

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
Friday, February 7, 2014 (12:00noon – 2:00pm)
Hillsborough Commons
Hillsborough, NC

Proposed Minutes

***Attendees:* Meg McGurk, Kellie Mannette, Bernadette Pelissier, Nate Chambers, Chai Chambers, Sharron Hinton, Jay Bryan, Donna King, Peggy Hamlett, Meredith Amador, Tom Vellivil, Jeff Reilly, Will Dudenhausen, Chad Green, Ben Staples, Julie Bailey, Susan Worley, Yalitzza Ramos, Kate Giduz, Nathan Ligo, Marie Lamoureaux, Sarah Patterson, Rebekah Rapoza, Cindy Porterfield**
(*Members in Bold)

Welcome

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

Minutes Review and Approval

The Council reviewed the October and December minutes. Kellie Mannette motioned for minutes to be approved as written and was seconded by Donna King. Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Roundtable

This month's topic is "What's going on and what's coming up".

Volunteers for Youth – "Youth Arts Day" is currently being planned by kids. May 3, 2014 is the tentative date (still in initial planning process). All types of art will be on display – yoga, dance, poetry, etc. and there may be a dance held after the event. They received a grant from CHC Youth Forward. Teen Court had received a rush of referrals, but now they have slowed down. They are still in need of volunteers.

Dispute Settlement Center – Just wrapped up Family Table in September (largest group to date).

Referrals to Mediation program are down. Majority of referrals are to Family Table, which is a much more labor intensive program because they are working with the whole family. Currently have 3 families waiting to begin the program and hope to have the next session scheduled soon.

Wrenn House – Currently have 3 DJJ involved youth. They are celebrating their 40th anniversary and will be putting together a small film.

School Liaison – Have lots of referrals and is starting to accept some from truancy court to prevent DJJ involvement.

MHA – The agency is coordinating a team for the Great Human Race in Durham on March 29. It is a free walk and timed 5K and 10K that will be held at Northgate in Durham. FAN is very busy: agreed to serve 76 and already at 70. However, they have not seen as many DJJ referrals as would like. Common Sense Parenting classes are moving forward. Just finished a training and can now offer the program in multiple locations. This program is receiving lots of referrals from DSS and DJJ.

Young Warriors – Received news in December that their Level II funding will be ending at the end of this contract year. They are currently in survival mode and looking to make up the loss by applying for additional grants, recruiting paying customers, and beefing up referrals from other sources. Within the past few weeks they have seen a boom of new students and referrals.

JCPC Business

Nominating Committee – Had to cancel the meetings due to weather so the committee has not met. Open positions include: Member of Faith Community, Student under 18, Sheriff or Designee, and County Commissioner Appointee. Will meet soon and talk about potential candidates to fill these positions. The "at-large" position may offer the opportunity to bring on someone familiar with marketing. If anyone has suggestions for potential candidates, please email Rebekah.

DMC Committee – Need to schedule a time to meet. Has been waiting until other pressing business has been completed so that members aren't overwhelmed by the amount of meetings.

Risk/Needs Assessment Committee – Refer to handout for highlights. The data comes from the risk instrument completed by DJJ counselors and the needs assessment is administered every 90 days. Some of the data highlights include:

- Though OC experienced a 33% decrease in the number of youth at intake, the offenses were more serious in nature, and there were more youth under the age of 12 when they came to attention of DJJ.
- 11% of youth were classified as high risk, an increase of 88%.
- 13% have run away from home or placement, a decrease of 26% from previous year.
- 40% of youth have some known substance use/abuse and need substance use/abuse assessment and/or treatment.
- 76% of adjudicated youth have unhealthy peer relationships, a decrease of 11% from previous year. However, there was increase in the number of youth with gang association indicators (from 1 to 5 youth).
- 19% of youth are functioning below grade level, a 275% increase from previous year. Not sure why there was such a dramatic increase, possibly how the intake is completed.
- 48% of youth need more mental health assessment. 15% reduction in the number of youth with mental health needs being addressed.
- 31% of youth have domestic discord or violence in the home. While above the state average of 24%, it represents a decrease of 22% from previous year.
- 45% of adjudicated youth come from homes where family members have criminal history and an additional 8% are actively under court supervision or have gang involvement.

Review of draft Request for Proposals put together by Risks/Needs Assessment Committee. Suggested RFP be released February 10, 2014 and close on March 13, 2014. Peggy Hamlett motioned for RFP to be approved as written and was seconded by Michael Gilbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Monitoring Committee – All the programs were prepared and that made it easy to complete the monitoring. Everyone did well and there weren't any problems. There was a consistent report among all programs that the number of referrals they had been receiving was down.

It was mentioned that the number of cases coming through DJJ has been lower, but the ones they are seeing are higher risk. It may be that SROs are handling problems in house and not sending them to DJJ. It was suggested that we encourage SROs to refer youth directly to programs. Court planning sessions have been canceled the past few months because of low number, but that is expected to resume soon.

Marketing Committee – Had to cancel the meetings due to weather so the committee has not met.

Funding Committee – The committee is scheduled to meet all day on Friday, March 21 at Southern Human Services Center. We will need volunteers from the board to hear program pitches and assist in decision making process.

Review of Bylaws – In a previous meeting it was asked if there was a requirement in the Bylaws for all members of the board to serve on at least one committee. As the Bylaws are currently written, there is no such requirement. There was discussion around whether this is something that we want to add. Is the

current system working for us? How will we enforce participation? It was unanimously agreed upon to continuing operating as is.

Legislative Goals Committee – Does JCPC currently send recommendations to the County Commissioners for legislative goals? Do we want to set priorities as a board? Bernadette Pelissier will chair this committee and arrange for a speaker to talk to the board about justice issues.

Announcements

Building Futures – WIA Youth Program is up and running and currently accepting referrals for low-income youth ages 16-21.

Young Warriors – Accepting any referrals on at-risk youth from any programs.

Health Department – Currently piloting a program that offers Naloxone kits to individuals/families in an effort to decrease opioid overdose deaths.

Kellie Mannette – A young man that many programs has worked with has just graduated from high school.

Consultant Update

Continue to move forward with SPEP tool and will be adding a risk instrument to NC ALLIES that all providers will be utilizing in the future. Some fields in NC ALLIES will be changed as well to help generate SPEP score and best practices. Two fields have been added: 1) risk level of youth and score (training will be provided) and 2) number of contact hours (in 30 min increments).

The State has always had problems with data quality and NC ALLIES was their first attempt at fixing that problem. Data will help describe to the General Assembly what the at-risk youth population looks like. The State is currently running data quality reports (looking at date stamps) and has found that some providers are not entering data until months after they have started serving youth. They are currently working on writing rules for data quality.

The State is partnering with National Partnership for Juvenile Services and has been invited to speak at their conference. In lieu of the fall conference, they will be joining with NPJS on their conference to be held in either Raleigh or Charlotte. JCPCs may use discretionary funds to help pay for the cost of the conference.

Just completed monitoring VFY – Community Service & Restitution program and there were no major findings/recommendations.

There may be some restructuring of funding in the future as the Legislature understands the population the programs are serving and can help rationalize expanding funding levels. The State will continue to support structure programs (like Teen Court) because not all programs can be evidence-based.

➤ **Next JCPC Meeting scheduled April 4, 2014, 12pm-2pm, Location: Hillsborough Commons, 113 Mayo Street, Hillsborough**