

Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2023

Noon – 2:00

Chatham County Justice Center

Members Present/Absent

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

13 of 22 Council Members Present

Others Present

Tych Cowdin	Communities In Schools	David Carter	Dept. of Public Safety
Maria Soto	Communities In Schools	Ronnie Dunevant	Roots & Wings
Bieisy Sevilla	Communities In Schools	Michelle Carey	Roots & Wings
Kassi Dadufalza	Haven House	Lateef Mitchell	Student Support Liaison
Patricia Cardoso	Haven House	Dillian Hecht	District Attorney’s Office

MOTION to accept January 2023 minutes by **Todd**; second by **Franklin**; no abstentions; none opposed; **PASSED**

New Business

Membership

- Kyle Stinson has been appointed to fill the “Person under the age of 21” seat
- Amber Hardy has left the DA’s office; Dillian Hecht will be the new DA representative

Other New Business

- There were no applications for the reissued RFP, so we do not have a Teen Court vendor; this leaves \$48,840 unallocated; if a vendor becomes available this money can be allocated for a Teen Court program, otherwise, the Council will have to decide where else it distribute it before December 31st
- CIS is proposing a revision to spend lapsed salary money in the Family Advocacy budget

MOTION to approve the revision by **Amanda**; second by **Todd**; no abstentions; none opposed; **PASSED**

Program Updates

Teen Court – Michelle Carey

- Projects 32 referrals by program’s end
- Beginning of May will be the cutoff date, but referrals after that will be given to CIS for Community Service and Restitution

Wrenn House – Kassi Dadufalza

- Still at 1 youth served
- Did get 2 other referrals from Chatham, but the caregivers declined

Psychological Assessments – Patricia Cardoso

- Served 4 youth to date

Community Service and Restitution – Bieisy Sevilla

- 14 new admissions; 13 active cases; terminated 9 successfully; 8 pending intakes; 51 served to date
- Currently 9 worksites and adding El Camino and La Semilla (churches)

Family Advocacy – Maria Soto

- 5 new admissions; 1 pending DJJ referral; 30 served so far
- Serving families spread all around Chatham County, which means a lot of driving

DPS / DJJ Update

Juvenile Justice Statistics

- Alison shared the latest statistics from DJJ
- Amanda announced that the cost of keeping a juvenile in detention has gone up to \$300/day

Area Consultant

- DJJ is working hard on lobbying for salary increases; there is a 50% vacancy rate in detention center staff
- Eckerd is adding a juvenile facility toward the end of this month in Caswell County
- NC S.A.F.E. (safe gun storage) to kick off soon; webinars and other events will be held

Other Business / Announcements

- CIS is moving to offices off Village Lake Road and having a reception on May 17th
- Unspent money from Teen Court was transferred to Community Service & Restitution
- Dillian Hecht was nominated as Chair and Kaitlyn Warren was nominated for Vice Chair for FY 23/24

MOTION to elect the nominees by Mike Z; second by Franklin; no abstentions; none opposed; PASSED

- Crystal Wynn-Lewis (DPS-DJJ) gave a presentation on Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Next meeting will be on **Friday, July 14th at 12:00** in the Justice Center training room