

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2020

Noon – 2:00

Virtual (Webex) Meeting

Members in attendance: Woodrena Baker-Harrell; Tracy Fowler; Renita Foxx; George Greger-Holt; Stephanie Jones; Jennie Kristiansen; Michael Zelek; Sherri Murrell; Troy Stone; Alison Uhlenberg; Kaitlyn Warren, Pam Weiden; Karen Howard

Members absent: Peggy Hamlett; Sara Martin; Julie Boone-Cummins; Barry Gray; Robert Miller; Mallory Peterson

Proxy: Renita Foxx acting as proxy for Robert Miller

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

Programs absent: None

Acceptance of minutes: Motion to accept July 2020 minutes by George Greger-Holt; second by Pam Weiden; no abstentions; none opposed

Area Consultant Update

- 20/21 program agreements all approved
- DPS revised the JCPC policy manual; will be sent out to members and programs soon
- HB 593 will bring changes to JCPC procedures including the option for 2-year funding cycles

Program/DJJ Updates

Wrenn House – Michelle Zechmann

- No new admissions in June or July
- COVID safeguards in-place and are ready for clients

Family Advocacy – Maria Soto

- Served 32 clients (goal for 19/20 was 32)
- Currently serving 8 clients
- Facilitating 2 different youth groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Conducting one-on-one parenting classes by telephone
- Some face-to-face contact when distributing food to families

Teen Court – Pablo Avendano

- Working with retired District Court Judge Jay Bryan to establish sentencing circles to replace Teen Court hearings, for the time being
- Meeting with clients twice per week to work on decision making, goal setting, relationships, communication, etc.
- Has served 17 youth (goal was 20)

Community Service and Restitution – Ramiro Martinez

- Has served 48 clients (goal was 58)
- Currently serving 7 clients
- Much of the service is landscaping and home improvement projects for the elderly

El Futuro – Lissette Guerrero

- Seeing all clients through telehealth
- Conducting group meetings virtually

Juvenile Justice Data – Alison Uhlenberg

- 13 intakes out of 20 complaints in June
- 1 petition; 1 approved for court; 11 on a plan or contract
- 1 complaint was school based
- For 19/20 RTA – 57 complaints (65 projected) and 30 juveniles (24 projected)

New Business

Conflict of Interest forms – Members were reminded to send these to Renita or Paul

Matching Funds Requests – Programs were reminded to turn forms in to the County

Final Accounting – Programs can start this process

Vacant seats

- Paul to check with Pittsboro PD
- Sherri has a Northwood student in mind
- Tracy to check with principals at JMH, CCH, and Early College for <18 members
- Tracy to check with YMCA youth director regarding non-profit member

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Renita was elected as Chair for another term. Nomination by Woodrena Baker-Harrell and Sherri Murrell; none opposed and no abstentions.

Pam was elected as Vice Chair for another term. Nomination by Sherri Murrell and Stephanie Jones; none opposed and no abstentions.

Announcements

Tracy – school will start with remote learning for at least the first several weeks

Sherri, Karen and Renita – much gratitude for all the hard work by school system personnel

Addendum

An email vote was initiated on 8/6/20 to allow CIS to modify Teen Court programming and allow for restorative justice mediation to take the place of Teen Court hearings while COVID restrictions are in place. The vote concluded on 8/10/20 with 11 members in favor and none opposed. George, Woodrena, and Sara abstained.