

Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2023

Noon – 2:00

Chatham County Justice Center

Members Present/Absent

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

16 of 22 Council Members Present

Others Present

Tych Cowdin	Communities In Schools	David Carter	Dept. of Public Safety
Katie Lindley	Communities In Schools	Kayla Merkel	AMI Kids
Jazmin Mendoza Sosa	Communities In Schools	Sarah Spencer	AMI Kids
Madeline Krimm	Chatham Courts	Patricia Cardoso	Haven House

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

New Business

Membership

- Kaitlyn Warren has left Chatham County and resigned her seat on the Council. Madeline Krimm will be the new County Manager Designee
- Lateef Mitchell was appointed as an at-large member of the Council on August 21st
- A few suggestions were made for a Member of the Business Community to join the Council

Other New Business

- Several people volunteered for Committee assignments
- Tych started a lengthy discussion on finding more service providers for JCPC programs, perhaps forming a committee; many agreed that local programs work the best; no Council members volunteered to chair a committee, but Renita stated that she and her staff would start conversations with the list of local providers that they have

MOTION to accept a CS&R budget reduction by ***Mike W.***; second by ***Mike Z.***; no abstentions; none opposed; ***PASSED***

Program Updates

Wrenn House – Patricia Cardoso

- Patricia reviewed the 12-month Measurable Objectives Report
- No referrals from Chatham, so far, for FY 23/24
- Unfortunately, a large tree fell on the house and left some damage; a structural engineer inspected the house and insurance will cover; no residential rooms were compromised

Psychological Assessments – Patricia Cardoso

- Patricia reviewed the 12-month Measurable Objectives Report
- The first referral for FY 23/24 was received on September 1st

Community Service and Restitution – Katie Lindley

- 18 served; 15 terminated successfully
- Chatham Middle School PTA thrift store added as a new worksite
- Jazmin reviewed the 12-month Measurable Objectives Report

Family Advocacy – Jazmin Mendoza Sosa

- 11 served; 2 recently admitted and 9 active; 3 cases closed successfully
- Jazmin reviewed the 12-month Measurable Objectives Report
- Will be creating a flow chart to better illustrate how FA works
- New assistant (Ruby Martinez)

DPS / DJJ Update

Juvenile Justice Statistics

- Alison shared some limited statistics from DJJ

Area Consultant

- State budget has not yet been passed by the legislature
- House Bill 186 (juvenile justice confidentiality) was passed; allows for sharing certain information with the public
- SPEP scores coming out soon
- Risk & Needs data complete
- Eckerd is expanding; new facility in Caswell County in October

Other Business / Announcements

- 100 Gun locks were distributed to Siler City PD and Chatham County Sheriff's Office; a lock box is still available for a raffle or door prize of some sort
- In a continuation to the last meeting's discussion on the possibility of juvenile justice reforms, Todd stated that he would invite N.C. House Minority Leader Robert Reives to our next meeting; Mike W. restated that he would like to see more information sharing between schools and PDs regarding crime and out-of-school suspensions. Dillian will look into what legal restrictions might allow or disallow information sharing; David shared that Statute 7B-3100 outlines some specific criteria for this; Todd pointed out that the School Justice Partnership is reactionary; Kyle shared that his school (Seaforth) has a firm code of conduct
- Fiesta – September 16th (Tych)
- Touch-a-Truck – September 23rd (Tych)
- Fall Family Fest – October 5th (Jazmin)
- Friends of the Wren Library book sale – October 13th and 14th (Alison)
- Trunk or Treat – October 28th (Mallory)
- Poverty Simulation (experiential education workshop) – September 22nd (Jennie)

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