates and locations for 17/18 Chatham County JCPC meetings were confirmed by the membership.

## **Other Business**

- There was discussion of the recent legislative proposal that would shift current judicial districts. The proposal for Judicial District 15B would split Orange and Chatham Counties into different districts. Chatham would be placed with Randolph County. Marci and Pam spoke on the impact of this for Chatham County and how the current court culture could be drastically changed.
- Stephanie presented on the Community Collaboratives that have been established for mental health systems throughout NC. There are 73 Community Collaboratives currently operating in the state. Chatham County's collaborative has a very diverse membership. The Collaborative assesses risk and needs for the community and identifies gaps in services. They are also instrumental in providing training for many partners in the community.