

Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
February 20, 2014

Call to Order: Amy Horgan

Members Present: 15 voting members present at the beginning of the meeting. Quorum present. Members excused from the February meeting: Lance Britt and Marty Folding.

Everyone went around the room with introductions.

I. Public Comment:

Amy stated that we will now have Public Comments. Chuck Signore stated that he did and he will read it to you. He proceeded to read the comment that he had brought. When he finished, he stated, "I will leave this with you Debbie". (A copy of this Public Comment can be requested from the JCPC Coordinator, and will be kept on file.)

There were no additional Public Comments

Monitoring Report – (Monitoring report was presented at the beginning of the meeting because Nicole had to leave early.) Nicole stated that she had copies of the Monitoring Report if anyone needed a copy. She stated that she was not going to read the entire report but just go over the highlights. All of the Programs, with the exception of the GREAT program, were recommended for funding with no conditions. Nicole stated that she was particularly impressed and pleased with the Restitution/Community Service program. She stated that many of you know that last fall she really felt that this program was a wash. Mark Blevins and Anita Handler jumped in and they have expanded out and added sites, working with New Hanover County for an MOU. Nicole stated that ART again was a new program that was impressive. The response that she got from the community, which was unsolicited, was very positive. GREAT had issues, and Nicole wanted to specifically speak to Deputy Fennell who last year did a remarkable job. Now he has come in and picked up the pieces of a program that was definitely in pieces. Nicole stated that Teen Court and Strengthening Families speak for themselves. Nicole asked for questions. Tommy Taylor had a question as to the major discrepancy with GREAT. Nicole stated that the program was just not effectively administered. The documentation that was provided..... (At this point, Chief Deputy, Charlie Miller, addresses the board.) Deputy Miller stated that he takes full responsibility along with the Sherriff. This is a big organization with people in place that are supposed to be monitoring things such as this. We had an employee who didn't do her job and mistakes were made. He stated that they shouldn't be judged by the mistake but how they intend to deal with it. The employee has been dealt with. Deputy Miller stated that he apologized for the discrepancy. Nicole at this point stated that it is the position of the Monitoring Committee with what happened here, can Deputy Fennell pull it back together. The committee was split as to whether we should just take the funding back for the rest of the year and split it among the other programs. Nicole stated that she doesn't really fell that is feasible at this point. The year is mostly through. Jason has been working with kids for a few weeks and some children may have been served for the first half. The program includes the summer camp, and we do not want to take that away from the kids. Nicole recommended that we don't take their funding this year, but unless they come with a serious plan to Funding, you don't fund them for next year. Deputy Miller stated that he fully agrees with Nicole. But what he is asking for is the chance to show the committee how they are going to fix it and show the plan for next year. Tommy Taylor agrees with not taking the funding for this year. Amy stated that they would not present the plan in this meeting but at the funding meeting in March. Jane Cassidy stated that she really appreciated that she got something in her hands where we could see as a committee what was recommended. She commended Nicole for having that. Tommy Taylor made a motion to approve the Monitoring Report. Karla Squire seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Ronald stated that we might want to make notation in the minutes that the program is continued with funding with conditions. Nicole restated that the program is recommended for continued funding for this fiscal year. The Monitoring Committee recommends that the Funding Committee with conditions should it be funded for next year.

II. Minutes

Approval of January Minutes: Motion made by Tiffany Rogers to accept the minutes for January, seconded by Nicole Smithers. January minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

III. Program Reports

1. Teen Court.

Erin stated that the original Teen Court date was for January 28th, which there was an ice storm. Teen Court was rescheduled for February 11th, which was another ice storm. The 6 admissions that were for January are still awaiting trial. Teen Court will again be scheduled for February 25th at the courthouse. Teen Court did have 4 successful completions from the Peer Circle, and 1 that reoffended, with an ending count of 18 for the end of January.

2. Providence Home

Warren stated that Providence Home had a beginning count of 3, with 0 admissions; with 1 successful completion; with an ending count of 2, which were the 2 15 year olds from the previous month. Providence Home had served 16 YTD.

