

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
Friday, December 6, 2013 (12:00noon – 1:00pm)
Southern Human Services Center
Chapel Hill, NC

Proposed Minutes

Attendees: **Meg McGurk, Tom Velivil, Bernadette Pelissier, Nate Chambers, Jeff Reilly, Bernard Miles, Peggy Hamlett, Britta Starke, Sharron Hinton, Jay Bryan, Donna King, Meredith Amador,** Benjamin Staples, Kate Giduz, Scott Dreyer, Danielle Butler, Tami Pfeifer, Sarah Patterson, Chai Chambers, Nathan Ligo, Caraina Garris, Kysha Thompson, Christal Herbin, Cindy Porterfield, Rebekah Rapoza (***Members in Bold**)

Welcome

The meeting opened with a welcome from the Chair and introductions.

Minutes Review and Approval

Hold on approval of minutes – not enough members present to vote.

Agency Roundtable

This month's topic is "An update on your program".

Volunteers for Youth – With colder weather here, worksites are closing down for winter months and are in need of more sites.

Wrenn House – We are full.

School Liaison – Things are hectic, but going well. Program took its first non-DJJ case today; referral came from truancy court.

MHA – Helping the community learn about mental health system.

Boomerang – Serving more students than this time last year; may be the result of an increase in referrals.

Young Warriors – Numbers are lower than this time last year, including court referrals; will accept referrals from other programs.

JCPC Business

JCPC Membership Update – Need to convene the Nominating Committee to brainstorm to fill vacant positions. Vacant positions include: School Superintendent, Member of Faith Community, Two Persons under Age 18, and County Commissioner Appointee (previously filled by CISOC rep). Possible candidates include Michael Gilbert (OCS) for School Superintendent or Designee and Chai Chambers for Person under Age 18. Britta Starke has accepted nomination for Substance Abuse Professional. All members must be approved by the County Commissioners before becoming official members. Volunteers for committee include: Meg, Peggy, Meredith, Sharron, and Judge Bryan.

DMC Subcommittee Update – Met October 14 and Marty Brown from the State was able to attend. They are looking for more people to join the subcommittee, especially some representatives from the schools. The next meeting hasn't been scheduled yet; Kellie is out on maternity leave until March.

Monitoring Committee – Will need volunteers to assist with monitoring the programs in January. Please be thinking about your availability – You don't need to be available for all, as many as your schedules allow. Rebekah will send out an email looking for volunteers.

Risk/Needs Assessment Committee – Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 24 at Hillsborough Commons. Data from FY 12-13 is available for review. Need volunteers to meet to review the data, identify risks and needs. Info will be used to develop funding priorities for upcoming FY 14-15 RFP and Annual Plan.

Marketing Committee – Mandated by State to educate the community on JCPC and delinquency/juvenile crime. Group hasn't convened a meeting yet; would like to meet in January to have ideas to present at the February meeting. Volunteers are Sharron, Peggy, Donna, Ben, and Sarah.

New Items for Discussion – Question was asked about whether there is anything in the Bylaws about requiring all members to serve on at least one committee – there currently is not. This is a topic that will be tabled for discussion at the February meeting. Question was raised about whether there is a committee that looks at legislative goals around juvenile justice. In past years there has been discussion about age jurisdiction. It was recommended that the Council put its concerns into the Annual Plan for the County Commissioners to review. Commissioners set legislative goals in early part of the year. Mention of change to school policies, not just laws.

Announcements

Building Futures Presentation – Kysha Thompson and Caraina Garris spoke about the new grant funded program that DSS is operating. The program targets youth ages 16-21 who are low-income and have at least 1 identified barrier to obtaining employment (basic skills deficient, pregnant/parenting, school dropout, homeless/runaway, foster care, offender). The program is NOT an entitlement – just because a youth may be eligible, does not mean s/he will be enrolled. Services available to youth enrolled in the program include: tutoring/study skills instruction; paid/unpaid work experience, including job shadowing and internships; assistance seeking employment; Occupational Skills/OJT; mentoring; leadership development and workshops; case management; guidance and counseling; and follow-up services. Program is currently in need of adults to participate in the mentorship component of the program and also need agencies who would be willing to serve as a work experience site. Referral forms were distributed and asked those present to please refer any youth they feel would benefit from the program.

Michael Gilbert – Currently working on the implementation of safety plans in OCS. There are SROs in all schools now, providing a greater sense of security to kids and parents. Taking an initiative on changing protocols (currently waiting on budgeting). Working with other agencies (police, Sheriff, EMS) and starting safety teams at schools.

Double Jeopardy Event – OCS Family Academy & ESL Department are hosting an event at Cedar Ridge on December 12. There will be presentations by Orange Partnership for Alcohol & Drug Free Youth, ESL student shares the student perspective, games and prizes.

Consultant Update

Prior to this meeting, met with the programs to review SPEP Tool. Some programs won't receive a SPEP score because of their design (structure v therapeutic). However, all programs will have a quality score.

Just completed State monitoring of Boomerang, Wrenn House, and FAN. All programs are put together very well.

There is designated money that will be going into Level II programs. Young Warriors program in Durham currently receives this funding and is separate from JCPC funds. It will be reopened in January and the distribution process will be different – programs will need to respond to a State RFP. Each district has been given their own allocation.

- **Next JCPC Meeting scheduled February 7, 2014, 12pm-2pm, Location: Hillsborough Commons, 113 Mayo Street, Hillsborough**