

Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2023

Noon – 2:00

Chatham County Justice Center

***Members Present/Absent***

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

12 of 21 Council Members Present

***Others Present***

Tych Cowdin	Communities In Schools	David Carter	Dept. of Public Safety
Maria Soto	Communities In Schools	Gina Watson	AMI Kids
Katie Lindley	Communities In Schools	Lateef Mitchell	Student Support Liaison
Jazmin Mendoza Sosa	Communities In Schools	Kassi Dadufalza	Haven House

**MOTION** to accept May 2023 minutes by **Mike W.**; second by **Franklin**; no abstentions; none opposed; **PASSED**

**New Business**

Membership

- Julie Boone Cummins has resigned from her seat as the Member of the Business Community; any nominations to fill this position are welcomed
- Dillian Hecht did not get on the Commissioners’ agenda in June; he is scheduled to be appointed on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Pam had nominated Lateef Mitchell as an at-large member of the Council; he has accepted the nomination, and there were no objections from the Council; his name will go to the County Commissioners for appointment

Other New Business

- Roots & Wings turned in two desktops and one laptop computer; the consensus is to hold on to them in case we do get a Teen Court vendor soon who needs them; otherwise we can check and see if Boys & Girls Clubs might need them

**MOTION** to give the computers to a nonprofit by **Todd**; second by **Mike Z.**; no abstentions; none opposed; **PASSED**

**Program Updates**

Wrenn House – Kassi Dadufalza

- 2 referrals in June; one from Vaya Health and another from DSS; the DSS case was admitted to Wrenn House, but the Vaya referral was not

Psychological Assessments – Kassi Dadufalza

- No referrals so far in 23/24

### Community Service and Restitution – Katie Lindley

- Bieisy moved away, so Katie (already on staff) took over
- Served 41 in 22/23, 22 of which were terminated successfully (most FY cases in program history)
- Currently serving 11
- 8 worksites in Siler City; 6 in Pittsboro; working to add more

### Family Advocacy – Maria Soto

- Served 30 of 35 anticipated in 22/23
- 23 new referrals and 7 carryovers from 22/23
- 20 terminations, 16 of which were successful
- New assistant (Ruby Martinez) lives in Siler City

## **DPS / DJJ Update**

### Juvenile Justice Statistics

- Amanda shared the latest statistics from DJJ

### Area Consultant

- Final Accounting is due on August 15<sup>th</sup>
- DJJ has seen slight salary increases; Rockingham County YDC has new positions
- Still no Teen Court candidates; if none surface, other programs will be able to apply for surplus funds
- Will distribute gun locks and small gun safes; SCPD will take 50 of them; CCSO will take any that are leftover

## **Other Business / Announcements**

- CIS has moved to offices off Village Lake Road
- Judge Roper lamented that unfettered access to negative influences on the internet and poor parenting are big factors in many cases he is seeing in delinquency court
- Chief Wagner expressed frustration that agencies do not share information regarding juveniles, and this creates dangerous situations; he suggested inviting a legislator to some JCPC meetings; George pointed out that there is a local administrative court order which allows sharing in certain circumstances; Amanda stated that there may be federal regulations which stifle communication
- Franklin floated the idea that a subcommittee might be in order to address some of these issues
- Laura mentioned that Vaya Health has other resources that she will share by email

Next meeting will be on **Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00** in the Justice Center training room