

# Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

## January 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by Melinda Johnson. There were 20 voting members present at the meeting. Quorum was present. Members excused from the November meeting: Judge Hankins, Mark Blevins.

### **II. INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introductions were made around the room.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Melinda Johnson asked for any public comments. There were no public comments.

### **IV. PROGRAM REPORTS**

#### **1. Teen Court**

Mary Beth Mount stated for the month of December Teen Court had a beginning count of 11, 4 admissions, 4 successful completions and 0 terminations for an ending count of 11. YTD: 36. The next Teen Court will be Tuesday, January 26, 6:00 to 8:00 at the Courthouse.

#### **2. Providence Home**

Warren Motley stated for the month of December Providence Home had a beginning count of 1, 1 admission for an ending count of 2. They admitted a 17 year old female who needed supervision due to mom having a medical procedure.

#### **3. Restitution**

Anita Handler stated for the month of December Restitution had a beginning count of 9, 8 admissions, 9 successful completions, and 1 unsuccessful completion for an ending count of 7. YTD: 54.

#### **4. Strengthening Families**

Erin Ditta stated for the month of December Strengthening Families had a beginning count of 5, 0 admissions for an ending count of 5. They will start their second round January 27 at Shallotte Middle School with 6 confirmed and John is meeting with 6 more so there should be 11 or 12. They will start Leland in April which has 5 referrals. The projected youth served is 20 and they are already at 21.

#### **5. Coastal ART**

Leanne Christian stated for the month of December Coastal ART had a beginning count of 14, 0 admissions for an ending count of 14. They will start a new group in February and plan to do 3 or 4 groups next semester with an estimated 8 students per group.

#### **6. D.J.J.**

Lance Britt stated there is an increase in complaints related to elementary school age kids. They are trying to utilize other resources before the kids reach the court portion. They are trying to provide whatever measures to insure the kids are safe and get on the right track.

### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Melinda asked if everyone had the chance to look over the minutes. Becky Smith made a motion to accept the November minutes. Amy Horgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Christina Kennedy stated the available balance for JCPC Admin is \$4,587.25.

### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **1. Membership Committee:**

Erin Hagen stated she has no updates. There are still a few open positions.

#### **2. Community Needs Assessment:**

Amy Horgan asked if there were any questions related to the data that was sent out to the members. Lance Britt explained the Class differences. Ronald Tillman reported on the projected RFP for 2016-2017. Becky Smith made a motion to accept the RFP as presented. Maxine Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. RFP will appear in media on January 27 and close on February 26.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS: (con't)**

**3. Funding:**

Melinda Johnson announced there will be a pre-meeting on Thursday, March 3 at 10:00 in the small conference room of the David Sandifer Building. There will be a funding meeting for all program coordinators on Thursday, March 10 at the Parks & Recreation conference room.

**4. Monitoring:**

Melinda Johnson thanked everyone that attended the monitoring of the programs. Maxine Elliott reported on the different programs. Coastal ART will have more sessions in the spring. There will be no after school sessions due to lack of transportation. There are plans to reach out to the court counselors for more referrals. Providence Home is a wonderful environment for kids. There are staffing issues due to house parents having to be there 24/7 for a week at a time. There isn't a huge census but it does meet a tremendous need. Restitution needs some work to get them aligned but they are making good progress. Most of the referrals are coming from Teen Court and the court counselors. It's a good opportunity for kids to understand that there are consequences for their actions. Strengthening Families started off slow but is receiving more referrals. There is some concern from the court counselors regarding when the sessions start due to sessions not starting until a specific number are ready to participate. The Committee suggests having more communication and getting specifics to the court counselors. Teen Court has a new Director, Mary Beth Mount. They had all their files in order. Referrals come from court counselors, SROs, the court, and law enforcement. This is an opportunity to present the legal system in a more positive way. All the programs are recommended to fund without conditions. Lance Britt made a motion to accept the Monitoring Report. T K Nowell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Melinda Johnson stated that she will be mailing the monitoring reports.

**5. Public Relations:**

Melinda Johnson stated she will be putting out the RFP and updating the minutes.

**6. By-Laws:**

Melinda Johnson stated the By-Laws are on the county website.

**VIII. UPDATES ABOUT TRILLIUM:**

Amy Horgan stated she has met with the majority of the staff leads of the middle and high schools. There is a 6 hour Chain Reaction day scheduled for each school during the months of February and March which will need community assistance. Each school will do an end of year rally with UNCW. Elementary schools will get Rachel's Challenge next year. Meredith Lloyd will determine what the school policy requires for volunteers.

**VII: COMMENTS FROM MELINDA:**

Melinda notified the Board that a printer purchased in 2013 with JCPC funds in the amount of \$70 was not returned by Debbie who was the previous JCPC coordinator. Melinda opened up the meeting for discussion on how to handle this situation. A motion was made by Marty Cooke to submit to the County Manager, Ann Hardy, with recommendation from Vice-Chairman County Commissioner Marty Cooke that the \$70 printer be written off in so much as we cannot locate it, not sure the individual has it, and no one tried to do anything that can be considered immoral turpitude to anyone else. The motion was seconded by Amy Horgan. The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII: COMMENTS FROM RONALD:**

Ronald Tillman reminded the Board that the last statewide SPEP training was completed in November. All programs received a SPEP score. At the February or March board meeting, the programs will need to present their Program Enhancement plan. New Board members can let Ronald know if they want to do an orientation before the February JCPC meeting.

**IX. ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn made by Warren Mortley, seconded by Amy Horgan.

**Next JCPC meeting is February 18, 2016 at 1:00pm. The meeting will be in the David Sandifer Building second floor conference room.**