

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2019

Noon – 2:00

Training Room, Chatham Justice Center

Members* Attending: Renita Foxx; George Greger-Holt; Barry Gray*; Peggy Hamlett; Stephanie Jones; Layton Long; Robert Miller; Troy Stone*; Emily Tellman*; Alison Uhlenberg; Pam Weiden

Members* Absent: Woodrena Baker-Harrell; Julie Boone-Cummins*; Tracy Fowler; Raquelle Hawkins; Karen Howard; Jennie Kristiansen (proxy given to Layton Long); Jessica Mashburn; Sherri Murrell; Kyle Smith; J. Stamey

***Pending Chatham Board of Commissioners appointment**

There was not a quorum present at the meeting.

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

Programs absent: None

Acceptance of minutes –Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes from the May 2019 meeting were unable to be approved at this time.

Consultant Update

Denise reports there is no Raise the Age (RTA) budget at this time. There continues to be much work being done at DPS in preparation of the RTA legislation implementation on December 1, 2019. Program agreements for FY 19/20 have been approved. FY 18/19 final accounting process is underway. Marie will distribute a JCPC Committee Sign-Up Sheet to members before the next meeting.

Program Updates

CIS – Staff are participating in Life Skills Training. There is a new Teen Court Judge, Woodrena Baker-Harrell. Simple Gifts Community Garden is now a worksite. Denise reported that DPS is changing some policies as it relates to Teen Courts and Community Service/Restitution programs. Teen Courts will be allowed to accept a juvenile multiple times into the program. With the RTA change, this will allow for giving some youth another chance in this program. There will also be some circumstances when the Community Service Program can refer a youth to a for-profit worksite. This is looking towards providing youth with vocational training or a “job shadowing” opportunity. This change affects all youth not just 16/17-year-olds. There will be training for the worksite supervisors and agreements signed.

Kim reports that CIS is celebrating its 30th anniversary. There will be a special breakfast meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Fearington Barn from 8:00-9:00 AM

Wrenn House – Currently there are no Chatham County youth at Wrenn House.

Psychological Assessments – There have been no referrals at this time. They are looking to contract with an additional provider to help when referrals that are made late in the fiscal year.

El Futuro – They are continuing to work with 12 clients referred in the previous fiscal year. There are no new referrals at this time. They are still in the process of remodeling the new office space. The walk-in clinic is now open in Siler City. Denise reported that El Futuro was recently monitored and are in full compliance.

Juvenile Justice Statistics

Allison provided DJJ statistics for May and June. There were 15 juveniles presented for intake involving 38 complaints. There was 1 juvenile approved for court. There was 1 juvenile placed in detention for 6 days. This was the same juvenile reported at the May meeting.

New Business

- a. Keifer Wynn, Field Representative for the Office of Congressman Mark Walker was unable to attend the meeting today. He offered up several dates he might be available. Renita will follow-up.
- b. Conflict of Interest Forms – Marie distributed and collected signed forms from members in attendance.
- c. Request for matching funds – programs should have received the updated FY 19/20 form.
- d. FY 18/19 Final Accounting – deadline for submission on NC Allies is August 15th. Denise will review first and then send to Chatham County Financial Officer for final review. All final accounting has to be complete with all signatures by August 31st.
- e. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson – there was only one nomination for Chair, Renita Foxx, and one for Vice Chair, Pam Weiden. Due to the lack of a quorum, the vote was deferred to the September JCPC meeting.

Confirm September meeting – The next meeting of the Chatham JCPC will be Friday, September 6, 2019.

Other Business

Denise alerted membership and programs as to how RTA will increase the number of detention beds and increase that cost to the County. Detention costs are twice as much as jail costs. Chatham County currently provides a cash match to JCPC-funded programs. This is not required by the State and many counties do not provide a cash match. Programs need to start looking at other funding sources for the future in case Chatham County is unable to provide the cash match.

Stephanie reported the Community Resilience Model was discussed at a community meeting at CCCC.

El Futuro has now been in operation for 15 years.

George reported that Chatham Drug Free now has 503-1-c status.

Rob reported there are 4 new School Resource officers are currently in training.

Pam reported that Raquelle Hawkins, Juvenile Court School Liaison, is leaving the position the end of May. She is currently recruiting for the position.