

Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
April 16, 2015

Call to Order: Nicole Smithers

Members Present: 14 voting members present at the meeting. Quorum present. Members excused from the April meeting: Marty Cooke, Katelyn Matney, Bonnie Jordan.

Everyone went around the room with introductions.

I. Public Comment:

Nicole asked for any Public Comments. Kristina Clemmons wanted to let everyone know that she is no longer with Coastal Horizons. She will still be around and come to the meetings; however, she will be staying home with her children.

II. Program Reports

1. Teen Court.

Erin Hagen stated that Teen Court for the month of March had a beginning count of 18, with 5 admissions, and 7 successful completions with 1 termination because the client reoffended, with an ending count of 15. YTD: 59. The next Teen Court will be Tuesday, April 28th, 6:00 to 8:00 at the Courthouse. There was nothing active for Conflict Resolution for the month of March. Next conflict resolution will be this Saturday and will have 30 more kids coming through for that.

2. Providence Home

Warren Mortley was absent, so there was no report.

3. Restitution.

Anita Handler stated that for March, Restitution began the month with 19 clients, had 17 admissions, and 14 successful completions, with 1 termination; with an ending count for the month of 21. YTD served 99.

4. Strengthening Families.

Erin Ditta stated that Strengthening Families had a beginning count of 16 with 1 admission. They are starting the second round for this year, with the third round of Strengthening Families beginning May 13th, either at BCA or Coastal Horizons Center. Still in need of additional referrals for this session.

5. Coastal ART.

Ed Cochard reported for Coastal ART. He stated that of course the biggest news is that Kristina will be leaving the program. Laruen Rogers who was already working with Kristina will still be doing the program. Ed will assist on Mondays and Tuesdays. They had 8 attending for Monday, with 10 referrals for the next session.

6. D.J.J.

Greg reported for DJJ in Lance's absence. He stated that DJJ is steady and definitely have job security. There are some things coming that Ronald will probably go over dealing with the age.

III. Minutes

Approval of March Minutes: Nicole asked if everyone had the opportunity to read the March minutes. Were there any corrections. Becky Smith made the motion to accept the March minutes. Kate Gomes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Tiffany Rogers stated that we have a balance of \$1,773.00.

IV. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – Erin Hagen stated that next month we will be voting on officers again for the upcoming year. If anyone would like to volunteer for a position, please let me know.

Community Needs Assessment – No report.

Funding - Tiffany Rogers stated that we are getting all the Funding paperwork ready to go to the Commissioners.

Monitoring – Nicole stated that monitoring shouldn't need anything until around October unless a program needs some support from the Monitoring Committee.

Public Relations- Melinda stated that the minutes for November, January, and February are posted.

By-Laws – No report.

Comments from Nicole:

Nicole stated that this would be her last JCPC meeting. She is resigning from her position on the committee. Between children, farm, and work she really does not have the time to devote to this. She has enjoyed the past 4 years she has spent on the JCPC committee.

Comments from Ronald:

Ronald stated that he really appreciated the work that Nicole has done for the JCPC. She has served as a chair and on numerous committees over the years.

3rd Quarter Accounting has been received from all of the programs. There are two programs that were under budget for this point in the year. They are doing budget revisions. Two budget revisions have already been approved by the state: Teen Court and Restitution.

Ronald stated that Greg was talking about the raising of the age for Juveniles in North Carolina. This has been a big conversation for the last couple of years. That is something that is going to happen. North Carolina is the last state that still processes 16 and 17 year olds as adults. They are looking at a few options as to what charges will fall in the younger age group. He asked the committee to try and follow the bill and where it is going. The issue that the county will have will be making sure there are enough resources to accommodate the additional youth. Maxine Elliott stated that she had gone to a meeting on Alternatives for Youth. Billy Lassiter was speaking with a passion about this situation, and he is in favor with the bill moving forward. Greg talked about the mixing of different ages and different offenses. He stated that this bill is long overdue. Pauline Hankins stated that she does both Adult and Juvenile court. She stated that she has certainly pushed for the raising of the Juvenile age. She is doing a legal workshop at South Brunswick. She had 100 students in her last class. She advises the students about legalities and what the charges will involve. There were a lot of questions in the last class regarding sexting and media communications. Ronald stated that as a community and a JCPC are aware that we know the age is going to be raised. We should be having discussion about how to address how the county will be reaching these kids.

Tiffany brought up the fact that there is not enough funding to do a big lunch for the June meeting. Ideas were tossed around about what to do. Melinda stated what was usually involved with the lunch. Meredith stated that it was difficult for the principals to step away at that time of year. Nobody really felt strongly one way or the other about the lunch. There was some discussion that in the future the committee might put on a local conference with those monies; presenting HOT TOPICS that are affecting our county. Becky Smith discussed possibly doing the lunch in the fall instead of the spring, especially with the age change in the state coming up. Ronald stated that some of the other JCPC's are doing a legislative lunch or breakfast. Programs doing presentations on the service they provide. Tiffany Rogers made a motion to do a smaller luncheon just for the committee for the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Greg Worthington. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn made by Greg Worthington, seconded by Becky Smith.

Next JCPC meeting is May 21th, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the David Sandifer Building second floor conference room.