

Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2023

Noon – 2:00

Chatham County Justice Center

Members Present/Absent

Tracy Fowler	Present	Shirley Villatoro	Absent
Felix Jimenez	Absent	Demetria Stuart Heslip	Present
Mike Wagner	Absent	Sherri Murrell	Present
Amber Hardy	Absent	Julie Boone Cummins	Absent
Amanda Farris	Present	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	Present
Renita Foxx	Present	George Greger-Holt	Present
Patrick Jones	Absent	Pam Weiden	Present
Franklin Gomez Flores	Present	Sara Martin	Absent
Person < 21	<i>Vacant</i>		

13 of 21 Council Members Present

Others Present

Tych Cowdin	Communities In Schools	David Carter	Dept. of Public Safety
Jennifer Melos	Communities In Schools	Kayla Merkel	AMI Kids
Maria Soto	Communities In Schools	Amy Spalding	Haven House
Ronnie Dunevant	Roots & Wings	Michelle Carey	Roots & Wings

MOTION to accept November 2022 minutes by ***Kaitlyn***; second by ***Tracy***; no abstentions; none opposed; ***PASSED***

New Business

Membership

- 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
- Brandon Kivett of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, was nominated to fill the “United Way or other Non-profit” seat; his name will be forwarded to the County Commissioners for appointment

Committee work

- The Risks and Needs Committee met on December 5th to review data and edit the RFP accordingly
MOTION to adopt the recommended RFP by ***Renita***; second by ***Amanda***; no abstentions; none opposed; ***PASSED***
- *The Monitoring Committee will visit sites toward the end of January*

Continuum of Services review

- The Risks and Needs Committee also worked to update the Continuum of Services document; with input from the today’s meeting attendees, several more changes were made today, as well
- George pointed out that lists of substance abuse and mental health services are also maintained on the county website under the Public Health Department’s tab

Program Updates

Teen Court – Michelle Carey

- Measurable objectives – estimated to serve, 40; actual served to date, 2
- not a SPEP program, so no PEP
- First Teen Court held in the historic courthouse on December 6th with 2 cases; more referrals are in the pipeline
- Most referrals are from one SRO at Northwood, some from DJJ
- Have advertised for a program assistant but have not found a suitable fit yet; please spread the word

Wrenn House – Amy Spalding

- Measurable objectives – estimated to serve, 10; actual served to date, 1
- Not a SPEP program but a limited PEP was shared with the Council

Psychological Assessments – Amy Spalding

- Measurable objectives – estimated to serve, 10; actual served to date, 2
- No referrals for several months; last referral was July
- Not a SPEP program but a limited PEP was shared with the Council

Community Service and Restitution – Tych Cowdin

- Measurable objectives – estimated to serve, 60; actual served to date, 26
- Currently have 8 worksites in Siler City, 6 in Pittsboro, and the Siler City Salvation Army will be added soon
- Tych will coordinate thank you notes to the worksites
- PEP was shared with the Council

Family Advocacy – Maria Soto

- Measurable objectives – estimated to serve, 35; actual served to date, 14
- Continuing to do home visits and one-on-one parenting classes
- PEP was shared with the Council

DPS / DJJ Update

Juvenile Justice Statistics

- Limited availability due to software limitations
- 13 complaints in December, 1 was referred to court, 8 were closed, and 5 were diverted, no detentions

Area Consultant

- 3rd quarter accounting is coming soon
- There is a possibility of discretionary money becoming available in the months to come
- A Resolution regarding DJJ critical understaffing in general will be submitted to the Chatham Commissioners

Other Business / Announcements

- George gave an update on the opioid settlement funds; still looking for the right hire to coordinate the program
- The team brainstormed on how to increase referrals from SROs
- The School Board has approved the School Justice Partnership
- Chatham County Schools is sponsoring an online parent seminar on vaping on January 24th, at 6:30
- Chatham Drug Free will host events on 01/14 at the JM vs Northwood game and on 1/27 for the Seaforth and Chatham Central game. They will have prizes and 360 photo booth; kids can get free admission tickets and concessions

Next meeting will be on **Friday, March 3rd at 12:00** in the Justice Center training room