

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2019
Noon – 2:00
Training Room
Chatham Justice Center

Members Attending: Woodrena Baker; Tracy Fowler; Renita Foxx; Courtney Goldston; Raquelle Hawkins; Peggy Hamlett; Stephanie Jones; Jennie Kristiansen; Layton Long; Jessica Mashburn; Carolyn Miller; Robert Miller; Sherri Murrell; J. Stamey; Alison Uhlenberg

Members Absent: George Greger-Holt (proxy given to Alison); Karen Howard; Kyle Smith; Steve Tamayo; Marci Trageser; Sophie Washburn; Pam Weiden (proxy given to Renita)

Community Partners Present: Nicole Grant; Charles Dingle

Programs: Communities in Schools (CIS), El Futuro, Haven House

Programs absent:

Introductions

Acceptance of minutes – The minutes from the November 2, 2018 meeting were approved by the Council.

Collection of remaining Conflict of Interest Forms

Consultant Update

Denise gave an update on the DPS Policies and Procedures revision

Program Updates

CIS

Family Advocacy have finished their Parenting Matters group in northern Chatham. The program spent much time with Christmas distributions over the holidays. Family Advocacy has served 22 as of this date. Teen Court has 10 new youth volunteers and 4 new attorney volunteers. They have received 4 new referrals. They are in the process of hiring a new bilingual program assistant. The next Teen Court session is January 9th at 6:00.

El Futuro

They have served 5 clients. New office space is currently being negotiated.

Haven House

One youth was referred to Wrenn House with a 19-day stay. One youth has been referred for a psychological assessment. The assessment has been completed. Patricia reminded the Council that referrals for assessments would need to happen close to May to assure completion of the assessments by the end of the fiscal year.

Community Partner Updates

Jennie reported that the Federal Energy Programs have started up. Peggy announced that Nicole Grant is now the Juvenile Court Counselor Supervisor in Chatham County.

Juvenile Justice statistics

Alison provided juvenile justice statistics for November and December. There were 11 juveniles presented for intake that involved 13 complaints. Two juveniles were approved for court. No juveniles were placed in detention.

Update on 18/19 Monitoring Committee

The Monitoring Committee has targeted the monitoring visits for Friday, January 18, 2019. Time slots have been scheduled and Alison will be driving the DPS van.

New Business

a. Report from Risk and Needs Committee – approval of FY 19/20 Tier 1 and Tier 2 Request for Proposals

Renita went over the draft of the Tier 1 RFP. The allocation at \$143,544 has not changed. There has been the addition of Substance Abuse Treatment to the needed program type section. The date for the advertisement is Monday, January 7, 2019 with a deadline of Friday, February 8, 2019. Peggy Hamlett moved to accept the RFP, Layton Long seconded. Approved by the Council. Marie will distribute via email on Monday, January 7th. She asked that members inform her of efforts to distribute or post the RFP.

Renita and Denise reported on the Tier 2 funding potential. When the Raise the Age Legislation goes in effect December 1, 2019, there will be an increase and change in the youth population served in the juvenile system with the addition of 16 and 17-year-olds. There was discussion regarding the following: issues of effectiveness of certain programs with 16/17-year-olds, many programs would need to have age separation, consider partnering with other nearby JCPCs, how the local Misdemeanor Diversion Program would work, and increasing restorative justice programming. The Council proposed the following "Raise the Age" program priorities and expansion funding amounts: Vocational Skills/\$75,000, Experiential Skills/\$75,000, Mediation/\$75,000, Restitution/Community Service expansion/\$50,000, Teen Court expansion/\$50,000, Crisis Counseling/\$60,000, Substance Abuse Treatment/\$60,000, and Juvenile Structured Day/\$100,00.

Layton Long made a motion to accept the above recommendations for Tier 2 funding, Jessica Mashburn seconded the motion, approved by the Council.

Confirm January meeting

The next Chatham County JCPC Meeting will be Friday, March 1, 2019 at the Training Room at the Chatham Justice Center. This will be the annual funding meeting.

Other Business

There was no further business.