

Chatham County JCPC Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2020

Noon – 2:00

Virtual (Webex) Meeting

Members in attendance: Woodrena Baker-Harrell; Tracy Fowler; Renita Foxx; Stephanie Jones; Jennie Kristiansen; Sherri Murrell; Troy Stone; Alison Uhlenberg; Kaitlyn Warren, Pam Weiden; Peggy Hamlett; Mallory Peterson; Sara Martin

Members absent: George Greger-Holt; Michael Zelek; Julie Boone-Cummins; Barry Gray; Robert Miller; Karen Howard

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 Pam; second by Tracy; no abstentions; none opposed

New Business

Conflict of Interest

- Only a few holdouts, still, with COI forms; please get them in so they can be forwarded to Lynn Fleetwood (*Paul*)

Committees

- Set a Risk & Needs meeting for October in order to have an RFP to vote on at the November meeting (*Denise*)
- We want input from a variety of community stakeholders – the R&N meeting is not limited to members (*Denise*)
- If already on a committee from 2019/20, you will be carried over to 20/21 unless you request otherwise (*Paul*)
- Will need a new volunteer to replace Layton Long on the Funding Committee (*Paul*)

Membership

- Police Chief designee will be Delanie Womack of Pittsboro PD – Community Services and Juvenile Officer (*Paul*)
- “Two persons < 18” is now “Two persons < 21, or one person < 21 and one member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk juveniles” (*Denise*)
- Paul will follow up with Tracy, Sherri, and local non-profits to fill last three vacant membership slots

Bylaws

- A description of the duties and options for the secretarial duties has been added (*Denise*)
- Jennie will check with the County Attorney to see if proxy voting should or should not be allowed (*Denise*)
- Email voting has never been included/encouraged in open meetings procedures (*Denise*)

Program/DJJ Updates

Family Advocacy – Maria Soto

- Served 32 clients of 32 projected
- Intakes are by phone; signatures are waived; groups are virtual; some in-person contact w/masks & distancing
- Has been active with food distribution; conducting evaluations via Zoom meetings
- Tutoring is now available through CIS
- Challenges: internet at home is not available to everyone

Teen Court – Pablo Avendano

- Served 25 clients of 25 projected
- All services are remote; sentencing/restorative circles substitute for teen court

- Helping with college applications
- Intakes being done by Zoom; signatures waived; Google docs track participation
- Not getting referrals from schools since COVID restrictions kicked in

Community Service and Restitution – Ramiro Martinez

- Served 48 clients of 58 projected
- Stopped getting referrals from SROs
- Most everything is being done virtually now
- Now accepted as community service: documentaries, TED talks, virtual workshops, cards for senior center, paper projects on how COVID has affected them/community, home projects, babysitting, “thank-you” projects
- Internet access is still a challenge for many clients
- Law enforcement can refer directly to CS&R, up to 20 hours, this is to create more diversion opportunities; youth can also be placed at for-profit agencies, this can build job skills (*Denise*)

El Futuro – Lissette Guerrero

- Served 11 clients of 15 projected
- Everything being done virtually
- Some clients are uncomfortable sharing private information virtually or from home with others around
- Would like open doors for in-person appointments, with safeguards, as soon as possible

Wrenn House – Patricia Cardoso

- Served 2 clients of 10 projected
- Staff using masks in the house, social distancing; temperatures taken; bi-monthly, professional deep cleaning; hand washing; limited outings; limited visitors; staff members are tested for COVID; backup crew in place if any staff member tests positive; plan in place for when kids go back to school; more indoor recreational activities
- Admission suspended now due to positive test for staff member; waiting on results for other staff members
- Successes: strong communication; graduates continue to stay in touch
- Challenges: not much opportunity for in-depth connection with youth before arrival to soften culture shock

Psychological Assessments – Patricia Cardoso

- Served 3 clients of 10 projected
- Only virtual sessions at this time; difficult to keep kids engaged during lengthy virtual evaluations
- Have not had any referrals for a while

Juvenile Justice Data – Alison Uhlenberg

- 14 intakes out of 27 complaints in July
- RTA numbers are high largely due to out-of-county youth alcohol violations at Jordan Lake over the summer

Area Consultant Update

Final Accounting

- All final accounting information has been submitted

Policy Manual

- Program policy manual has been revised; programs will receive training

Announcements

- Non-profit meetings occur on Thursday mornings; email *Renita* to get connected to this
- August 10th youth expo online forum was attended by 21 Siler City youth (*Stephanie*)
- Next meeting will be on **Friday, November 6th at 12:00**; will be voting on the RFP