

Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
August 21, 2014

(Prior to the August JCPC meeting, there was a JCPC Strategic Planning meeting led by Ronald Tillman.)

Members in attendance: Amy Horgan, Lance Britt, Erin Hagen, Melinda Johnson, Miranda Witkowski, Kate Gomes, Tiffany Rogers, Bonnie Jordan, Nicole Smithers, and guest Maxine Elliott. Several topics were discussed including 1) Creation of Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils, 2) JCPC Operations, 3) JCPC Organization 4) JCPC Annual Task Calendar. Members were broken up into groups that involved the Sub-Committees that they were serving on for the 2014-15 JCPC year. After much discussion, each committee with members present presented their goals for the upcoming year.

Monitoring Committee: Nicole Smithers presents. Positives – accurate, nurturing (trying to help programs along). Negatives – Participation. Dates chosen for the 2014-15 JCPC Calendar year for the Monitoring of JCPC Programs are scheduled as: January 6th primary monitoring date, January 13th secondary monitoring date, and January 20th and tertiary monitoring date. The Monitoring Committee plans to report to the entire JCPC board in the January meeting if possible. Monitoring report will be emailed to the JCPC members and programs.

Funding Committee: Lance Britt presents. Positives – a lot of research and discussion at the prior year funding meeting. No preconceived notions about what to do or not to do. Recommendation based on needs of the community. Negatives – needed to have a pre-meeting to review some things instead of learning as you go. More structure in the meeting. Entire board does not realize the time and effort put into the monitoring and funding committees. These committees should be rotated on a regular basis from year to year. For Funding: the dates will have to wait until the needs assessments are done. Plan to have a pre-meeting in March and then schedule programs to present and tentatively making recommendations to the full board in March.

Public Relations/Community Assessment: Melinda Johnson presents. Positives - JCPC now has a website. Negatives – Recommend to add to calendar about meetings, time, place, when meetings are not held. Need to have some pictures of programs to put on website and a Promo for the programs. Challenge Program Coordinators to put out a press release for their programs. Will try to have the Needs Assessment completed in September. Need to be collecting data now. By the end of October hopefully have a comprehensive brochure.

Membership/Nominations Committee: Erin Hagen presents. Positives – have gained a couple of new members. Some Commissioner Appointees have applied and we are waiting on approval. All of the Board Members are brainstorming for people that might be interested in filling a position on the JCPC . Negatives – Getting people for positions. The meeting time is hard for some people to attend. We would like rotating every other month in the meeting with the committee talking about the positions that we have vacant, assigning people on the committee to find someone to fill the open positions, and also keeping up with attendance and following through with that. Nominating new officers in May.

Call to Order: Nicole Smithers

Members Present: 12 voting members present at the meeting. Quorum present. Members excused from the August meeting: Anita Handler.

Everyone went around the room with introductions. Nicole Smithers stated that there was a Strategic Planning Session prior to this regular meeting and it went well.

I. Public Comment:

Nicole stated that we will now have a period of Public Comments. No Public Comments.

II. Program Reports

1. Teen Court.

Erin Hagen presented the Measurable Objectives for Teen Court. For the month of July Teen Court had a beginning count of 16, with 6 admissions, and 5 successful completions, with an ending count of 17. Total YTD served 22. The next Teen Court will be Tuesday, August 26, 6:00 to 8:00 at the Courthouse. There will be a new volunteer recruiting September 16th and 18th.

2. Providence Home

Warren Mortley presented the Measurable Objectives for Providence Home. They had a beginning count of 2, with 2 admissions; a 16 year old male who was referred by DSS and DJJ for alleged abuse on parents, a 15 year old female who had conflict in the home. There were 2 successful completions; who went back to their parents; with an ending count of 2.

3. Restitution.

Anita Handler not present and there is no report.

4. Strengthening Families.

Erin Ditta presented the Measurable Objectives for Strengthening Families. So far for this year, Strengthening Families has had a total of 11 referrals. 5 are being tracked in NC Allies, 2 of the references were referred because they live closer to another county 3 of the references have not showed up for their assessment, and there were 2 no-shows. Strengthening Families had 1 school referral, 8 DJJ referrals, and 2 DSS referrals. 8 Additional referrals were sent to another program in Coastal Horizons for substance abuse.

5. Coastal ART.

Kristina Clemmons presented Measurable Objectives for A.R.T. ART will start the last week in September at Waccamaw and Cedar Grove, and October will start at Shallotte Middle.

6. A.M.I.

Lindsay Hanes is not present, so there is no report.

7. D.J.J.

Lance Britt stated that DJJ has slowed down for just a minute. When school starts DJJ will pick up just a little. Working with young folks, trying to keep the public safe. Lance still wants Programs to come and talk to the Court Counselors. Please call Lance to set up date in September. If you have any concerns, please let the board know. Typically things decrease in the summer and then in mid-September everything starts to increase.

III. Minutes

Approval of May and July Minutes: Tiffany Rogers made a motion to accept the May and July meeting minutes. Melinda Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. Committee Reports:

Please see the notes from the Strategic Planning session for Committee Reports.

Comments from Nicole:

Nicole Smithers read the appointments for the JCPC sub-committees. Nicole stated that we should come with a calendar to our September meeting to set up dates. Ronald presented a lot of good information in the Strategic Planning Session. One thing we are going to want to look at are what our County goals are and our JCPC goals for the upcoming year are. For homework, what should our JCPC goals be? We distribute some money, but we have to be more than just a bank account.

Melinda Johnson stated that she wanted to let the Programs know that we are going to be asking them for photos and a press release. She will be setting up a schedule for press releases and a short video about the individual programs. No photos of the youth in the program.

Lance stated that Ronald asked him to remind the Programs that Final Accounting has to be in by the end of this month.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn made by Lance Britt, seconded by Amy Horgan.

Next JCPC meeting is September 18, 2014 beginning at 1:00 pm in the David Sandifer Building second floor conference room.