

Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2022

Noon – 2:00

Chatham County Justice Center

Members Present/Absent

Tracy Fowler	Present	Shirley Villatoro	Present
Felix Jimenez	Absent	Juvenile Defense Attorney	<i>Vacant</i>
Mike Wagner	Absent	Sherri Murrell	Present
DA Designee	<i>Vacant</i>	Julie Boone Cummins	Absent
Amanda Farris	Absent	Mike Zelek	Absent
Laura Sharpe	Present	United Way or Non-profit	<i>Vacant</i>
Jennie Kristiansen	Present	Mallory Peterson	Present
Kaitlyn Warren	Present	Alison Uhlenberg	Absent
Renita Foxx	Present	George Greger-Holt	Absent
Patrick Jones	Absent	Pam Weiden	Present
Franklin Gomez Flores	Absent	Sara Martin	Present
Person < 21	<i>Vacant</i>		

10 of 19 Council Members Present

Others Present

Tych Cowdin	Communities In Schools	David Carter	Dept. of Public Safety
Jazmin Mendoza Sosa	Communities In Schools	Amber Hardy	Asst. District Attorney
Maria Soto	Communities In Schools	Val Hanson	Dispute Settlement Ctr
Ronnie Dunevant	Roots & Wings	Kassi Dadufalza	Haven House
Michelle Carey	Roots & Wings		

MOTION to accept September 2022 minutes by **Tracy.**; second by **Renita**; no abstentions; none opposed; ***PASSED***

New Business

Membership

- Laura Sharpe was appointed to the “LME/MCO representative” seat on September 19th
- We are still looking for a person to fill the “Person under the age of 21” seat; a community college student or someone with experience in one of the JCPC programs would be a good candidate
- Demetria Stuart-Heslip is slated to be appointed to the “Juvenile Defense Attorney” seat on November 7th
- Amber Hardy will be the new District Attorney designee; to be appointed in November or December
- Alex Mayfield has resigned from the JCPC citing a personal and professional life that leaves him too busy to make a meaningful contribution to the Council; Paul will start searching for a replacement to fill the “United Way or other Non-profit” seat; some suggestions were to check with the Boys & Girls Clubs or El Vínculo

Committee work

- The Risks and Needs Committee will meet in late November/early December to review data and edit the RFP accordingly; the R&N Committee is open to community members, not just JCPC appointees
- Anyone wishing to join a committee should contact Paul Atherton

Surplus Equipment

- The surplus laptop computer from the former Teen Court program at CIS can be transferred over to Roots & Wings

MOTION to accept this resolution by **Pam**; second by **Sherri**; no abstentions; none opposed; ***PASSED***

Continuum of Services review

- The Continuum of Services document will be revisited at the January meeting when more key people are present

Program Updates

Wrenn House – Kassi Dadufalza

- Kassi Dadufalza is the new Wrenn House director (919-475-2679; kdadufalza@havenhouseenc.org)
- Have served one Chatham County youth with a 3-day stay

Psychological Assessments – Kassi Dadufalza

- No new referrals since the last JCPC meeting

Community Service and Restitution – Jazmin Mendoza Sosa

- Currently serving 3 youth; 4 new referrals; 1 terminated in October; 1 terminated today
- Still identifying potential worksites; goal is to reach out to 2 potential worksites each week
- Some worksite ideas are high school athletic programs, Chatham Literacy, and law enforcement

Family Advocacy – Maria Soto

- Total of 12 youth served in FY 22/23; 5 new referrals; 8 successful terminations
- Continuing to do home visits and one-on-one parenting classes
- Have hired a part-time assistant – Jennifer Melos

Teen Court – Michelle Carey

- 2 new referrals in September and 2 more in October
- Has secured office space from the First Baptist Church
- Have advertised for a program assistant; very small pool of applicants but there is some potential among them
- Proactively seeking referrals and taking steps to get access to the courthouse

DPS / DJJ Update

Juvenile Justice Statistics

- Postponed due to Amanda and Alison being away at a training event

Area Consultant

- Learned about the Educating Kids on Gun violence (EKG) program at the NC Juvenile Services Association conference
- SPEP and PEP reports will be evaluated and presented at the next JCPC meeting
- Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) training on November 17th
- Risk and Needs Committee will be reviewing the latest YASI data soon to develop the RFP

Special Presentation

- Val Hanson of the Dispute Settlement Center gave a presentation on Restorative Justice

Other Business / Announcements

- CIS will be distributing chicken dinners and coats in the weeks to come
- Maria and Bietsy of CIS recently attended the NC Juvenile Services Association conference
- CIS is asking if DPS can add a race/ethnicity category to the monthly report to expand the choices to include Hispanic/Other as opposed to just having Hispanic/Black and Hispanic/White; David will make this inquiry

Next meeting will be on **Friday, January 6th at 12:00** in the Justice Center training room