

Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2022

Noon – 2:00

Chatham County Justice Center

Members Present/Absent

Tracy Fowler	absent	Shirley Villatoro	absent
Felix Jimenez	present	Juvenile Defense Attorney	<i>vacant</i>
Mike Wagner	absent	Sherri Murrell	absent
Troy Stone	absent	Julie Boone Cummins	absent
Amanda Farris	absent	Mike Zelek	absent
Sarah Schaller	absent	Alex Mayfield	present
Jennie Kristiansen	absent	Mallory Peterson	absent
Kaitlyn Warren	present	Alison Uhlenberg	present
Renita Foxx	absent	George Greger-Holt	present
Patrick Jones	absent	Pam Weiden	present
Franklin Gomez Flores	absent	Sara Martin	absent
Person < 21	<i>vacant</i>		

6 of 21 Council Members Present

Others Present

Tych Cowdin	Communities In Schools	Kelly Cribb	Dept. of Public Safety
Travis Patterson	Communities In Schools	Kayla Merkel	AMI Kids
Maria Soto	Communities In Schools	Lateef Mitchell	Student Support Liaison
Ronnie Dunevant	Roots & Wings	Patricia Cardoso	Haven House
Michelle Carey	Roots & Wings		

No motions – No quorum

New Business

Membership

- Felix Jimenez was officially appointed by the County Commissioners on June 21st
- We are still looking for a person to fill the “Person under the age of 21” slot. A community college student or someone with experience in one of the JCPC programs would be a good candidate
- Rachel Smith left her employment with the Public Defender’s Office. Woodrena will assign a replacement soon.

Conflict of Interest forms

- All council members should have their form completed and turned in by the end of September

Request for Matching Funds

- Programs should complete the form and request County funds sooner rather than later, at least by Dec 31

Surplus Admin funds from FY 21/22

- \$500 was spent on a training seminar by Dr. Pender; The rest (~\$138) was spent by DJJ to buy 5 specialty cakes for court-involved graduating seniors. Alison was able to raise extra money for more cakes and gifts.

El Futuro Equipment Transfer

- El Futuro has four Dell Optiplex 7000 desktop computers available to be distributed to current programs or other youth-serving agencies in Chatham County. Roots & Wings will take 2 of them, we will contact the Chatham Boys & Girls Club to see if they can use any, and JCPC admin services can use one if available.

Program Updates

Teen Court – Michelle Carey and Ronnie Dunevant

- Have not received any referrals, yet; may have found some workspace in the 1st Baptist Church of Siler City

Wrenn House – Patricia Cardoso

- No referrals from Chatham for FY 21/22; questions about the referral process - please contact Patricia or Kelsey

Psychological Assessments – Patricia Cardoso

- Received and completed 3 referrals for FY 21/22; 1 referral came in on last day of FY and will be applied to 22/23
- Has capacity for 6 assessments per year; have moved from paper to digital
- Dr. Pender has given a quote for adding an interpretive meeting with the family; Spanish interpretation would add to this cost; it would be about \$131 per hour

Community Service and Restitution – Travis Patterson

- 52 served in FY 21/22 with 36 successful terminations and 11 still active
- JMHS Athletic Department recently added as a partner
- Travis is moving from CSR to the High School Success Coach position at CIS

Family Advocacy – Maria Soto

- 34 served in FY 21/22 with 20 successful terminations and 7 unsuccessful; 7 active cases
- Veronica Nuñez is moving from FA to the CIS Mentoring Program; CIS is looking to hire a bilingual program assistant

Teen Court – Tych Cowdin

- 26 served in FY 21/22; only 4 were terminated unsuccessfully; all referrals were terminated by 6/30/22
- Backpack purchases (from last FY budget revision) were a big hit

DPS / DJJ Update

Juvenile Justice Statistics

- Alison shared the latest statistics from DJJ

Area Consultant

- Final Accounting by August 15; all signatures due by September 1st; training will be provided in July

Other Business / Announcements

- Sara Martin has accepted a position as the new Social and Community Services Manager for the Chatham Health Alliance. Therefore, Insight Human Services is looking to fill her former position: Program Specialist
- Science (STEM) club free event at Chatham Health Alliance on July 16th from 10am – noon; Chess club meeting also on the 16th from 10am – noon at the Chatham Rabbit Coffee Shop in Siler City
- George reports that Chatham will receive – on average – \$170,000 per year over an 18-year period as part of the national opioid settlement; funds to be used for prevention and treatment
- Ronnie (Roots & Wings) will coordinate with Felix and Pam regarding 9/11 commemoration plans

Next meeting will be on **Friday, Sept 9th at 12:00** in the Justice Center training room