3. Restitution.

Anita Handler presented for Restitution. Anita stated they had a beginning count of 14, with 4 admissions, and 9 satisfactory completions, with an ending count for the month of 9. Anita explains some of the activities that the youth are doing for their work.

4. Strengthening Families.

Erin Ditta stated that Strengthening Families started their 2nd round in January. We had 9 students, 2 were brother and sister. There were some struggles with a couple of families with excuses that they did not need to come. However, they have been coming to the meetings. The session was supposed to be ending in February, but because of the ice storms, that will be extended until March. SF had 6 referrals from school, 3 from court, 1 was a parent referral and 1 from DSS.

5. G.R.E.A.T.

Jason stated that he had a few things to go over in reference to the GREAT program. The report shows 0 for January because I didn't start until after then. As of today, I have admitted 14. A plan of action has been developed to come back into compliance with JCPC. The number Deputy Atkinson had first semester in NCALLIES was 4, which leaves GREAT with a total of 21 to serve the number of youth for the year. GREAT is implementing the SRO's to get them involved to take some of the work. Jason stated that they want to focus a little more this upcoming year on the mentoring of the youth efficiently. The SRO's will be identifying the kids and contacting the parents. They will be responsible for progress reports. I will be taking care of the teaching and anything to do with NCALLIES. There will be a representative for GREAT at JCPC meetings to report what is going on. There was also concern mentioned in the Monitoring of the authenticity of some of the paperwork that was submitted. To keep ourselves transparent, we have put that at any point any JCPC member wants to see the paperwork that they have, it will be available. Jason stated that our goal is that we messed up, we realize it, we are doing everything we can to not only fix this year, but to try to come up with a plan for next year that is going to exceed what we planned and not just to maintain status quo.

6. Coastal ART.

Kristina Clemmons stated that A.R.T. started with a beginning count of 8 in January at Cedar Grove. There were a few days missed due to the ice storms so the time is being made up in a couple different ways, according to the student's schedule. ART will begin at BCA the 3rd week in March.

7. A.M.I.

Lindsay was absent from the meeting, so there was no report.

8. D.J.J.

Lance was absent from the meeting, so there was no report.

IV. Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Tiffany Rogers stated that we \$ 2,714.00 still available in ADMIN.

Membership Committee – Erin Hagen stated that there will be a Membership/Nominations Committee meeting following the JCPC meeting.

Community Needs Assessment – No report.

Funding - Amy Horgan stated that we need to set a date for the Funding Committee. Amy recommended that we do a doodle poll to see when the date and times are for the Funding Committee. An email will be sent out to the committee when the date and time is scheduled. Ronald stated that we need to keep in mind about the time frame, Funding is due May 15th.

Public Relations- Melinda Johnson stated that she will put the minutes from the previous meeting on the website. She also wanted to know how far back do we want to keep minutes on the site. It was decided to keep a folder for past minutes per year.

By-Laws – There is no report for By-Laws.

Comments from Amy:

Amy stated that the new website for Coastal is up and running. Amy stated that she wants to put links to JCPC on the website. Go to CoastalCareNC.org. Go to consumers and families, go to how to get services, on the left side you will see Child and Family services. Amy stated that she created a list of services available in our 5 counties. It also has additional counties in the network.

Comments from Ronald:

Ronald stated that the Spring Conference is March 12-14 at Carolina Beach. He also stated that he talked with the JCPC programs prior to the meeting. 3rd Quarter accounting will be coming out from the department, the programs need to look at their budgets for the remainder of the year. Amy stated that during the Monitoring the programs were on budget for the year. Ronald also stated that if programs need to change line items for their budget, now is the time to do a budget revision.

The Department moving to evidence based SPEP. They will be incorporating SPEP for the next fiscal year 2014-15. Ronald will be meeting with the programs to go over this process. The big question in the General Assembly is if JCPC programs are Evidence Based. If not, we will work towards meeting the criteria for the SPEP. Ronald stated that he appreciates the work the council and committees are doing for this JCPC and the youth in this community.

Amy stated that JCPC will pay for the Spring Conference if anybody wants to go.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn made by Tommy Taylor.

Next JCPC meeting is March 20, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the David Sandifer Building, Second Floor Conference Room.