

Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2023

Noon – 2:00

Chatham County Justice Center

Members Present/Absent

Tracy Fowler	Present	Shirley Villatoro	Present
Felix Jimenez	Absent	Demetria Stuart Heslip	Absent
Mike Wagner	Present	Todd Roper	Present
Amber Hardy	Present	Julie Boone Cummins	Absent
Amanda Farris	Present	Mike Zelek	Present
Laura Sharpe	Present	Brandon Kivett	Present
Jennie Kristiansen	Absent	Mallory Peterson	Present
Kaitlyn Warren	Present	Alison Uhlenberg	Present
Renita Foxx	Present	George Greger-Holt	Absent
Patrick Jones	Absent	Pam Weiden	Present
Franklin Gomez Flores	Present	Sara Martin	Present
Person < 21	Vacant		

16 of 22 Council Members Present

Others Present

Tych Cowdin	Communities In Schools	David Carter	Dept. of Public Safety
Jennifer Melos	Communities In Schools	Kassi Dadufalza	Haven House
Maria Soto	Communities In Schools	Ronnie Dunevant	Roots & Wings
Bieisy Sevilla	Communities In Schools	Michelle Carey	Roots & Wings
Jazmin Mendoza Sosa	Communities In Schools		

MOTION to accept January 2023 minutes by Amanda; second by Franklin; 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
- Brandon Kivett has been appointed to fill the “United Way or other Non-profit” seat
- Judge Roper will be taking over for Judge Murrell to represent the District Court Judges

Monitoring Committee

- The Monitoring Committee has recommended continued funding for all programs for the rest of FY 22/23
MOTION to accept this recommendation by Kaitlyn; second by Renita; no abstentions; none opposed; PASSED

Funding Committee

- The Council voted to accept the Funding Committee’s recommendations, to wit:
MOTION to approve funding at \$63,181 for CSR by Tracy; second by Franklin; Sarah M. abstains; none opposed; PASSED
MOTION to approve funding at \$83,218 for FA by Mike W.; second by Kaitlyn; Sarah M. abstains; none opposed; PASSED
MOTION to approve funding at \$10,998 for WH by Alison; second by Amber; No abstentions; none opposed; PASSED
MOTION to approve funding at \$5,927 for PA by Alison; second by Amber; No abstentions; none opposed; PASSED
MOTION to approve funding at \$15,500 for AS by Franklin; second by Kaitlyn; No abstentions; none opposed; PASSED
- There were no applications for Teen Court
MOTION to reissue the RFP for Teen Court by Franklin; second by Tracy; No abstentions; none opposed; PASSED

Other New Business

- The Council was in favor of amending the local monthly report to add a Hispanic/Latino category
- David talked about using surplus funds to set up a community event to increase awareness of the JCPC programs; Renita, Amber, and Alison volunteered to work further on this

Program Updates

Teen Court – Michelle Carey

- Currently holding Teen Court the first Tuesday of the month in the historic courthouse
- Have served 5, but estimates that will rise to about 17-20 soon, based on recent referrals
- Will have to cut off referrals early in order not to leave cases in limbo, perhaps late April, or early May

Wrenn House – Kassi Dadufalza

- No referrals recently; has still only served 1
- They now have 2 vehicles, which will help with transportation access

Psychological Assessments – Kassi Dadufalza

- No updates

Community Service and Restitution – Bieisy Sevilla

- 36 total; 8 active; 10 since January; 7 terminations
- Working on adding the animal shelter as a worksite
- Being very vigilant to assign clients to the right worksite so as not to lose any worksites due to behavior

Family Advocacy – Maria Soto

- 15 cases total; 5 active cases; 1 added since January
- Mental health and substance abuse seems to be on the rise
- Agreement revision to state that referrals can come from anyone on the truancy team, not just court counselors

MOTION to approve the revision by Renita; second by Amanda; Sarah M. abstains; none opposed; PASSED

DPS / DJJ Update

Juvenile Justice Statistics

- Alison shared the latest statistics from DJJ

Area Consultant

- Spring NCJSA conference is next week
- Discretionary funds may be released in the next week or so
- Eckerd is adding another juvenile facility, hopefully by the end of the summer
- The legislature will be asked to increase compensation for DJJ workers
- A RED subcommittee presentation will be scheduled for the May meeting

Other Business / Announcements

- Renita nominated Kaitlyn as Vice Chair and Amber as Chair for FY 23/24; both accepted the nominations
- Chatham Parks and Rec will be hosting the annual Eggstreme Spring Fling on April 2nd at CCCC

Next meeting will be on **Friday, May 5th at 12:00** in the Justice Center training room