

Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
July 17, 2014

Call to Order: Nicole Smithers

Members Present: 13 voting members present at the meeting. Quorum present. Members excused from the July meeting: Bert Reaves, Miranda Witowski.

Everyone went around the room with introductions.

I. Public Comment:

Nicole stated that we will now have a period of Public Comments. Chuck Signore stated that yes he has a Public Comment. 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, so you will have it for your minutes". (A copy of this Public Comment can be requested from the JCPC Coordinator, and will be kept on file.)

Debbie requests that everyone speak louder when they are talking because the meetings are being recorded.

II. Program Reports

1. Teen Court.

Erin Hagen stated that Teen Court for the month of June had a beginning count of 12, with 6 admissions, and 2 successful completions, with an ending count of 16. Total YTD served 75. The next Teen Court will be Tuesday, July 22nd, 6:00 to 8:00 at the Courthouse.

2. Providence Home

Warren Mortley stated that Providence Home had a beginning count of 3, with 1 admission; a 13 year old female who was involved in drugs and running away. There were 2 successful completions; who were both from DJJ and had their length of stay extended to complete school; with an ending count of 2. Janet Janoski asked where Providence Home's referrals come from. Warren stated that they come from different places, DSS, parental admittance, a variety of places. However they should come here before they ever get to DJJ.

3. Restitution.

Anita Handler stated that Restitution had a beginning count of 20, with 4 admissions, and 1 successful completion, and 1 unsuccessful completion; with an ending count for the month of June of 17. Restitution had served 97 YTD.

4. Strengthening Families.

Erin Ditta stated that Strengthening Families had a beginning count of 18, with 0 admissions, and 15 completions. 21 students were served YTD. There are 5 enrolled for the upcoming 2014-15 session due to unsuccessful completion and referral request for them to come. 1 Family was recommended for further treatment. For the year 16 school referrals, 4 DJJ referrals, 1 DSS referral, and 1 parent referral. We have 11 referrals for the July session.

5. Coastal ART.

Kristina Clemmons stated that A.R.T. wrapped up in June at BCA. They had 8 successful completions. Will follow up in when the students go back to school in August. Have scheduled to be at Cedar Grove, Shallotte Middle and Waccamaw in the fall.

6. A.M.I.

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

7. **D.J.J.**

Lance Britt stated that unfortunately business has picked up a little. We have had several felonies and some other lapses of judgement. Regarding the JCPC programs, if anyone feels that it would be beneficial to set up a meeting with the Court Counselors to be educated on the program. Lance would be glad to set that up, just contact him. If there are any issues with current kids, please feel free to call him.

III. **Minutes**

Approval of May Minutes: Some members did not receive their May minutes. It was decided to table the approval of the minutes until next meeting. Debbie will resend May minutes. There are no June minutes.

IV. **Committee Reports:**

Membership Committee – Erin Hagen stated that unfortunately the Juvenile Defense Attorney, Michael Leviene, will be moving to Bladenboro and will not be able to serve on this committee. Nicole stated that we are glad have 2 people with us today that are interested in becoming JCPC members. Nicole stated that she would really like to see someone fill the Member of Faith position, the Business position, and the other positions that are vacant.

Community Needs Assessment – No report.

Funding - No report.

Monitoring - Nicole stated that she will be stepping down for the Chairperson of that committee. She feels that the Chair of JCPC does not need to be the Chair of the Monitoring Committee.

Public Relations- Melinda Johnson stated that had no report.

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

Comments from Nicole:

Nicole stated that she is looking at the sub-committees for next year. If you are interested in participating in a particular committee please email either Debbie at her email or myself at smithersnicole@gmail.com. All the committees do really important work.

Comments from Ronald:

Ronald stated that he talked with us a couple months ago to do a JCPC Strategic Planning Meeting. It serves to look at the functions of the JCPC. What went well and what didn't go so well. There will be break-outs for each of the committees. The committee will look at their duties and responsibilities and then look at the calendar to set up dates for particular tasks. The overall goal is that once we have broken out into the groups, put everybody back together and put everything on one calendar. It is important as a JCPC board to have some objectives for the upcoming year. Have at least 3 objectives for the upcoming year. What is the plan and how are you going to make it work. The plan is to make this an annual meeting time. An advantage to having the planning will help everyone have dates in advance. Ronald stated that the Program Agreements for this year have been approved. Ronald talks about the Conflict of Interest forms. Debbie passes out these forms for all board members to fill out. If you have a conflict, you have to state the conflict and how you plan to handle the situation and state this before a vote is taken. Ronald stated that Final Accounting is getting ready to be released. Twelve month measurable objectives are due by July 31st. He encouraged that programs to report to the JCPC board on their measurable objections. SPEP training has been completed. Each JCPC provider was trained in how to do the risk assessment. Ronald would like to thank everyone on the JCPC board for everything that was done for this past year. Tiffany Rogers had a question as to whether the paper copy needs to be signed and sent in. Ronald states that yes the paperwork needs to be done.

Nicole stated that the August meeting will be the Strategic Planning meeting. So the meeting will start at 11:30. There will be sandwiches and drinks. The meeting will take place in our normal meeting room, with the additional conference room on this floor. Only board members need to come at 11:30 and the program coordinators need to come at 1:00pm. Melinda asked about what happens if you are on more than one committee. Nicole stated that if you are the chair of a committee, it should be your primary concern.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn made by Amy Horgan, seconded by Melinda Rogers.

Next JCPC meeting is August 21, 2014. The Strategic Planning will begin at 11:30am with the Board Members in the second floor conference room of the David Sandifer building. Then the regular JCPC meeting will begin at 1:00 pm in the David Sandifer Building second floor conference room.